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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Contractors

**FROM:** Rachel Mills, P.E. *RM*  
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**DATE:** January 9, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Updated Independent Cost Estimator Procurement Information

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) continue to evaluate and update the plans for consultant services for assistance with the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor progressive design-build project. ODOT will be the lead agency and will manage the selection process with support and input from KYTC.

The Bi-State Management Team (BSMT) has made the decision to select 2 Cost Estimators as part of the January 17, 2023 Programmatic Selection Group - 2 selections with 1 posting.

Each Cost Estimator will develop independent cost estimates for the Project at the same milestones as the Progressive Design-Build Team (DBT). The purpose of the first Cost Estimator's involvement in the Project will be to validate the cost(s) and production proposals submitted by the DBT at each pricing milestone (Independent Cost Estimator (ICE)). The function of the second Cost Estimator is to develop a state Engineer's estimate prior to final pricing agreement in accordance with ORC 5517.01 (State Cost Estimator (SCE)).

The anticipated fee for both the State Cost Estimator (SCE) and the Independent Cost Estimator (ICE) agreements is \$6.0 million each.

The Anticipated Scope for the ICE is the following:

Post design-build award, assist owners with development of a benchmark for evaluating the reasonableness of the contractor's proposed cost or price. The ICE will provide independent quantity take-offs and attend quantity reconciliation meetings with SCE, BSMT and Contractor to ensure quantities are accurate, and risks are assessed at the proper level.

The Anticipated Scope for the SCE is the following:

Post design-build award, assist owners with development of a benchmark for evaluating the reasonableness of the contractor's proposed cost or price. The SCE will attend quantity reconciliation meetings with ICE, BSMT and Contractor to ensure quantities are accurate and will provide independent quantity cost estimates to develop the state Engineer's estimate.

The ICE and SCE (State Cost Estimator) announcements can be found here: [announce.pdf \(state.oh.us\)](#)