ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms for development of a Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture for Northwest Arkansas.

The work will generally consist of developing a regional ITS architecture, which shall be consistent with the transportation planning process for statewide and metropolitan transportation planning. The architecture shall be developed to guide the development of ITS projects and programs and be consistent with ITS strategies and projects contained in the applicable transportation plans.

The architecture shall ensure institutional agreement and technical integration for the implementation of ITS projects, or groups of projects. The architecture shall contain at a minimum an operational concept that identifies the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders. The architecture shall identify participating agencies, stakeholders, contain high-level system functional requirements, interface requirements and information exchanges with existing and planned systems and subsystems, and identify ITS standards supporting regional and national interoperability.

A letter of interest providing information on the firm, the firm's brochure showing experience in similar work, Form SF-254, and a resume of key personnel to be assigned to the project should be addressed to:

Mr. Robert L. Walters		Mr. Robert L. Walters
Chief Engineer		Chief Engineer
Arkansas State Highway	OR	Arkansas State Highway
and Transportation Department		and Transportation Department
P. O. Box 2261		10324 Interstate 30
Little Rock, AR 72203		Little Rock, AR 72209

Five sets of responses must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (CDT) on June 24, 2005. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work.