

**LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE COUNCIL**

AND

LAKES HIGHWAY DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

Brunner Road BNSF Grade Separation Project

June 2, 2025

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PROPOSAL

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) and Lakes Highway District are seeking qualified and experienced respondents from interested firms to submit a proposal for providing *project development* services for the Brunner Road BNSF Grade Separation project in Kootenai County.

GENERAL TERMS

This Request for Proposals (RFP) does not commit LHTAC or Lakes Highway District to enter into an agreement or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal or in subsequent negotiations.

REVISIONS TO RFP

All addenda to this solicitation will be posted on the LHTAC web page. No notice will be given by mail.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS BY LHTAC

The issuance of this RFP does not constitute an assurance by LHTAC or Lakes Highway District that any contract will actually be entered into by LHTAC or Lakes Highway District, and expressly reserves the right to:

- Waive any immaterial defect or informality in any response or response procedure
- Reject any and all proposals
- Reissue the Request for Proposals
- Invite additional respondents to the proposal
- Request additional information and data from any or all respondents
- Extend the date for submission of responses
- Supplement, amend, or otherwise modify the RFP, and cancel this request with or without the substitution of another RFP
- Disqualify any respondent who fails to provide information or data requested herein or who provides inaccurate or misleading information or data
- Disqualify any respondent on the basis of any real or apparent conflict of interest

By responding to this solicitation, each respondent agrees that any finding by LHTAC or Lakes Highway District of any fact in dispute as to this solicitation or the responses thereto shall be final and conclusive, except as provided herein.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

By the submission of a proposal, the Consultant agrees to ensure that, at the time of contracting, the Consultant will have no interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Consultant's obligations under the Agreement. The Consultant shall further covenant that, in the performance of the contract, the Consultant shall not employ any person, or subcontract with any entity, having any such known interest.

EEO REQUIREMENTS

Respondent, by submission of a proposal, agrees to not discriminate against any worker, employee, application subcontractor or any member of the public because of race, color, gender, age, national origin, or disability, or otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. Respondent further agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and Local equal employment opportunity requirements.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Prior to negotiating an agreement, the selected consultant and their subconsultants will be required to submit certified hourly rates and their last years' financial information and overhead schedule in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FARs) and the most recent version of the AASHTO Audit Guide.

PROPRIETARY MATERIAL

LHTAC and Lakes Highway District assume no liability for disclosure of proprietary material submitted by respondents. Proposal submittals shall be considered public documents under applicable state law except to the extent portions of the submittals are otherwise protected under applicable law.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

All proposals must contain a signed Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters form for the prime and each subconsultant. See attached form.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

An Evaluation Committee will evaluate and determine the individual and comparative merits of each of the proposals received. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that it complies with this RFP and provides the information requested. If the Consultant fails to provide any information requested in this RFP, such failure may result in either a lowered evaluation score of the proposal or disqualification of the proposal.

It is the intent of LHTAC to take approximately 45 days, commencing on the submission date shown below, to evaluate the submitted proposals. LHTAC intends to notify the successful and unsuccessful Consultants as soon as practicable after the evaluations have been completed, and after approval has been given on the Evaluation Committee's recommendations.

If your firm is selected and approved, negotiations will begin. If negotiations break down with a

selected Consultant, they will be formally ended and negotiations will begin with the next ranked Consultant.

CONTRACT TYPE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

The contract for this work will be a professional services agreement. It is anticipated that the method of payment will be Cost Plus Fixed Fee.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All questions concerning the procedures of this request for proposal, as well as all project specific questions shall be directed to Amanda LaMott at ALamott@LHTAC.org. No questions will be accepted by telephone. All questions will be responded to by e-mail, within two days of receipt of the question(s).

Interested firms are encouraged to submit a contact e-mail address to Amanda LaMott with a request to be included on an electronic mailing list. Firms on the mailing list will receive copies of the response to all project questions submitted. No firms will be identified in the responses. No project specific questions will be accepted after June 18, 2025.

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must conform to the following instructions. Any non-conforming proposal will be rejected.

Proposals must be received by Amanda LaMott at LHTAC by 4:00 p.m. MDT on June 25, 2025. Proposals must be submitted via e-mail with the project name and the consultant's name clearly indicated in the subject line. Late proposals will not be considered.

