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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Contractors

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DATE: August 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Notice of Forthcoming Alternative Delivery Project
Best Value Design Build Procurement
Bell County
Cumberland Gap Tunnel

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (Cabinet) anticipates beginning the procurement process to procure a Design Build Team (DBT) to replace and upgrade the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) inside and approaching the Cumberland Gap Tunnel at the Kentucky/Tennessee state line. The initial step in the process will be the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The Cabinet invites all qualified entities to provide a Statement of Qualifications in accordance with the RFQ once it is issued.

The Cabinet will utilize a two-step procurement process. This process will involve submission of a Statement of Qualifications which will be used to develop a short-list of the best qualified Proposers. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will then be made available to the short-listed Proposers. The RFQ, once available, will be found at [ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY PROJECTS | KYTC \(https://transportation.ky.gov/Construction-Procurement/Pages/Alternative-Delivery.aspx\)](https://transportation.ky.gov/Construction-Procurement/Pages/Alternative-Delivery.aspx).

More information will be available in the Notice to Industry, which is anticipated to be released September 2, 2026.