

A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Department of Highways
Professional Services Procurement Bulletin 2026-07
Jefferson | 5-554 | I-265

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

County -	Jefferson
Route -	I-265
Item No. -	5-554.00
Project Description -	The purpose of this project is to provide design services to improve safety and reduce congestion on I-265 from I-65 to US-31E.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Manager -	Kameryn Underwood, P.E.
User Division -	Highway Design
Approximate Fee -	\$1,570,000 Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Services (Lump Sum)
Project Funding -	NH (Federal Funds)
Project Length -	Approximately 7.05 miles

III. PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed I-265 project is to improve safety and reduce congestion through operational and traffic capacity modifications in accordance with the findings of the I-265 programming study completed in 2015. The need is expressed through high critical crash rate factors in the area, congested traffic conditions, and continued land development throughout the Louisville Metropolitan area.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected Consultant will be required to provide engineering services to:

- Prepare Preliminary Line & Grade plans, estimates, and Design Executive Summary for the widening of I-265 to 6-lanes from I-65 to Bardstown Road (US-31E).
- Gather survey for the project area.
- Analyze existing and proposed traffic, including existing hourly traffic counts, traffic projections, existing and proposed interstate operations, and related information.
- Analyze safety and geometrics along the mainline at all interchanges within the study area between and including Preston Highway (KY-61) and Bardstown Road (US-31E)

- Conduct public involvement activities.
- Perform safety analysis.
- Preliminary drainage design.
- Preliminary Right-of-Way design.
- Cost estimates associated with Preliminary Engineering.
- Develop and produce a valid NEPA Document.

This project may be advanced to Final Design upon the completion of Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Services with a Contract Modification. The selected Consultant will then be required to provide engineering services to perform Final Roadway and Structural Design, including the preparation of any design studies, drainage design, right-of-way plans, construction plans, traffic control plans, and cost estimates as well as any other services that KYTC chooses not to perform with in-house forces.

Preliminary and Final Designs of interchanges within the project limits may be advanced by a Contract Modification. The Department reserves the right to advance the entire corridor to Final Roadway Design or break it into sections for Final Roadway Design. The Department also reserves the right to advertise the entire project or parts thereof for Final Roadway Design.

V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Department may retain any of the advertised services to be performed by in-house state forces.

Instructions for Response to Announcement can be found at:

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

VI. AVAILABLE STUDIES

[Programming Study – Jefferson | 5-554 | I-265](#)

VII. METHOD OF DESIGN

The selected Consultant shall utilize the most recent CADD Standards for Highway Plans Policy in the development of the highway plans. Refer to the 2022 CADD Standards for ORD V4.4 Project Development Memo for information pertaining to the latest CADD Standards and plan submittal.

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Any necessary Environmental Services are expected to be provided by the Consultant and will prepare the NEPA document. Based on preliminary discussion with the project team and all currently available environmental information for the proposed project location, we anticipate the required environmental document to be no higher than a Categorical Exclusion Level 3. The final environmental document may be elevated (or reduced) to a different level of environmental documentation if environmental investigation leads to an alternative conclusion or changes in ROW occur. Prequalification of various Environmental Services are required to be identified in the Consultant's Response to Announcement.

IX. PHOTOGRAMMETRIC SERVICES

The Consultant will provide mapping and will furnish manuscripts in ORD format. Statewide Elevation data and Aerial photography can be found at the following link [KyFromAbove - Kentucky's Aerial Photography & Elevation Data Program](#). The selected Consultant shall supplement this information with conventional surveying as determined during project scoping.

X. STRUCTURE DESIGN

Structure Design is not anticipated for Preliminary Design. When the project advances to Final Design and if the selected Consultant is retained for Final Design services, the selected Consultant shall do the necessary engineering services to submit to the KYTC an Advanced Situation Folder(s) for the appropriate structure(s). The selected Consultant may be responsible for any necessary Structure Design services. Structure Design of the proposed structure(s) may be added as a Contract Modification. Prequalification in the area of Structure Design is not required to be identified in the Consultant's Response to Announcement.

XI. GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES

The Department will provide all Geotechnical Services required for the project. At any time, if the Department does not have the capacity to provide these services, they may be added by contract modification. Prequalification in the area of Geotechnical Services is not required to be identified in the Consultant's Response to Announcement.

XII. TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

The selected Consultant will provide the analysis of the existing and proposed operations. Traffic Signal Design and Lighting Design services, if necessary for the completion of Final Design, may be added by Contract Modification at the appropriate time. At any time, if the Department has the capacity to provide these services, the Department may retain the advertised traffic services.

