Letter of Interest Submittal Request

For the Design and Construction of the Interstate 405 Improvement Project through a Design-Build Contract

Orange County Transportation Authority

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is soliciting voluntary Letters of Interest (LOI) from companies interested in providing design-build services for the design and construction of the Interstate 405 (I-405) Improvement Project in Orange County.

OCTA, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to improve I-405 between State Route 73 (SR-73) and Interstate 605 (I-605). On July 25, 2014, Caltrans informed OCTA that Alternative 3, in a phased approach, would be the recommended preferred alternative (PA). Under this phased approach, OCTA will construct the first phase of the PA, generally consisting of one general purpose lane in each direction from Euclid Street to I-605 (hereinafter referred to as the Project). The construction cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately $900 million. This first phase is fully funded and is the basis for the design-build contract scope of work.

Caltrans intends to pursue funding for the second phase, which entails the construction of an additional lane in each direction that would combine with the existing high-occupancy vehicle lane to provide dual tolled express lanes in each direction on I-405 from SR-73 to I-605.

OCTA will use a two-step procurement process to select a single design-build team to deliver the Project. The Final EIR/EIS is currently scheduled to be completed in February 2015 with a Record of Decision tentatively scheduled for posting in the Federal Register in May 2015. Based on this schedule, a preliminary procurement and construction schedule for the Project is as follows:

- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) anticipated to be issued on October 27, 2014;
- Shortlist of design-build teams anticipated to occur in first quarter of 2015;
- Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) anticipated to be issued shortly after the shortlist;
- Final RFP anticipated to be issued in third quarter of 2015;
- Proposals anticipated to be due in first quarter of 2016;
- Design-build award and notice to proceed anticipated to be in second quarter of 2016;
- Project completion anticipated in 2021.

A “best value” selection process using price and other factors will be utilized to identify the successful design-build team.
OCTA is seeking design-build teams that are committed to safety, quality, have proven experience in administration, design and construction, will bring innovative design-build approaches to ensure timely completion, and are willing to partner with the OCTA and Caltrans for the mutual success of the Project.

Companies interested in proposing on this project should email the attached LOI to:

Ms. Reem Hashem  
Principal Contracts Administrator  
Orange County Transportation Authority  
E-mail Address: I405designbuild@octa.net

The LOI form (see attached) must state the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the person who may be contacted by OCTA for further information about the project and the firm’s participation/interest category, e.g. Prime Contractor/Joint Venture Lead, Subcontractor Construction, Lead Designer, Subcontractor Design or DBE participant.

While submission of an LOI form is not a prerequisite for participating in the procurement process, interested parties are encouraged to submit their appropriate information prior to October 22, 2014. Information of those firms who submit an LOI form may be posted on OCTA’s CAMM NET website. OCTA will continue to provide project updates, as necessary, on its CAMM NET website. Interested firms are encouraged to check the website for updates and new information. OCTA WILL NOT be contacting individual firms subsequent to its receipt of the firm’s LOI form.

OCTA reserves the sole right, without incurring any liability, to change any aspect of the proposed procurement described above, including the right to withdraw or cancel the procurement and/or the right to proceed in a different manner or on a different timeline from the one described above.
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FIRM/COMPANY NAME: ____________________________________________
CONTACT PERSON’s NAME: __________________________________________________
CONTACT PERSON’s PHONE NUMBER: ________________________________________
CONTACT PERSON’s EMAIL: __________________________________________________

PARTICIPATION/INTEREST CATEGORY (check category(s) as appropriate):

☐ Prime Contractor/Joint Venture Lead ☐ Lead Designer
☐ Construction Subcontractor ☐ Design Subcontractor
☐ DBE firm ☐ Other:______________________