

# **MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **METRO DISTRICT**

### **Request for Qualifications for a Design-Build Contract on Interstate 35W in Minneapolis, Minnesota**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation – Metro District is requesting Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from Design-Build teams for the design and construction of the Interstate 35W bridge over the Mississippi River, in Minneapolis, MN.

The project is anticipated to consist of: Reconstructing a major river crossing with 5 lanes in each direction with shoulders over the Mississippi River with minor grading, hydraulics, utilities, ITS, lighting, paving and other miscellaneous work.

The selection process is anticipated to be Design-Build with an A + B clause with a no-excuse bonus. It is Mn/DOT's intent to select up to 3 design-build firms to submit proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) that is anticipated to be issued in mid-August with a letting in early September. However, Mn/DOT reserves the right, based on the quality and quantity of submissions, to select more than 3 teams.

Additional information regarding this project will be available at

[www.dot.state.mn.us/designbuild](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/designbuild). Project information will be added as soon as available.

The Department is seeking a Design-Build team that has the experience and capabilities to meet an aggressive project delivery schedule. In addition, the Design-Build team selected will need to be committed to quality, have proven experience in the design and construction of major river crossings, has innovative design-build approaches to ensure timely completion and are willing to partner with the federal, state, and local agencies for the mutual success of the project.

Design-Build teams interested in providing design-build services must send a scanned copy of the SOQ by email by 6:00 a.m. Central Time on August 8, 2007 to:

Jon Chiglo, P.E.

Project Manager

e-mail: [jon.chiglo@dot.state.mn.us](mailto:jon.chiglo@dot.state.mn.us)

The SOQ must include the following:

- Name, address, email, and phone numbers of the person whom the Department may contact with the design-build team to provide further information about the project. This person must be available by phone for questions on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 from 7 a.m to 9 p.m Central Time.
- Name of all joint venture members.
- Name of the lead bridge design firm. Mn/DOT will have sole discretion to approve the lead bridge design firm.
- Name of the lead bridge design manager and key credentials. Mn/DOT will have sole discretion to approve the lead bridge design manager.
- Provide a letter from a surety or insurance company stating that the Submitter is capable of obtaining a performance bond and payment bond covering the Project in the amount of \$200 million. This value is for bonding purposes only. It should not be

considered as a project estimate. It is only intended to determine bonding capacity of potential bidders. Letters indicating “unlimited” bonding capability are not acceptable. The surety or insurance company providing such letter must be authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota with an A.M. Best Co. "Best's Rating" of A- or better and Class VIII or better.

- Describe the team’s experience in the following areas:
  - Experience constructing Major River Crossing Projects.
  - Experience delivering large-scale Design-Build projects.
  - Experience with accelerated projects.

The SOQ must not exceed five 8.5” x 11” single-sided pages including the bonding letter. The SOQ must be provided electronically only. All printing must be Times New Roman, 12-point font.

Mn/DOT plans on awarding the unsuccessful and responsible bidders a stipend to cover the costs of preparing their Proposal. The value of the stipend will be \$300,000. No stipend will be awarded for preparation or submittal of an SOQ.

A project information workshop for selected teams is tentatively scheduled for August 10, 2007. More information regarding the workshop will be provided at a later date.

The Department reserves the sole right, without incurring any liability, to change any aspect of the proposed procurement described above, including the right to not proceed with the procurement and/or the right to proceed in a different manner or on a different timeline than as described above.