

June 13, 2018

RE: SP 2001-40 HWY 14 Expansion  
From 0.7 miles east of Steele County Road 43 (east of Owatonna) and ends at Highway 56 north (west of Dodge Center) at the existing four-lanes.  
Request for Letters of Interest for a Design Build Contract

Greetings,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation – District 6 is soliciting Letters of Interest (LOI) from companies interested in providing Design-Build services for the design and construction of Highway 14 expansion in eastern Steele County and western Dodge County. The proposed construction will include constructing 12.5 miles of four lanes of Highway 14, constructing new interchanges and bridges at Highway 56 and Dodge County Road 3, and constructing new overpasses at Dodge County Road 1, Steele County Road 16 and Canadian Pacific Railway. Project also includes constructing approximately five miles of local roads and the demolition of Bridge 20011. The project has been fully funded and is scheduled for an April of 2019 letting. Approximate cost is \$144 million.

The project procurement schedule is as follows:

- Request for Letters of Interest – June 2018
- Request For Qualifications release – Planned October, 2018
- Submit Statement of Qualifications – Planned November, 2018
- Shortlist Teams – Planned December, 2018
- Request For Proposals Released – Planned Late December, 2018
- Request For Proposals Kick-Off and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Meet and Greet – Planned January 2019
- Contract Letting – Planned April 3, 2019
- Construction – Planned fall 2019 through fall 2021

The “Best-Value” selection process will be used to evaluate the project consisting of the estimated price of the project divided by the technical score received for the Request for Proposals.

Companies interested in receiving project notices and notifications, including a notice of the Request for Qualifications release, should send a Letter of Interest in writing to:

Tory Thompson, P.E.

Project Manager

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The Letter of Interest must state the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the person who the Department may contact at your company to provide further information about the project. It is preferred that the Letter of Interest be scanned and sent by email. A hard copy is acceptable.

A project information workshop will be scheduled at a date and time to be announced at a later date. Information regarding the proposed project can be found on the project website at:  
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy14/index.html>

Information has been placed on the Design Build FTP site and can be found at:  
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/designbuild/hwy14/index.html>

While submission of a Letter of Interest and attendance at the project information workshop are not prerequisites for participating in the procurement process, interested firms and parties are strongly encouraged to submit and attend.

The Department reserves the sole right, without incurring any liability, to change any aspect of the proposed procurement described above, including the right not to proceed with the procurement and/or the right to proceed in a different manner or on a different timeline than as described above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tory Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tory Thompson, PE, Project Manager