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Texas Department of Transportation

Request for Qualifications

Pursuant to the authority granted under Transportation Code, Chapter 223, Subchapter F (enabling legislation), the Texas Department of Transportation (department), may enter into, in each fiscal year, up to three design-build contracts for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project with a construction cost estimate of \$150 million or more. The enabling legislation authorizes private involvement in design-build projects and provides a process for the department to solicit proposals for such projects. Transportation Code §223.245 prescribes requirements for issuance of a request for qualifications and requires the department to publish a notice of such issuance in the *Texas Register*. The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) adopted Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Chapter 9, Subchapter I relating to design-build contracts (the "rules"). The enabling legislation, as well as the rules, govern the submission and processing of qualifications submittals, and provide for the issuance of a request for qualifications that sets forth the basic criteria for qualifications, experience, technical competence, and ability to develop a proposed project and such other information the department considers relevant or necessary.

The commission has authorized the issuance of a request for qualifications ("RFQ") to design and construct the 10/69 Interchanges Project ("Project") in Jefferson County, Texas. The Project includes reconstructing and expanding I-10 and US 69 where they converge in the City of Beaumont. The Project would widen the existing I-10 from Walden Road (County Road 131) to 7th Street. Between the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges, the roadway would be widened in each direction from four lanes to five lanes. The roadway approaches to the Cardinal Drive and Eastex Freeway interchanges on I-10 and US 69 would be widened in each direction from two lanes to three lanes. The Project also includes new frontage roads for continuity throughout the limits, relocating I-10 ramps, and constructing two-lane direct connectors in each direction where I-10 and US 69 converge within the Project limits. These changes will upgrade the existing facility to alleviate congestion, enhance connectivity and mobility, and address safety concerns.

The Project has an estimated design-build cost of \$500 million.

Through this notice, the department is seeking qualifications submittals ("QS") from teams interested in entering into a design-build contract. The department intends to evaluate any QS received in response to the RFQ and may request submission of detailed proposals, potentially leading to the negotiation, award, and execution of a design-build contract. The department will accept for consideration any QS received in accordance with the enabling legislation, the rules, and the RFQ, on or before the deadline in this notice. The department anticipates issuing the RFQ, receiving and evaluating the QSs, developing a shortlist of proposing entities or consortia, and issuing a request for proposals ("RFP") to the shortlisted entities. After review and a best value evaluation of the responses to the RFP, the department may negotiate and enter into a design-build contract for the Project.

RFQ Evaluation Criteria. QSs will be evaluated by the department for shortlisting purposes using the following general criteria: project qualifications and experience, statement of technical approach, and

safety qualifications. The specific criteria under the foregoing categories will be identified in the RFQ, as will the relative weighting of the criteria.

Release of RFQ and Due Date. The department currently anticipates that the RFQ will be available on June 14, 2019. Copies of the RFQ will be available at the Texas Department of Transportation, 7600 Chevy Chase Drive, Building 2, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78752, or at the following website:

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/debt/strategic-projects/alternative-delivery/10-69-interchanges/rfq.html>

QSs will be due by 12:00 noon Central Time on August 15, 2019, at the address specified in the RFQ.

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Texas Water Development Board

Applications for May 2019

Pursuant to Texas Water Code §6.195, the Texas Water Development Board provides notice of the following applications:

Project ID #62854, a request from the City of Austin, 625 East 10th Street, Suite 500, Austin, Texas 78701-2612, received on May 8, 2019, for \$67,830,000 in financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, for replacement of the North Austin reservoir and pump station, replace the existing electrical substation that feeds power to the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant low service pump station.

Project ID #73843, a request from the City of Austin, 625 East 10th Street, Suite 500, Austin, Texas 78701-2612, received on May 8, 2019, for \$53,000,000 in financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, for the Walnut Creek wastewater treatment plant sludge thickener rehabilitation project, the Walnut Creek wastewater treatment plant pumping system improvements project, and the South Austin regional wastewater treatment plant electric substation replacement project.

Project ID #51001, a request from the Upper Trinity Regional Water District, 900 North Kealy Street, Lewisville, Texas 75067, received on May 23, 2019, for \$45,500,000 in financial assistance, from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas, for Lake Ralph Hall constructing an earthen dam, an intake/pump station, a state highway bridge over the lake, relocation of various state and county roads, utility relocations, a raw water transmission pipeline, a balancing reservoir, environmental and cultural resources mitigation, and reservoir and administration/support facilities.

Project ID #62885, a request from the City of Cotulla, 117 North Front Street, Cotulla, Texas 78014-2259, received on May 23, 2019, for \$2,900,000 in financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the design and construction of well number 9 due to failure and rehabilitation of additional wells due to water table loss/pump breakage.

Project ID #51064, a request from Gulf Coast Water Authority, 3630 Highway 1765, Texas City, Texas 77591-4824, received on May 23, 2019, for \$46,750,000 in financial assistance, from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas for the City's southeast transmission line, a multi-year, multi-phase project that will include transmission of sur-