



February 17, 2021

Solicitation HH-36 – Design/Build Services for the Electrical Power Resiliency, Utility and Building Improvements at the HHB

1. The MTA Construction & Development (“MTA C&D”), acting as an agent of and on behalf of the MTA and Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the above-mentioned solicitation from qualified firms (“Proposers”) interested in performing design, construction, quality control and other identified activities to complete the subject Project. Expressions of Interest will only be accepted from Proposers intending to provide all required services for the Project. The Authority will not consider responses from entities not offering to provide all required services. All Expressions of Interest must be received by the Authority by **3:30PM local time on April 1, 2021.**

You are hereby notified that, effective with the date of this letter, the Restricted Period for this procurement as defined under State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, as amended by Chapter 1 of the Laws of New York 2005 (“Lobby Law”) is hereby commenced. Accordingly, all inquiries concerning this procurement shall be directed solely to Tara Bugg-Menter at TBugg-Menter@mtabt.org, the Designated Point of Contact for this contract. All communications with the Authority, regardless of form, by an Offeror or his or her representative that a reasonable person would interpret was an attempt to influence the procurement -- referred to as “Contacts” -- shall be made only to the Designated Point of Contact. Contacts made to other than the Designated Point of Contact, are prohibited (“Prohibited Contacts”). All offerors should be aware that a finding that an Offeror engaged in Prohibited Contacts with Authority personnel other than the Designated Point of Contact can result in a determination of non-responsibility and ultimately, debarment if an Offeror proposer engages in a similar Prohibited Contact within a four-year period. Any determination of non-responsibility or debarment due to violation of the Prohibited Contacts requirements of the Lobby Law will be posted on the NYS OGS website. In the event Tara Bugg-Menter cannot be reached, the Alternate Point of Contact is Susan Higgins who can be reached at SHiggins@mtabt.org.

Important Notice: The required forms and any subsequent additional information regarding this solicitation and this request for Expressions of Interest will be posted on the Authority website <http://web.mta.info/bandt/procure/conrfp.html>. Proposers are advised to monitor the website regularly. The Authority will not notify potential proposers of posted information, including any addenda to this EOI request.

Please note: All hand deliveries (including by messenger) of Submittals must be delivered to the 2 Broadway Mail Center entrance, which is off the loading dock at the side of the building and can be reached from Marketfield Street. Proposers must allow sufficient time for delivery prior to the scheduled due date and time for receipt and processing of Submittals. Each sealed package, regardless of how delivered, must include on the envelope or outer wrapper the Proposer’s full and complete return address including zip code. It is important that the wrapper or envelope be addressed as follows:

Solicitation No: HH-36
Attention: Victoria Warren, Manager, Procurement Administration
Construction & Development/ TBTA
2 Broadway – Mail Center
Procurement Department
New York, NY 10004

