



Request for Information

TITLE: RFI #1 I-69 Ohio River Crossing (ORX) Section 2

SECTION A: INTRODUCTION

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Division of Construction Procurement is soliciting informational proposals from qualified parties in accordance with the terms of this Request for Information (RFI) and prior Alternative Delivery Procurement Methods, which may be obtained at KYTC Division of Construction Procurement website at <https://transportation.ky.gov/Construction-Procurement>

With this RFI, KYTC, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), seeks information and suggestions for the solicitation documents and procurement process related to delivery of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing (ORX) Section 2 project (the “Project”). Following the RFI, KYTC intends to issue procurement documents for Section 2 of I-69 ORX with the intention of construction to begin in 2027.

The RFI is not intended to result in a contract award but is designed to allow for the collection of industry information that may be used in the development of procurement documents.

This is a Request for Information (RFI). No award will be made as a result of this solicitation.

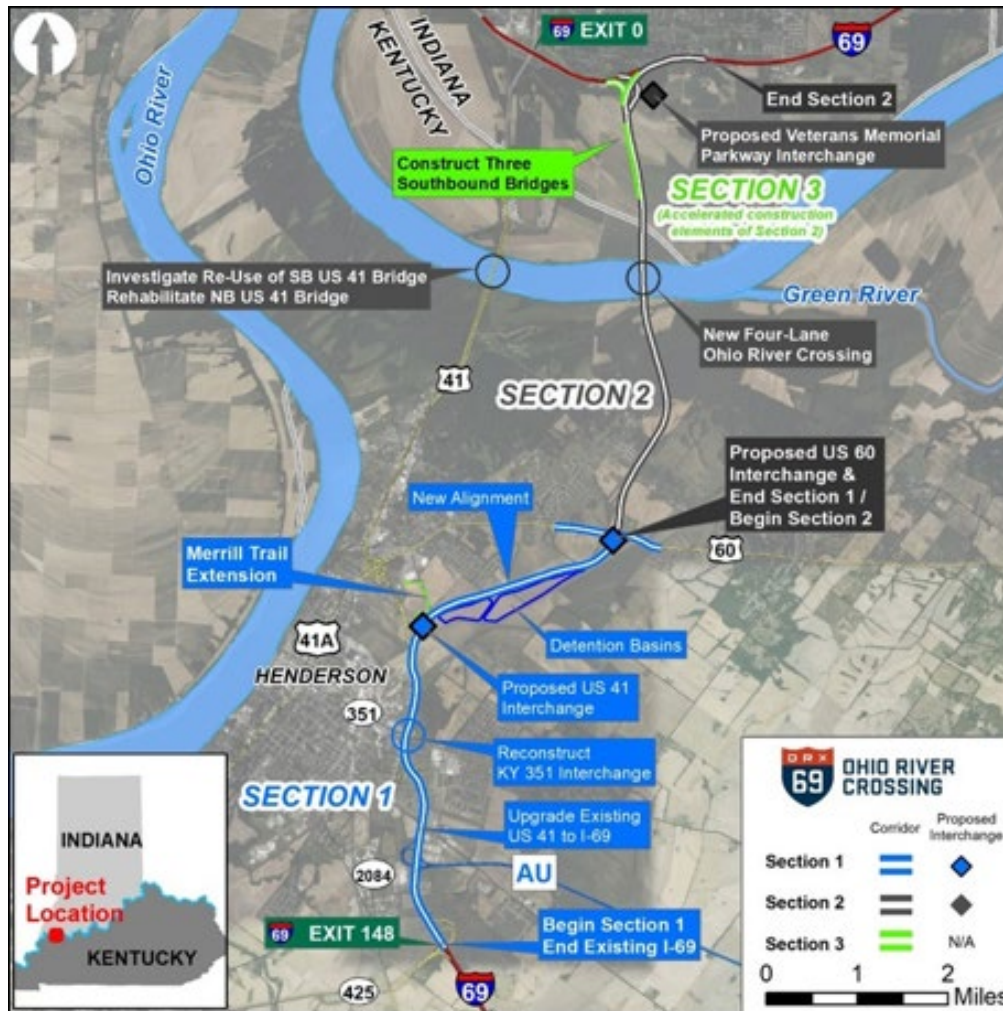
Instructions and Notifications to Offerors:

- KYTC invites feedback from the industry on any questions posed in this RFI. Please note it is not a requirement to answer all questions.
- All costs associated with developing or submitting responses to this RFI, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the vendor. KYTC assumes no responsibility for any costs.
- Responding to this RFI is not a pre-requisite to participating in a future procurement process. A respondent may choose to not respond to this RFI and still participate in any subsequent Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for the Project. Respondents choosing to respond to this RFI will not, merely by virtue of submitting such a response, be deemed to be “bidders” or “proposers” on the Project in any sense, and no such

Respondent will have any preference, special designation, advantage or disadvantage whatsoever in any subsequent procurement process for the Project.