XIII. UTILITIES

The Department is responsible for providing available information on existing utility facility locations to support the determination of conflicts of the project design with the existing utility facilities. The Department shall cooperatively support the identification of these conflicts. The Consultant shall consider the practical feasibility of utility conflict avoidance, making the necessary adjustments when directed by the Department. Those conflicts determined as unavoidable shall be addressed by the entity charged with utility coordination, be it the Department or Consultant.

The selected Consultant shall acquire adequate information regarding existing utility features to identify existing utility facilities within the project area, document and confirm those that may be negatively impacted by the project. The selected Consultant shall bring attention any potential conflicts with existing utility facilities that may result in significant cost or time to relocate. The selected Consultant complete or contribute to a utility conflict matrix, documenting the existing utility facilities that may be impacted by the project. The Consultant shall document or confirm the following for each utility in the conflict matrix: type of utility, owner of utility, quantify the extent they may be impacted, potential impacts to project budget, potential impact to project schedule,

confidence of utility location depicted, and recommendations for remedy.

The selected Consultant shall provide a project location map to the Department. The Department will send project location maps to all potential utility contacts to determine whether they may have existing utilities within these project limits. The Department will develop the utility contact list. Facility location maps received for this project will be provided to the selected Consultant.

The Department will submit a design information request ticket from KY811 during final design. The design information request will provide the selected consultant access to utility company supplied facility location data, sourced from KY811 member utility companies. There is no law requiring those utility companies to respond to a design information request with field location of the utilities within the project scope. If field locations are provided, the consultant shall perform field surveys to collect the utility company supplied field data. Horizontal location of existing utilities shall be depicted on final plans, in compliance with Department depiction standards with level of accuracy denoted, and adjusted as necessary to reflect actual field location. It is unlawful to request a normal excavation request ticket if no excavation is transpiring. If additional utility investigation is necessary, the consultant is advised to seek Department consult. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) services may be available via project contract or statewide contract.

XIV. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL AQUATIC & TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS ANALYSIS

- Botany
- Freshwater Macroinvertebrates
- Terrestrial Zoology
- Water Quality
- Wetlands

ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY & OTHER SERVICES

- Air Quality Analysis
- Cultural-Historic Analysis
- Environmental Document Writing & Coordination
- Highway Noise Analysis
- Socio-Economic Analysis

ROADWAY DESIGN

- Rural Roadway Design
- Surveying
- Urban Roadway Design
- *Advanced Drainage Analysis & Design* (see note below)*

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

- Advanced Traffic Engineering Design & Modeling
- Traffic Engineering
- *Electrical Engineering Roadway Lighting* (see note below)*
- *Electrical Engineering Traffic Signals* (see note below)*

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Traffic Data Collection
- Travel Demand & Simulation Modeling
- *Traffic Forecasting* (see note below)*

UTILITY DESIGN

- Utility Preconstruction Coordination
- *Standard Electrical* (see note below)*
- *Standard Gas* (see note below)*
- *Complex Water & Sewer* (see note below)*
- *Subsurface Utility Engineering* (see note below)*

Geotechnical Services * (see note below)

- *Standard Geotechnical Engineering**
- *Standard Drilling**
- *Standard Laboratory Testing**

Structure Design* (see note below)

- *Spans Under 500 Feet**

** Note – These prequalifications are not required with the initial proposal as it is uncertain to the extent practicable if they are necessary. Should these services become necessary during the delivery of the project in this or future phases, the selected Consultant team must obtain the required qualifications before providing those services or bring on a prequalified subconsultant at that time.*

XV. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

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

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| • Advertisement Date: | January 13, 2026 |
| • Response Date: | February 4, 2026 by 4:30 PM ET (Frankfort Time) |
| • First Selection Meeting: | February 9, 2026 |
| • Final Selection: | February 25, 2026 |
| • Pre-Design Conference: | March 4, 2026 |
| • Consultant Fee Proposal: | March 13, 2026 |
| • Contract Negotiations: | March 25, 2026 |
| • Notice to Proceed: | April 15, 2026 |

XVI. PROJECT SCHEDULE

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| • Preliminary Alternatives Review: | November 30, 2026 |
| • Public Meeting: | January 11, 2027 |
| • Preliminary Line and Grade: | March 15, 2027 |
| • Design Executive Summary: | April 19, 2027 |

XVII. EVALUATION FACTORS

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

1. Project approach and proposed procedures to accomplish the services for the project. (20 Points)
2. Relative experience of consultant personnel assigned to project team with highway project for KYTC and/or federal, local or other state governmental agencies. (15 Points)
3. Past record of performance on projects similar in type and complexity. (15 Points)
4. Capacity to comply with project schedule. (10 Points)
5. 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. (10 Points)
6. Knowledge of the locality and familiarity of the general geographic area. (2 Points)