ADDITIONALLY: A complete PDF of the EOI must be emailed to vprocure@mtabt.org.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION – The Contract requirements are for Design-Build Services for the Electrical Power Resiliency, Utility and Building Improvements at the Henry Hudson Bridge. This request for Expressions of Interest, the required forms and any additional information regarding this solicitation will be posted on the Authority website <http://web.mta.info/bandt/procure/conrfp.html>. Proposers are advised to monitor the website regularly. The Authority will not notify potential proposers of posted information, including Addenda to this request for EOIs. The design-construction cost range for this project is in excess of \$15 Million. Estimated duration from award to substantial completion is **36 months**. The MBE/WBE/SVDOB goals for this Contract are **15%/15%/6%**.
- a. SUBSTATION UPGRADE- Power for the Henry Hudson Bridge facility is provided by two substations for redundancy – Dyckman Street Substation on the Manhattan side and the Kappock Street Substation on the Bronx side of the bridge. The Kappock Street Substation currently provides power to the entire facility. However, the Dyckman Street Substation does not have equivalent power capabilities and is only able to provide backup power for a portion of the facility in case of any outage at the Kappock Street substation.
- b. SCOPE OF WORK: The requirements of this Design-Build project include, but are not limited to, the following: (A) provide 100% backup to the Kappock Street Substation; (B) design and build out the maintenance garage and perform parking lot improvements; (C) modification of Existing Mechanical Room floor, Doors to Hallway and Remaining Wall required to convert the Mechanical Room to Outdoor space meeting Energy Conservation Construction Code; (D) resurface 1,500 LF path as per details provided by NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (NYCDPR).
- c. DESIGN-BUILDER PREQUALIFICATIONS – The Design-Build Team shall consist of the Construction Contractor, Design Professional and Mechanical, Electrical and Structural Engineering firms as required. The Design-Builder shall be fully experienced in all aspects of the Project including but not limited to: structural; mechanical; electrical and civil construction disciplines. At a minimum, the EOI shall identify the Construction Contractor, the Design Firm's Lead Structural Engineer, Lead Mechanical Engineer, Lead Electrical Engineer and Lead Civil Engineer, as applicable.
- d. The Design-Builder shall be fully experienced in all aspects of the Project including but not limited to: structural; mechanical; electrical and civil construction disciplines. Proposers shall provide all supporting information to substantiate that the Design-Build Team has the requisite technical staffing (including managerial and engineering), project management, safety, administration and the financial capabilities to complete the Work within the Authority's schedule and budget. Provide no more than five (5) past project descriptions for the Constructor(s) and five (5) for the Designer. The Design-Build team is responsible for its quality control. Past projects must have been active within the last 15 years and may be ongoing. Emphasis should be placed on projects having a scope, size, and/or complexity comparable to that anticipated for Project HH-36; or project aspects comparable to that anticipated for this Project. The Designer must comply with New York State Education Law Section 7209.

- e. **QUALITY CONTROL (QC)** - The Design-Builder shall be required to plan, implement and provide a Quality Control Program for both design and construction phases of the project. The Design-Builder at a minimum, shall retain the services of an independent Materials Testing Firm or Laboratory. The Materials Testing Firm or Laboratory shall not be owned by or be an affiliate of the Design-Builder, any Principal Participant or Construction Subcontractor or Design Professional, or be an equity participant on the Design-Build Team.

3. **OVERVIEW OF THE SOLICITATION PROCESS** – A two-step selection process will be used with the intent to award the Contract to the Proposer that provides the best combination of price and quality factors. Responses to this request for Expressions of Interest will be evaluated to establish a Shortlist of Design-Build firms. Only Shortlisted firms will be invited to submit proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP). The Authority will evaluate the ability of the Design-Builder to manage, design, construct and control the Project to provide a safe project and a quality outcome on or ahead of schedule for a reasonable lump sum price within the Authority's project budget and select the proposal that will be most advantageous to the Authority.

- a. **EOI Evaluation factors** – listed in no particular order:

- Organization and Key Personnel
- Past performance of the Proposed Team/Firms
- Record of combined performance together as a Team on Design-Build projects

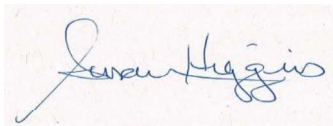
- b. **EOI Submittal requirements** – To be included in the initial evaluation, your team must respond by submitting a completed EOI/qualification package, referencing Solicitation HH-36. An EOI/qualification package consists of the **original and four copies and a pdf copy (on a CD and emailed to vprocure@mtabt.org)** of the items on the following list. Note: The Authority discourages lengthy narratives containing extraneous information and advises a page limit of 60 pages of text double sided (one side equals one page) not including RFQ-4 Form and Financial Statements.