Project Overview

ORX Section 2 will construct a new four-lane bridge across the Ohio River, approximately 2.5 miles of new roadway south of the Ohio River that will connect to Section 1 at US Highway 60, and the remainder of the Project in Indiana, which is the northbound I-69 mainline and remaining ramps at the new Veterans Memorial Parkway interchange.



Additional information can be found at project website at <https://i69ohiorivercrossing.com>

The United States Coast Guard has provided the following statement is regard to navigational span length:

“A new bridge with two navigation spans with a minimum of 650 feet of clearance each or a single navigation span of at least 800 feet of clearance or larger would be required. This alternative would also require at least a 250 foot clear channel (measured pier face

to pier face) be provided along the Kentucky bank for the use of fleeter boats. At this location, low chord elevation would be based on your proposal of 426.3 m.s.l. (55 feet above the 2% flowline) NA VD 88 datum.”

Therefore, KYTC has two options for navigation spans lengths, when considering bridge type selection.

SECTION B: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This RFI outlines the type of information being solicited and response structure requested from potential respondents.

Scope and Objectives

KYTC is seeking input from construction and engineering firms for the future solicitation documents for I-69 ORX Section 2, a bi-state project between Kentucky and Indiana that includes a new four-lane river crossing. Input from the industry is being requested for consideration of which components to include in future bid documents and/or procurement process for the Project.

To that end, KYTC is issuing this RFI to gather ideas, questions, and recommendations on how to proceed with delivering the Project.

Information Requested

In responding to the items below, please include details and/or example projects in your responses for clarification, as applicable. Please skip questions that do not apply to your organization.

1. Firm Information

- a. Provide your name, contact information, and the firm you represent.
- b. Please provide a brief summary of your firm’s experience with projects of similar size and scope.

2. General / Awareness

- a. Were you aware of this upcoming RFP / opportunity?
- b. Are you interested in pursuing this opportunity? If interested, what roles are you considering for a Design-Build Team (DBT)?

3. Procurement

- a. If the project pursues a best value design-build contract with an open-ended bridge type, would your company pursue this contract? Why or why not?
 - i. How much time would you recommend to prepare a technical and price proposal for this delivery method?

- b. If the project pursues a best value design-build with a structure type defined, would your company pursue this contract? Why or why not?
 - i. How much time would you recommend to prepare a technical and price proposal for this delivery method?
- c. Of the delivery methods mentioned above, what would your company preferred delivery method and why?

4. Design/Construction

- a. Is the preliminary project schedule (construction to begin in 2027 and be completed in 2031) a reasonable timeframe for this project?
- b. The new Ohio River Bridge is a major component of the Project. Should the bridge type be designated in the procurement documents?
- c. Would leaving the bridge type open for the DBT to determine provide for more opportunity for overall cost and/or time savings for the Project?

5. Risk

- a. What do you see as the greatest risk(s) to the success of this project?
- b. Are there any suggestions that could potentially reduce the risk -for both the DBT and the Owner - to an acceptable level?

6. Other:

- a. Are there any other considerations or factors you believe should be taken into account to ensure the success of this project?
- b. Confirm if your organization is interested in participating in a potential one-on-one meeting to further explore and explain your responses to this RFI.
- c. Confirm if your organization is interested in participating in networking opportunities to further explore potential partnerships and/or teaming arrangements, including networking with potential Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) companies.

The following outline is intended to standardize and structure responses for ease of analysis. *Do NOT include a cost proposal with the RFI response as cost shall not be considered with this RFI.*

SECTION C: SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DUE DATE

Respondents are asked to provide, by the stated deadline, written responses to the questions posed above in a concise, single spaced summarized format, on 8 ½” by 11” pages with 1” margins using Calibri or Times New Roman 12 font. Responses shall be no longer than five (5) pages in PDF format.

Responses shall be submitted by email no later than 5:00 PM EST on February 7, 2025 and marked as follows:

To: Erika Drury, Alternative Delivery Program Manager
Erika.Drury@ky.gov

Subject: RFI #1 I-69 Ohio River Crossing Section 2-“Proposer Name”

NOTE: Responses received after the above referenced due date and time will not be considered.

SECTION D: POTENTIAL IN-PERSON CLARIFICATION MEETING

In the event KYTC would like to seek clarification on any responses provided, responders may be invited to participate in an in-person meeting with representatives from KYTC. Contact to schedule the meeting will be made following the closing date for submissions under this RFI. If a meeting is held, the content of the meeting shall be restricted to clarifications of the provided responses and responders will not be allowed to ask questions regarding the planned solicitation of procurement documents.

Any costs associated with the in-person meeting shall be borne by the Respondent, and KYTC will not reimburse participating responders for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

SECTION E: COSTS

Responders must not include any pricing elements or costs as part of their submission. The inclusion of cost or pricing may cause the RFI to be considered as non-responsive.

Disclaimer

This Request for Information is solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a Request for Proposal. All information received in response to the RFI and marked as “Proprietary” will be handled accordingly. Responses to the RFI cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. No award will be made as a result of this solicitation, and because no award will be made, proposals WILL NOT be in the public domain. Responses to the RFI will not be returned. Respondents are solely responsible for all expenses associated with replying to this RFI.