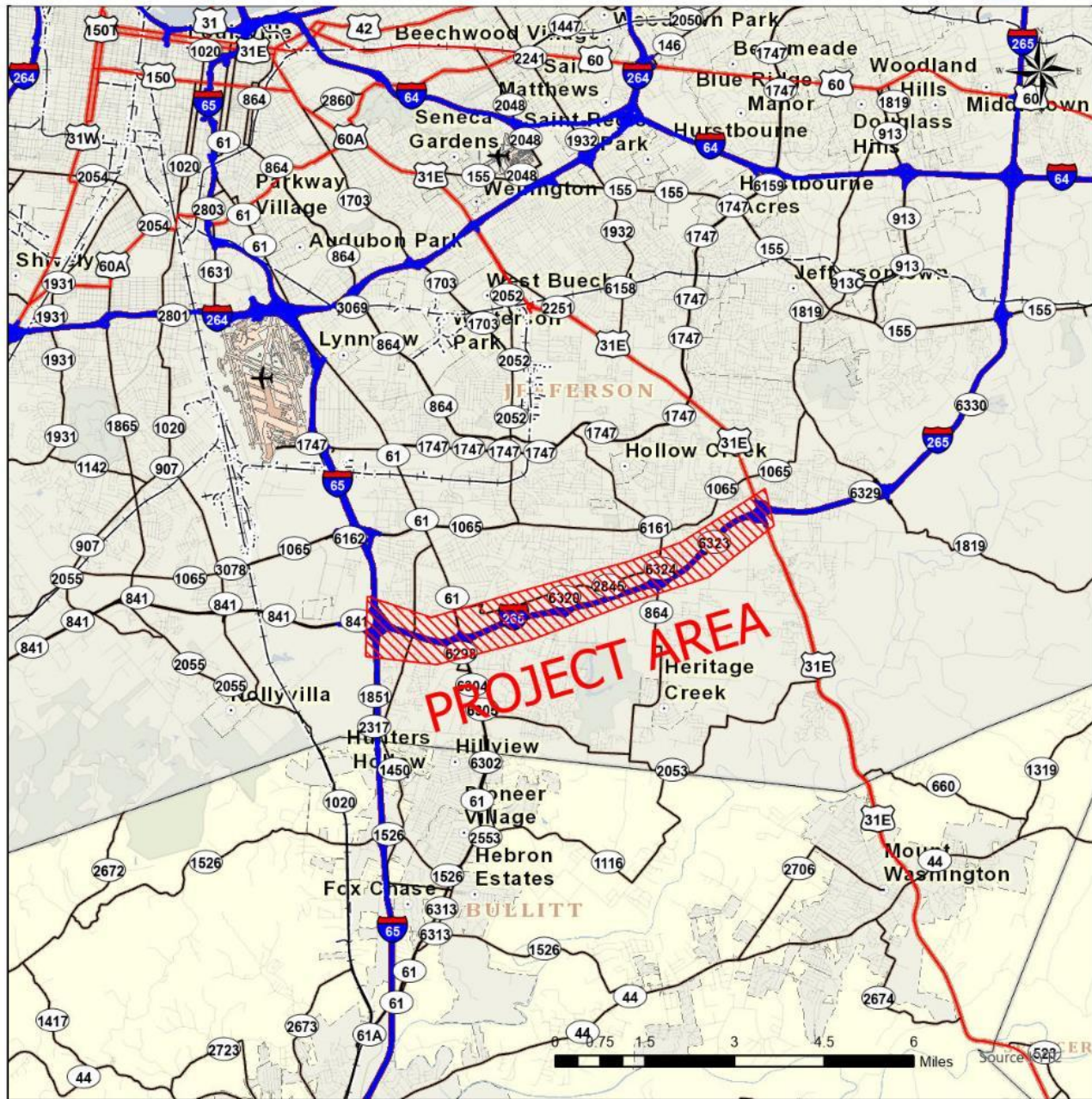
XVIII. SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Kameryn Underwood, P.E., User Division
2. Karl Sawyer, P.E., User Division
3. Talya Caudill, P.E., Secretary's Pool
4. Lauren Meighan, P.E., Secretary's Pool
5. Brian Wood, P.E., Governor's Pool

XIX. AREA MAP



Professional Services



Preconstruction Project Status for item# 5-554.00

Description: IMPROVE SAFETY AND REDUCE CONGESTION ON I-265 FROM I-65 TO US-31E. (2024CCR)

Location:

Route1 Jefferson COUNTY I -265 From MP 10.25 to MP 17.3

Route2 - -

Length:

7.05 mi.

Project Status: Active