- i. Cover Letter of interest (no more than 5 pages);
- ii. Customized statement of the qualifications of the Design-Build Team and its members;
- iii. HH-36 Form A – see attached;
- iv. Standard Forms RFQ-4 (rev. 2-2017) and SF-330 are to be filled out by the Design Professional, as necessary. The construction Contractor shall also complete the RFQ-4 Form. Both forms are available at <http://web.mta.info/bandt/procure/>;
- v. Most recent Financial Statement from the Contracting Entity and the construction Contractor, if different.
- vi. Letter from a bona fide Surety stating its willingness to provide 100% Payment and Performance Bonds to the Proposer that is selected for the award of the Contract.

- c. A pre-EOI informational meeting will be held on **03/03/21 at 10:00AM, via Microsoft TEAMS** to more fully describe the Project and the selection process. Attendance by potential Design/Build team members is not mandatory but is recommended. All those planning to attend **must** e-mail tbugg-menter@mtabt.org by Noon the day prior with the firm name, individuals' names and contact information (Teams info provided then). Interested parties should forward any questions in advance to the Designated Point of Contact so they may be addressed at the pre-EOI informational meeting.

- d. The Authority will only consider questions submitted in writing by Proposers regarding this request for EOIs, including requests for clarification and requests to correct errors. Any questions must be submitted via email to the Designated Point of Contact identified in Paragraph 1.
- e. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / UNFAIR ADVANTAGE (COI/UA) – The Authority will rely on the firms to identify a potential conflict of interest or unfair advantage and notify the Authority. In general, firms that performed design-related work for a project, including preparation of an RFP, may not be allowed to compete as part of the design-build team for the same project. The Authority may make exceptions on a case by case basis. If uncertain about whether a conflict or unfair advantage exists, firms should request a determination from the Authority, prior to submittal of their EOI, via email to the Designated Point of Contact named in Paragraph 1.
- f. COSTS AND STIPEND – In general proposers are solely responsible for all costs associated with responding to this request for EOIs. The Authority *may* provide a stipend to Proposers on the Shortlist that submit a Proposal in response to the RFP, subject to certain stipulations. The Proposer selected for contract award will not be eligible for such payment. Details and the stipend agreement shall be issued with the RFP. No Proposer will be obliged to accept a stipend. Any Proposer that declines payment of a stipend will be required to sign a waiver to its rights to payment.
- g. SOLICITATION SCHEDULE – The anticipated procurement schedule is as follows:
 - i. Pre EOI Informational Meeting on **March 3, 2021**
 - ii. All questions must be submitted in writing by **February 24, 2021**
 - iii. EOIs submitted by the date specified in Par. 1 above.
 - iv. It is anticipated that the RFP will be available in **May, 2021**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Higgins", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Susan Higgins
Director
Procurement & Law Department

FORM A – SOLICITATION NO. HH-36, Design/Build Services for the Electrical Power Resiliency, Utility and Building Improvements at the HHB

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY EACH PROPOSER (Note: For purposes of this questionnaire, the term “Design-Builder” refers both to a proposer and to the firm awarded the contract.)

Design-Builder’s Full Legal Name: _____

Form of legal entity: _____ *

(corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, etc.)

Organized in: _____

(state or country under whose laws the Design-Builder is organized)

Authorized Officer: _____

(Print)

Federal Taxpayer Identification Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

(Print)

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Fax Number: _____

* If the Expression of Interest is to be submitted by a corporation, a listing must be submitted showing the names and addresses of the directors and principal officers. The full legal title must be given here and a copy of the certificate of incorporation must be submitted together with the names and addresses of the directors and principal officers. If the Design-Builder is a foreign corporation, proof must be submitted of its authority to transact business in the State of New York. If the submittal is made by a partnership or a joint venture, the above blank must be filled in the following form: “the firm of A. B. & C, Co., composed of A., B., D., etc.” (giving the names of all the partners and firms).

The Authority reserves the right to inquire further with respect to the Design-Builder’s responses; and Design-Builder consents to such further inquiry and agrees to furnish all relevant documents and information as requested by the Authority.

Authorized Officer must sign here: _____