

Notice of Request for Competing Proposals for Lease of Texas Department of Transportation-Owned Right of Way to Implement Low-Emission Freight Transportation Facilities

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from public and private sector entities to lease existing department-owned right of way from the department on which the entity would implement a Low Emission Freight Transportation Facility (or Facilities) (LEFTF) without the department's financial support. Pursuant to Transportation Code, §202.052 the department may lease part of a right of way that is part of the state highway system if the department determines that the interest to be leased will not be needed for a highway purpose during the term of the lease. The Texas Transportation Commission has promulgated rules located at Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter J establishing the procedure to be used for leasing state-owned right of way for freight movement to reduce congestion on the state highway system and to improve air quality. The issuance of this RFP is intended to solicit proposals for the department's consideration, and will not bind or commit the department to proceed with a lease agreement whatsoever.

Purpose: Traffic forecasting and demand modeling predictions for Texas indicate that freight traffic in the state will expand significantly in the future. At the same time, there is growing concern over the impact of car and truck emissions on the environment. The department is considering leasing right-of-way for the development and operation of LEFTF as a viable and sustainable alternative solution to manage the expected increase in freight movement across the state.

To Obtain a Copy of the RFP: Requests for a copy of the RFP should be submitted to Roger Beall, P.E., Advanced Project Development Director, Texas Turnpike Authority Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Chevy Chase Drive, Building 2, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78752; telephone: (512) 904-1636; email: Roger.Beall@txdot.gov. The RFP is also available on the following website: http://www.txdot.gov/business/freight_rfp.htm.

Proposal Submission Deadline: October 3, 2011 3:00 P.M.

Additional Information: You may contact Roger Beall, P.E. at (512) 904-1636 for additional information.