ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST (JANUARY 18, 2019 CLARIFICATION UPDATE)

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms to perform a structural inspection of various elements of the I-40 Mississippi River Bridge (Hernando DeSoto Bridge) between West Memphis, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee.

The work generally consists of a structural inspection on the two main bridge spans above the roadway in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). The superstructure components inspected will include the truss chords, web members and all joints, bracing members and the connections of the wire rope hangers. The interior portions of the truss joints and adjacent bracing member connections will be closely inspected for deficiencies. Technical rope access methods will be utilized to inspect the bridge members.

The work must be supervised and all reports stamped and signed by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Arkansas. The Registered Professional Engineer needs to be onsite at the bridge.

If there are any further questions regarding the letter of interest, please email Nancy Gambill at <u>nancy.gambill@ardot.gov</u>.

The letter of interest shall include the following information.

- 1. A cover letter with the firm's response that includes a point of contact with an email address in the cover letter.
- 2. The following forms are available on the Department's website: http://www.ardot.gov/consultant_services/advertisements/advertisements.aspx
 - a. Completed Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form (SF) 330 Parts I and II.
 - b. Completed Contract and Grant Disclosure and Certification form. (Primes and subconsultants must complete.)
 - c. Completed Illegal Immigrant Certification form. (Primes and subconsultants must complete.)
 - d. Completed Restriction of Boycott Israel Certification form. (Only the prime is required to submit this form.)
- 3. A current copy of the firm's equal employment opportunity (EEO) policy. (Required from prime and subconsultants.)

The letter of interest should be addressed to:

Mr. Emanuel BanksMr. Emanuel BanksDeputy Director and Chief EngineerDeputy Director and Chief EngineerArkansas Department of
TransportationORP.O. Box 2261TransportationLittle Rock, AR 72203Little Rock, AR 72209

Four (4) sets of paper responses and a copy in PDF format must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. (CST) on February 5, 2019. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered. Incomplete responses may be eliminated from consideration.

The consultant selection for this letter of interest will follow the Department's *Consultant Selection Procedures 12/14/*2016. 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. Final selection will be announce following Arkansas State Highway Commission action. Additional information may be found under the Consultant Services page on the Department's website.

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