

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Department of Highways Professional Services Procurement Bulletin 2027-04 Statewide Bridge Inspection Services - In-State Bridges

This document constitutes a Request for Proposals for a Professional Service Contract from qualified individuals and organizations to furnish those services as described herein for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Highways.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This statewide contract is to provide necessary Bridge Inspection Services - In-State Bridges including Routine, Non-redundant Steel Tension Member (NSTM), and or NDT/In-depth inspections of In-State Bridges for the below list of bridges on a statewide basis during this biennium.

Contract Package No. 1				Inspection Date
County	Route	Crossing	Bridge No.	Month/Year
Hardin County	I-65	Rolling Fork River	047B00133L	3/2027
Hardin County	I-65	Rolling Fork River	047B00133R	3/2027
Cumberland County	KY 61	Cumberland River	029B00012N	4/2027
Marshall County	I-24	Tennessee River	079B00118L	7/2027
Marshall County	I-24	Tennessee River	079B00118R	7/2027
Hart County	US 31	Green River	050B00004N	8/2027
Cumberland County	KY 90	Cumberland River	029B00027N	4/2028
Fayette County	I-75	Kentucky River	034B00153N	5/2028
Jefferson County#	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00292N#	7/2028
Jefferson County#	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00293N#	7/2028
Jefferson County#	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00142N#	8/2028

Contract Package No. 2				Inspection Date
County	Route	Crossing	Bridge No.	Month/Year
Livingston County	I-24	Cumberland River	070B00063L	3/2027
Livingston County	I-24	Cumberland River	070B00063R	3/2027
Carter County	I-64	Little Sandy River	022B00083L	4/2027
Carter County	I-64	Little Sandy River	022B00083R	4/2027
Carroll County	US 42	Kentucky River	021B00043N	6/2027
Anderson County	BG Parkway	Kentucky River	003B00007L	8/2027
Anderson County	BG Parkway	Kentucky River	003B00007R	8/2027
Carroll County#	US 42	Kentucky River	021B00043N#	6/2028
Garrard County	US 27	Kentucky River	040B00028L	7/2028
Garrard County	US 27	Kentucky River	040B00028R	7/2028

Contract Package No. 3

County	Route	Crossing	Bridge No.	Inspection Date Month/Year
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00298N	6/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00299N	6/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00300N	6/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00301N	6/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00302N	6/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00285N	7/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00292N	7/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00293N	7/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	Riverside Expressway	056B00142N	8/2027
Jefferson County	I -64	S Minton – KY Apr	056B00161N	9/2027

Contract Package No. 4

County	Route	Crossing	Bridge No.	Inspection Date Month/Year
Pulaski	KY 9008	Fishing Creek	100B00074L	8/2027
Pulaski	KY 9008	Fishing Creek	100B00074R	8/2027
Kenton	I-275	over I-75	059B00055N	9/2027
Kenton	I-75	over I-275	059B00053L	9/2027
Kenton	I-75	over I-275	059B00053R	9/2027
Kenton	I-275	over I-75	059B00054L	9/2027
Kenton	I-275	over I-75	059B00054R	9/2027
Kenton	I-275	over I-75	059B00056N	9/2027
Muhlenberg	WK Parkway	Green River	089B00093L	3/2028
Muhlenberg	WK Parkway	Green River	089B00093R	3/2028
Breathitt County ^{PAUT}	KY 3193	North Fork of the Kentucky River	013B00044N ^{PAUT}	9/2028

Italicized - NSTM only^{PAUT} - NDT testing of pins

- Bridge on 12 month cycle.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Manager - Ashley Graves, P.E.
 User Division - Maintenance
 Approximate Fee - \$3,400,000 Total - Cost Plus a Fixed Fee
 Package 1 – \$1,075,000
 Package 2 – \$775,000
 Package 3 – \$775,000
 Package 4 – \$775,000
 Project Funding - State and Federal Funds
 Contract Term - Two Years

III. PURPOSE AND NEED

To ensure the continued structural safety of Bridge structures for use by the motoring public by

providing NBI/NSTM inspections mandated by the FHWA and performed in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

