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Aviation Division - Request for Proposal for Professional Engineering Services

The City of Cotulla and La Salle County, through their agent the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), intend to engage an aviation professional engineering firm for services pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2254, Subchapter A. TxDOT Aviation Division will solicit and receive proposals for professional aviation engineering design services described below.

The following is a listing of proposed projects at the Cotulla-La Salle County Airport during the course of the next five years through multiple grants.

Current Project: City of Cotulla and La Salle County. TxDOT CSJ No.: 1122COTLA. Provide engineering/design services to extend, rehabilitate and mark Runway 13-31; expand and rehabilitate apron; rehabilitate taxiway; construct parallel taxiway to Runway 13; extend medium intensity runway lights; relocate precision approach path indicators-2; relocate Automated Surface Observing System; modify distance to go signs; partial building demolition and replacement and install deer proof fence.

The DBE goal for the current project is 7%. The TxDOT Project Manager is Harry Lorton.

Future Scope work items for engineering/design services within the next five years may include the following:

1. Construct parallel taxiway to Runway 31

The City of Cotulla and La Salle County reserve the right to determine which of the above scope of services may or may not be awarded to the successful firm and to initiate additional procurement action for any of the services above.

To assist in your proposal preparation the criteria, 5010 drawing, project diagram, and most recent Airport Layout Plan are available online at www.txdot.gov/avn/avninfo/notice/consult/index.htm by selecting "Cotulla-La Salle County Airport." The proposal should address a technical approach for the current scope only. Firms shall use page 4, Recent Airport Experience, to list relevant past projects for both current and future scope.

Interested firms shall utilize the latest version of Form AVN-550, titled "Aviation Engineering Services Proposal." The form may be requested from TxDOT Aviation Division, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, phone number, 1-800-68-PILOT (74568). The form may be emailed by request or downloaded from the TxDOT web site at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/projects/aviation.htm>. The form may not be altered in any way. All printing must be in black on white paper, except for the optional illustration page. Firms must carefully follow the instructions provided on each page of the form. Proposals may not exceed the number of pages in the proposal format. The proposal format consists of seven pages of data plus two optional pages consisting of an illustration page and a proposal summary page. A prime provider may only submit one proposal. If a prime provider submits more than one proposal, that provider will be disqualified. Proposals shall be stapled but not bound in any other fashion. PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN ANY OTHER FORMAT.

ATTENTION: To ensure utilization of the latest version of Form AVN-550, firms are encouraged to download Form AVN-550 from the TxDOT

website as addressed above. Utilization of Form AVN-550 from a previous download may not be the exact same format. Form AVN-550 is a PDF Template.

Please note:

Six (6) completed, unfolded copies of Form AVN-550 **must be received** by TxDOT Aviation Division at 150 East Riverside Drive, 5th Floor, South Tower, Austin, Texas 78704 no later than **August 16, 2011, 4:00 p.m.** Electronic facsimiles or forms sent by email will not be accepted. Please mark the envelope of the forms to the attention of **Beverly Longfellow, TxDOT Aviation Grant Manager.**

The consultant selection committee will be composed of local government members. The final selection by the committee will generally be made following the completion of review of proposals. The committee will review all proposals and rate and rank each. The criteria for evaluation of engineering proposals can be found at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/projects/aviation.htm>. All firms will be notified and the top rated firm will be contacted to begin fee negotiations. The selection committee does, however, reserve the right to conduct interviews for the top rated firms if the committee deems it necessary. If interviews are conducted, selection will be made following interviews.

Please contact TxDOT Aviation for any technical or procedural questions at 1-800-68-PILOT (74568). For procedural questions, please contact Beverly Longfellow, Grant Manager. For technical questions, please contact Harry Lorton, Project Manager.

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Notice of Intent - US 181 Harbor Bridge Replacement/SH 286 (Crosstown Expressway) Improvement Project, Nueces County, Texas

Pursuant to 43 TAC §2.5(e)(2), the Texas Department of Transportation (department), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed transportation project. The proposed project is US 181 Harbor Bridge replacement/SH 286 (Crosstown Expressway) improvement project in Nueces County, Texas. The project and study limits include the US 181 and Beach Avenue interchange on the north and the SH 286 and Morgan Avenue interchange on the south.

