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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Prequalified Contractors

**FROM:** Rachel Mills, P.E.  
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**DATE:** August 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Notice to Industry**  
Best-Value Design Build  
25-9002 Henderson and Vanderburgh Counties  
I-69 Ohio River Crossing Section 2  
From US 41 (KY) to I-69 Veterans Memorial Pkwy (IN)

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will be seeking teams of Contractors and Consultants for an upcoming Best-Value Design Build project to construct Section 2 of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing. This is a bi-state project that includes the following:

- Construction of approximately 2.5 miles of roadway south of the Ohio River on new alignment that will connect to ORX Section 1 at US Highway 60. The project will be designated as I-69.
- Construction of approximately 2.0 miles of bridges, roadway, and ramps north of the Kentucky / Indiana state line including interchange completion at Veterans Memorial Parkway. Completion of northbound I-69 including bridges #2, #4, #6, and #7 from ORX Section 3.

- Construction of a new four-lane bridge across the Ohio River. The Ohio River crossing will be an open bridge type selection with a prequalified shortlist. The following bridge types have been prequalified for use:

Tied-Arch Bridge

Cable-Stay Bridge

Additional bridge types may be considered during procurement through the ***Alternative Technical Concept (ATC)*** process. The Ohio River crossing bridge must meet the following minimum navigation requirements:

A single 800-foot-wide navigational channel or two 650-foot-wide navigational channels.

A single 250-foot-wide channel along the Kentucky bank.

A minimum low chord elevation of 426.3 m.s.l. (55 feet above the 2% flowline) NAVD 88 datum.

The Departments currently anticipate conducting this procurement in accordance with the following list of milestones. The Departments reserve the right to modify this schedule as they find necessary, at their sole discretion.

Industry Forum with One-on-One Meetings	September 8, 2025
Issue Request for Qualifications (RFQ)	September 12, 2025
Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) Due	October 10, 2025
Short List	October 31, 2025
Issue Draft Request for Proposers (RFP)	October 31, 2025
ATC and One-on-One Meetings	November 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026
Issue Final RFP	August 5, 2026
Technical Proposals Due	September 18, 2026
Price Proposals Due	October 2, 2026
Apparent Best Value DBT Announced	October 7, 2026
Contract Award	October 15, 2026
Project Completion	October 31, 2031

The RFQ will require at least one member of the Team to be prequalified to perform the following major work items of work:

<u>KYTC Prequalification</u>	<u>Required Qualification</u>
Asphalt Pavement	C2
Bridges	E5 & I27
Grade and Drain	A

INDOT Prequalification

Asphalt Pavement

Bridges

Heavy Grading

Required Qualification

B (a)

D (a)

C (a)

KYTC will establish a DBE goal for this project as a percentage of the total value of the contract. The DBE goal is expected to range between 4% and 8%.

The DBT will be required to exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that the DBE goal is met.

The RFQ will require the DBT to identify the members of the Team to perform the following items of work:

**KYTC Prequalifications**

Geotechnical Services	Geotechnical Engineering
Utility Design	Utility Preconstruction Coordination
Roadway Design	Rural Roadway Design
Structure Design	Spans over 500 Ft
Roadway Design	Urban Roadway Design
Roadway Design	Surveying

**INDOT Prequalifications**

6.1	Topographic Survey Data Collection
7.1	Geotechnical Engineering Services
8.2	Complex Roadway Design
9.2	Level 2 Bridge Design

The following pre-qualifications are not required with the SOQ submittal. Should the services be needed, the awarded DBT must obtain the required qualifications prior to providing those services:

**KYTC Prequalifications**

Geotechnical Services	Laboratory Testing Services
Geotechnical Services	Drilling Services
Utility Design	Communication
Utility Design	Electric Level 2
Utility Design	Gas Level 1
Utility Design	Gas Level 2
Utility Design	Water & Sewer Level 1
Utility Design	Water & Sewer Level 2
Utility Design	Utility Construction Inspection

Traffic Operations	Traffic Engineering Services
Traffic Operations	Electrical Engineering Traffic Signal Services
Traffic Operations	Electrical Engineering Roadway Lighting Services

#### **INDOT Prequalifications**

10.3	Complex Roadway Sign Design
10.4	Lighting Design
10.5	Intelligent Transportation System Design
16.1	Utility Coordination
18.1	Pavement Analysis and Design

The DBT will be selected using KYTC's Technical/Price Scoring method. Subject to the conditions of the ITP, KYTC will provide a stipend payment of \$1,500,000 to each non-selected, responsive, short listed DBT(s).

The firms listed below will not be allowed to participate as an Offeror or a DBT member due to a conflict of interest:

- Parsons Transportation Group, Inc.
- Michael Baker International
- Stantec

#### Industry Forum

KYTC and INDOT are inviting companies interested in working or leading the Project to attend an Industry Forum scheduled for September 8, 2025 at 9:30 AM (CT) at One Life Henderson, 1644 2nd St., Henderson, KY. [Click here](#) to register.

KYTC and INDOT will also offer the opportunity for one-on-one meetings for interested Design-Build contract leads in the afternoon following the Industry Forum. If a one-on-one meeting is desired, please send a request to [ORXSection2@ky.gov](mailto:ORXSection2@ky.gov) no later than Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to schedule your meeting.

The one-on-one meetings will be 45 minutes in length. Any topics covered during the meeting will be non-contractual and non-binding. Updated information can be found on the project's website, [I69OhioRiverCrossing.com](http://I69OhioRiverCrossing.com).

If you have questions, please contact Erika Drury at (502) 564-3500.