Consulting services will include the inspection of all the bridges listed, providing a routine/NSTM inspection as required by the National Bridge Inspection Standards. Reviewing and confirming NSTM members. A select number of bridges will require NDT (Ultrasonic Testing) of pins within the structures and report of conditions. Some identified bridges are on a 12 month NSTM inspection and therefore have been listed twice in the list above. Inspection reports are filed with the Division of Maintenance records as well as recorded electronically and entered into BrM. Copies of reports are also shared with the District personnel and adjoining state DOT's. Inspection reports are used to determine needed repairs, allow for KYTC to prepare a budget for future years and share information and trends with other states. If indicated by inspection findings some bridges may require development of repair and consultants will need to generate contract ready proposals and other documents required for advertising a project. Some 12 month cycle Bridges are under active repair projects and may have subsequent inspection intervals extended.

V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Department reserves the option to modify the selected Consultants' agreement to include any necessary engineering and/or related services for this project. The firm(s) or one of their subconsultants must at that time be prequalified by the Department in the required area(s).

Four (4) consultants will be selected and ranked 1, 2, 3 and 4. The User Division will assign the packages to the top four consultants. Inspections packages are randomly listed and do not necessarily reflect the order of importance or anticipated contract size.

The Department may modify the Selected Consultant's agreement to include additional bridge inspections and/or necessary bridge maintenance engineering services associated for this project. The additional related engineering services may be requested up to a contract upset limit of \$500,000 above the initial contract amount for each contract package. No additional service contract shall exceed \$500,000 without written approval from the State Highway Engineer.

Instructions for Response to Announcement can be found at:

<https://transportation.ky.gov/ProfessionalServices/Pages/Respond-to-an-Announcement.aspx>

Consultants are required to follow the [Commonwealth Office of Technology's Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) policy](#) and affirmatively disclose any use of AI or Machine Learning undertaken as part of any awarded contract.

VI. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To respond to this project, the Consultant must be prequalified in the following areas by the response due date of this advertisement.

MAINTENANCE – BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

- In-Depth Structure Inspection

STRUCTURE DESIGN

- Spans Greater than 500 feet

VII. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

Dates other than Response Date are tentative and provided for information only.

- Advertisement Date: October 13, 2026
- Response Date: November 4, 2026 by 4:30 PM ET (Frankfort Time)
- First Selection Meeting: November 9, 2026
- Final Selection: November 20, 2026
- Pre-Design Conference: December 2, 2026
- Consultant Fee Proposal: December 11, 2026
- Contract Negotiations: December 18, 2026
- Notice to Proceed: January 8, 2027

VIII. PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Initial BrM entry started within same month of each inspection due.
- Draft BrM entry completed before Post-Inspection Meeting.
- Post-Inspection Meeting held within 45 days after completion of each bridge field inspection.
- Final reports and Final BrM entry completed within 60 days after completion of each bridge field inspection.

IX. EVALUATION FACTORS

Consultants will be evaluated by the selection committee based on the following, weighted factors:

1. In-house capability to perform the required services. (20 Points)
2. Experience with in-depth and NSTM inspections. (20 points)
3. Unique bridge inspection access techniques to minimize traffic. (20 points)
4. Experience developing bridge repair plans and proposals. (10 points)
5. Past record of performance on projects similar in type and complexity. (10 Points)
6. Available team workload capacity to comply with project schedule. (10 Points)
7. The Consultant demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of safety strategies and the ability to generate meaningful ideas that can measurably enhance the safety of the completed project. This includes both the immediate effectiveness and the long-term safety impacts of the finished facility. (5 Points)
8. Knowledge of the locality and familiarity of the general geographic area. (2 Points)

X. SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Ashley Graves, P.E., User Division
2. Dora Alexander, P.E., User Division
3. Talya Caudill, P.E., Secretary's Pool
4. Ben Coomes, P.E., Secretary's Pool
5. Marcelyn Mathews, P.E., Governor's Pool