



Notice of Intent

LOUISVILLE-SOUTHERN INDIANA OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

This is to announce that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) desires to enter into a contract with a Design-Build Team (DBT), possessing both professional engineering design capability and qualified construction contracting capability, to construct an additional I-65 Ohio River Bridge crossing in Downtown Louisville, Kentucky with the necessary approaches on both the North and South sides of the river. This project also includes the rehabilitation and upgrade of the existing river crossing known as the I-65 Kennedy Bridge, the reconstruction and upgrade of the I-65, I-64, and I-71 interchange in Kentucky, the egresses and ingresses of local streets to I-65 in Kentucky and Indiana, ITS support items, utility relocations, R/W acquisitions, Public Involvement and the fulfillment of environmental commitments. In addition to the major river crossing bridge structure, there are an estimated 41 bridge structures in the interchange in Kentucky and 22 structures in Indiana.

This contract is a part of a larger overall program that includes this Downtown bridge and approaches "Downtown Phase" and another major river bridge crossing "East End Phase" in the east end of Jefferson County, Kentucky and Clark County, Indiana. The overall program consisting of the two bridges and approaches, addresses major needs for the improved cross river mobility, safety, and congestion relief for the citizens of Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

Therefore, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is seeking a Design-Build Team for the Downtown Phase that is committed to quality; has proven experience in the management, design, and construction of major highway and complex river bridge projects; will bring innovative approaches to the Project including the provision of a schedule that will meet these goals and provide the completed availability of this roadway to the public in the shortest reasonable timeframe; and is willing to partner with KYTC for the mutual success of the Project.

The Design Build Team will be selected using a two-step, best value procurement having four major areas of consideration; Cost, Schedule, Technical Approach, and DBE program. KYTC will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which will be evaluated to establish a short-list of three DBTs. The shortlisted DBT's will then be invited to submit technical and price proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP). The selection process will evaluate the ability of the DBT to plan, design, construct, and control this Project to provide a quality product in the areas previously mentioned, on or ahead of schedule. A stipend will be provided to the unsuccessful and responsive, short-listed DBT's. The amount of the stipend will be announced at the Pre-Bid Meeting. The anticipated contract award is October 2012 with a completion date of June 2018.

Companies interested in bidding on this project are invited and encouraged to attend a Pre-bid Conference to be held at 10:00 AM on March 1, 2012, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, KY. The Pre-Bid

Conference is mandatory for at least one representative from contractors who intend to be the lead of a DBT; the representative must have the authority to legally bind the company. KYTC recognizes this representative as an officer of the Company or has a KYTC form TC 14-27 (Authority to Sign) on file in the Division of Construction Procurement. The Convention Center is located at 221 S. Fourth St., Louisville, Kentucky. You will receive important information at this conference that is necessary not only for the successful submittal of the RFQ but also for the implementation of the project.

In order to plan appropriately, KYTC requests attendees to [PRE-REGISTER AT THIS LINK](#) prior to Monday, Feb. 20.

Prior to the Pre-Bid Conference a draft Request for Qualifications as well as preliminary plans and information will be made available electronically through the KYTC Division of Construction Procurement at: <http://transportation.ky.gov/construction-procurement/Pages/default.aspx>

Additional information concerning this project can be found on the project website at www.kyinbridges.com. Any questions, outside of the pre-registration process must be submitted to:

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The Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project addresses cross-river transportation needs in Louisville, Kentucky and Southern Indiana and will result in safer travel, less congestion and improved access to destinations in the region.

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Kentucky seeks teams to build new Ohio River bridge, modernize Kennedy Interchange in downtown Louisville

*Notice of intent is first step to procurement;
pre-bid meeting for contractors set for March 1*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Jan. 30, 2012) –Kentucky is seeking teams of contractors to design and build a new downtown Louisville bridge, a modernized downtown interchange and improved I-65 connections to Southern Indiana, Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock announced today.

The notice of intent is the first step to procurement of Kentucky’s half of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project, a bi-state partnership with the State of Indiana to build two new bridges and enhance interstate connections that will improve safety, congestion and mobility for the region.

Contractor teams from around the region, nation and world are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting beginning at 10 a.m. EST on Thursday, March 1, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. Information is available online at <http://transportation.ky.gov/Construction-Procurement/Pages/default.aspx>.

“We are determined to select a proven team of professionals that will bring innovative approaches to reduce costs, speed construction and deliver a reliable transportation system that will serve citizens of Kentucky and Indiana for decades to come,” Secretary Hancock said.

Under a procurement plan developed by Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, the two states are working together to begin construction by year’s end on the estimated \$2.6 billion Ohio River Bridges Project.

The downtown portion of the project, which is Kentucky’s responsibility, has an estimated price tag of \$1.3 billion – half of the project’s total cost. Indiana is leading the way on procurement and construction of the other half, the new East End bridge and roadway connections that will

link the Gene Snyder Expressway in Louisville with the Lee Hamilton Expressway in Southern Indiana.

The two states are working with the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority to finalize a plan to finance the overall project using a combination of traditional transportation dollars and revenues from tolls collected on the new and improved bridges.

The new Six-Year Highway Plan that Gov. Beshear has recommended to the Kentucky General Assembly includes \$50 million a year in traditional funding as well as sales of federally backed GARVEE bonds and toll revenue bonds to help finance the downtown portion of the project. The first two years of funding are part of Gov. Beshear's proposed biennial budget under consideration by the General Assembly.

Secretary Hancock said the selection of a contracting team will be based on a two-step "best value process." First, KYTC will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Responses will be evaluated to establish a short-list of three contractor teams. Second, those selected teams will be invited to submit proposals in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Proposals will be evaluated using a formula that will consider four major factors:

- Cost;
- Schedule;
- Technical approach; and
- An inclusion plan for Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs), such as minority- and women-owned businesses.

KYTC will select a contractor team later this year with the goal of awarding a contract by October. The anticipated completion date is June 2018.

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