E-Mail Address for proposal submittal is: ALaMott@LHTAC.org

FORMAT:

- Required File Format: pdf
- Maximum length of the submittal shall be five (5) pages CPM schedule is not counted in page limit.
- Cover pages are discouraged. If they are included, they will be counted in the proposal page total.
- The introductory letter is limited to one (1) page.
- Except as otherwise noted, pages shall be 8 ½ x 11 inches, with minimum of ½" margins and a minimum font size of 10

- The following items do not count in the proposal page total.
 - Introductory letter
 - CPM
 - Idaho Code Certification Form

INTRODUCTORY LETTER

The introductory letter should be addressed to:

Amanda LaMott
LHTAC
3330 Grace Street
Boise, Idaho 83703

The introductory letter should introduce the Consultant's submittal, identify the Project Manager, and list a contact telephone number, and contain a statement confirming the commitment of the key personnel identified in the submittal to meet LHTAC's, and Lakes Highway District's quality and schedule expectations. List each Subconsultant, their work tasks, and a contact name and telephone number.

PROPOSAL

It is essential that the consultant provide an adequate staff of experienced personnel or subconsultants capable of and devoted to the successful accomplishment of work to be performed under this contract. The specific individuals or subconsultants listed in the proposal, including Project Manager, shall be assigned to the key positions and shall not be removed or replaced without the prior written approval of LHTAC or the Lakes Highway District. Replacement personnel submitted for approval must have at least equal qualifications, experience and expertise as those listed in the proposal.

The following criteria will be considered in the evaluation and selection, and apply only to the Consultant, except where specifically requested for the Consultant and each Subconsultant. Weights listed will be applied to the scoring for each criteria.

CRITERIA 1: COMPANY EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Weight - 2 *(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)*

- What makes your firm uniquely qualified to provide professional services for this project?
- Provide descriptions of no more than three (3) projects successfully developed by the Consultant, identifying the similarities to this project.

CRITERIA 2: PROJECT MANAGER

Weight – 4

- Identify the Project Manager who will be responsible for the quality and timeliness of the consultant's work.
- Provide descriptions of no more than three (3) similar projects successfully developed by the Project Manager, identifying the similarities to this project. Federal-aid projects successfully developed by the project manager should be included if available. Include dates and specific services provided.
- Provide Idaho professional registration (registration is required at the time of submittal).
- Does your firm currently have the necessary resources available to complete this work within the proposed time frame?

CRITERIA 3: KEY PERSONNEL & RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Weight - 3

- Identify the key personnel and describe each person's role and duties on this project.
- Provide a brief summary of experience and qualifications. Include experience and qualifications working on Federal-aid projects.
- Provide Idaho professional registration (if applicable) for each person identified.
- List all projects that the Key Personnel are currently assigned to and the percent of time spent by him/her on each of those projects. Include estimated completion date for each of those projects. Identify availability.

- Include an organization chart of the key personnel with their roles and office locations.

CRITERIA 4: PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

Weight – 3

- Provide a written narrative demonstrating knowledge, methodology, policies and procedures to accomplish this federally funded multimodal highway project as outlined in the General Scope of Work.
- Identify the significant features and potential issues that may be encountered and possible steps to eliminate or minimize those issues. Include coordination with and minimization of impacts to schedule due to the railroad and with the Tribes.
- Include a Critical Path Diagram based on major tasks and project milestones. The sheet size for the Critical Path Diagram shall be 11" x 17".

CRITERIA 5: QUALITY CONTROL

Weight – 0.5

- Describe the Consultant's procedures for scope change control, schedule and cost control and quality control. This should also include a description of the Consultant's control measures regarding their Subconsultants' project related work.

General Scope of Work

Lakes Highway District was awarded funds through the Federal Rail Authority (FRA) to fund the Brunner Road BNSF Grade Separation Project.

The scope of this project includes:

- Project Administration
- Survey
- Public Involvement
- Environmental
- Bridge/Roadway Design
- Preliminary Design
- Geotechnical Investigation/Design
- Utility Coordination & Plans
- Railroad Coordination
- Final Design
- Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E)