ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms capable of functioning as Program Managers (PMs) for the One-Half Cent State Sales Tax Program (Program).

This Program was approved by Arkansas voters on November 6, 2012 and will construct and improve a four-lane grid system across the state. The total cost of this Program is estimated to be \$1.8 billion. A list of the highway improvements to be constructed can be found at <u>www.arkansashighways.com</u>. It is anticipated that most of these improvements will be under contract within 5 years.

The PM will provide the technical and professional expertise needed to meet the demands of this temporary, accelerated Program without increasing AHTD staff. The services solicited from the PM will include oversight of the Program and support of project-level activities to ensure the overall Program goals are met. The PM will be responsible for implementing all phases of project development and construction inspection.

A letter of interest, together with primary contact information and Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts I and II available at <u>http://arkansashighways.com/consultant_services/advertisements/sf330_e2014-10-31.pdf</u> should be addressed to:

> Frank Vozel Deputy Director and Chief Engineer Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261 or 10324 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72209

Five (5) sets of paper responses and a copy in pdf format on a Compact Disc (CD) must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. (CST) on November 28, 2012. 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 and participate in interviews.

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