REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES  
September 18, 2020

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, City and County of Denver (City), is soliciting Letters of Interest from companies or teams interested in providing design-build services for 56th Avenue Widening from Peoria Street to Peña Boulevard (Project).

GENERAL STATEMENT OF WORK: Because of its location and a lack of alternative parallel arterial roadways, 56th Avenue serves as a major east-west regional thoroughfare. In addition to its regional function, it serves as an important access route to Denver International Airport, as well as providing relief to I-70 during freeway incidents. 56th Avenue also provides important local access to the Montbello and Parkfield neighborhoods and to various land uses along the arterial.

The design-build Project, funded by the Elevate Denver Bond Program, consists of widening 56th Avenue from Peoria Street to Peña Boulevard to a four-lane typical section while establishing the footprint for an ultimate six-lane typical section. The Project also includes constructing a multi-use path along the north side of 56th Avenue, including connections to the neighborhood bike lanes and the trail system at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. The four-lane roadway widening of 56th Avenue should be designed to minimize rework when the six-lane section is constructed in the future. Preparing for the ultimate six-lane section includes locating the median, curb and gutter, multi-use path, signage, lighting, signals, utilities, and other elements in their final locations.

The work for this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) consists of design and construction of the Project, including roadway design, urban design, landscaping, ADA compliance, traffic, stormwater drainage, geotechnical, utility relocation, environmental, and all other final design and construction features.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SCHEDULE: 
It is anticipated that the RFQ will be issued in October 2020.

The RFP is expected to be issued in early 2021.

Utilizing a two-step selection process, one design-build team will be selected for the Project based on a best value selection approach. Project goals include the following:

- Minimize overall project duration
- Maintain access and connectivity during construction
- Maximize the scope and improvements of the project within the budget
- Minimize throw-away work elements of the project including future six-lane widening of the roadway

PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:
Each submitter must be prequalified in category 1A (Heavy Civil) at the $50,000,000 monetary level in accordance with the City’s Rules and Regulations Governing Prequalification of Contractors. Each submitter (Prime Contractor or Joint Venture) must have submitted a prequalification application a minimum of ten (10) calendar days prior to the response due date. Applications must be submitted via email to pw.prequal@denvergov.org. To view the Rules and Regulations and to obtain a prequalification application, please visit our website at www.denvergov.org/prequalification.
MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWBE) PARTICIPATION:
Denver’s Department of Transportation and Infrastructure is committed to advancing the growth and capacity of certified minority- and women-owned and small businesses. Design and construction goals for this project will be 20% MWBE participation for design and 25% MWBE participation for construction.

LETTERS OF INTEREST: The Letters of Interest will allow the Project Team to compile a list of interested companies for notices and any announcements relating to this project. Firms interested in receiving project information should send a Letter of Interest to Regina Diaz via the pw.procurement@denvergov.org inbox no later than October 9, 2020 to ensure that you receive future information about the Project.

Include in your Letter of Interest the name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address for a contact person at your firm.

Additional Project Information can be found at the following website: https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/transportation-infrastructure/programs-services/projects/56th-avenue-widening.html

All dates are tentative and subject to change by the City.