Two previous NOIs have been published for this project. The original NOI, published on May 27, 2005, reported that the project would replace the existing Harbor Bridge and approaches where US 181 crosses the Corpus Christi Ship Channel for a roadway distance of approximately 2.25 miles. Subsequent to the publication of the 2005 NOI, the project and study limits were expanded to accommodate added capacity that might have included managed lanes or various tolling strategies. A second NOI was published on April 6, 2007, to report this change in project limits and scope. On October 22, 2010, the revised NOI published in 2007 was rescinded, via a notice in the Texas Register, because of changes in the scope (managed toll lanes) and limits. The project limits have now been revised to eliminate the added capacity that would have included managed lanes and various tolling strategies, and have been reduced at the southern limit back to the SH 286 and Morgan Avenue interchange. The new project limits are as follows: the northern limit is the US 181 and Beach Avenue interchange located north of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel but south of the Nueces Bay

Causeway; the southern limit is SH 286 between Morgan Avenue and Baldwin Boulevard; the eastern limit is the I-37/US 181 intersection with Shoreline Boulevard in the Corpus Christi central business district; and the western limit is the I-37 and Nueces Bay Boulevard interchange. The new project limits total approximately 4.5 miles in length from north to south along US 181 and SH 286, and approximately 2.1 miles in length from east to west along I-37.

The EIS will evaluate potential impacts from construction and operation of the project, including, but not limited to, the following: impacts or potential displacements to residences and businesses; detours; air and noise impacts from construction equipment, and operation of the project; water quality impacts from the construction area and from roadway storm water runoff; impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands; impacts to historic and archeological resources; impacts to public parkland; impacts to communities, including low-income and minority communities; indirect impacts; cumulative impacts; land use; vegetation; wildlife; and aesthetic and visual resources.

The department will consider several alternatives intended to satisfy the identified need and purpose. The alternatives will include the no-build alternative, Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management, and roadway build alternatives. The roadway build alternatives will include replacing the existing US 181 Harbor Bridge and approach roads with a facility that meets current highway design standards.

The project may require the following approvals by the federal government: Clean Water Act Section 404/401 (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers); Clean Water Act Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency); Endangered Species Act (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service); Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Essential Fish Habitat (National Marine Fisheries Service); 1946 General Bridge Act, Joint Aquatic Resource (Navigable Waterway) Permit (U.S. Coast Guard); National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 (State Historic Preservation Officer); and Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) (Federal Highway Administration). The actual approvals required may change after the department completes field surveys, conducts public involvement activities, and selects the alignment for the project.

A scoping meeting is an opportunity for participating agencies, cooperating agencies, and the public to be involved in defining the need and purpose for the proposed project, to assist in determining the range of alternatives for consideration in the draft EIS, and to comment on methodologies to evaluate alternatives. Public and agency scoping meetings will be held at the department's Corpus Christi District Office - Training Center, 1701 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78416, on August 9, 2011. The department will publish notices of the meetings, including the times, in general circulation newspapers in the project area.

The department will complete the procedures for public participation and coordination with other agencies as described in one or both the National Environmental Policy Act and state law. In addition to any scoping meetings, the department will hold a series of meetings to solicit public comment during the environmental review process. They will be held during appropriate phases of the project development process. Public notices will be given stating the date, time, and location of the meeting or hearing and will be published in English as well as Spanish. Provision will be made for those with special communication needs, including translation if requested. The department will also send correspondence to federal, state, and local agencies, and to organizations and individuals who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the project, which will describe the proposed project and solicit comments. The department invites comments and suggestions from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues re-

lated to the proposed project are identified and addressed. Comments or questions should be directed to the department at the address set forth below.

A proposed schedule for completion of the environmental review process is not available.

Agency Contact: Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be sent to Ms. Dianna Noble, P.E., Director, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, (512) 416-3001.

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Public Hearing Notice - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside Drive, Room 1A-1, in Austin, Texas to receive public comments on the July 2011 Out of Cycle Revisions to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for FY 2011-2014. The STIP reflects the federally funded transportation projects in the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the state. The STIP includes both state and federally funded projects for the nonattainment areas of Beaumont, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, and Houston. The STIP also contains information on federally funded projects in rural areas that are not included in any MPO area, and other statewide programs as listed.

Title 23, United States Code, §134 and §135 require each designated MPO and the state, respectively, to develop a TIP and STIP as a condition to securing federal funds for transportation projects under Title 23 or the Federal Transit Act (49 USC §5301, et seq.).

Section 134(j) requires an MPO to develop its TIP in cooperation with the state and affected public transit operators and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to participate in the development of the program. Section 135(g) requires the state to develop a STIP for all areas of the state in cooperation with the designated MPOs and, with respect to non-metropolitan areas, in consultation with affected local officials, and further requires an opportunity for participation by interested parties as well as approval by the Governor or the Governor's designee.

A copy of the proposed July 2011 Out of Cycle Revisions to the FY 2011-2014 STIP will be available for review, at the time the notice of hearing is published, at each of the department's district offices, at the department's Transportation Planning and Programming Division offices located in Building 118, Second Floor, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, and on the department's website at:

www.txdot.gov

Persons wishing to review the July 2011 Out of Cycle Revisions to the FY 2011-2014 STIP may do so online or contact the Transportation Planning and Programming Division at (512) 486-5033.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by notifying Lori Morel, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, at (512) 486-5033 not later than Friday, July 22, 2011, or they may register at the hearing location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing. Speakers will be taken in the order registered. Any interested person may appear and offer comments or testimony, either