



**BID/PROPOSAL**

COMMODITY: RFP CONSULTANT FOR TRANSPORTATION PATHWAYS TO CAREERS DATE: 2/6/2015

FORMAL BID NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PUBLIC BID NO. \_\_\_\_\_ RFP NO. 7060

BIDS ARE TO BE RECEIVED IN URI PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BY: DATE: 2/27/2015 TIME: 3:00 PM

BUYER: DEBRA LEE / MSC  SURETY REQUIRED: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: X

PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_  
MANDATORY: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**BE SURE ALL INFORMATION SHOWN BELOW IS CORRECT.  
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED.**

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FEIN: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDERING E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**No offer will be considered that is not accompanied by the attached  
University of Rhode Island Bidder Certification Form/Contract Offer  
completed and signed by the offeror.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number/Facsimile Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company F.E.I.N.

**THIS BID WILL NOT BE HONORED UNLESS SIGNED**

*The University of Rhode Island is an equal opportunity employer committed to the principles of affirmative action.*

University of Rhode Island Bidder Certification Form

ALL OFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS, PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN THIS CERTIFICATION FORM. Offerors are expected to read, sign and comply with all requirements. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification of the offer contained herein.

Rules for Submitting Offers

This Certification Form must be attached in its entirety to the front of the offer and shall be considered an integral part of each offer made by a vendor to enter into a contract with the University of Rhode Island. As such, submittal of the entire Bidder Certification Form, signed by a duly authorized representative of the offeror attesting that he/she (1) has read and agrees to comply with the requirements set forth herein and (2) to the accuracy of the information provided and the offer extended, is a mandatory part of any contract award.

To assure that offers are considered on time, each offer must be submitted with the specific Bid/RFP/LOI number, date and time of opening marked in the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Each bid/offer must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes.

A complete signed (in ink) offer package must be delivered to the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Office by the time and date specified for the opening of responses in a sealed envelope.

Bids must be submitted on the URI bid solicitation forms provided, indicating brand and part numbers of items offered, as appropriate. Bidders must submit detailed cuts and specs on items offered as equivalent to brands requested WITH THE OFFER. Bidders must be able to submit samples if requested.

Documents misdirected to other State locations or which are not present in the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Office at the time of opening for whatever cause will be deemed to be late and will not be considered. For the purposes of this requirement, the official time and date shall be that of the time clock in the reception area of the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Office. Postmarks shall not be considered proof of timely submission.

RIVIP SOLICITATIONS. To assure maximum access opportunities for users, public bid/RFP solicitations shall be posted on the RIVIP for a minimum of seven days and no amendments shall be made within the last five days before the date an offer is due. Except when access to the Web Site has been severely curtailed and it is determined by the Purchasing Agent that special circumstances preclude extending a solicitation due date, requests to mail or fax hard copies of solicitations will not be honored. When the result of an internet solicitation is unsuccessful, the University of Rhode Island will cancel the original solicitation and resolicit the original offer directly from vendors.

PRICING. Offers are irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the opening date (or such other extended period set forth in the solicitation), and may not be withdrawn, except with the express permission of the University Purchasing Agent. All pricing will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated. The University of Rhode Island is exempt from Federal excise taxes and State Sales and Use Taxes. Such taxes shall not be included in the bid price. PRICES QUOTED ARE FOB DESTINATION.

DELIVERY and PRODUCT QUALITY. All offers must define delivery dates for all items; if no delivery date is specified, it is assumed that immediate delivery from stock will be made. The contractor will be responsible for delivery of materials in first class condition. Rejected materials will be at the vendor's expense.

PREVAILING WAGE, OSHA SAFETY TRAINING and APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS. Bidders must comply with the provisions of the Rhode Island labor laws, including R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-13-1 et seq. and occupational safety laws, including R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 28-20-1 et seq. These laws mandate for public works construction projects the payment of prevailing wage rates, the implementation and maintenance of occupational safety standards, and for projects with a minimum value of \$1 Million, the employment of apprentices. The successful Bidder must submit certifications of compliance with these laws from each of its subcontractors prior to their commencement of any work. Prevailing wage rates, apprenticeship requirements, and other workforce and safety regulations are accessible at [www.dlt.ri.gov](http://www.dlt.ri.gov).

PUBLIC RECORDS. Offerors are advised that all materials submitted to the University for consideration in response to this solicitation will be considered without exception to be Public Records pursuant to Title 38 Chapter 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award has been made. Offerors are encouraged to attend public bid/RFP openings to obtain information; however, bid/RFP response summaries may be reviewed after award(s) have been made by visiting the Rhode Island Vendor Information Program (RIVIP) at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov), Solicitation Opportunities +, Other Solicitation Opportunities or appearing in person at the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Office Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Telephone requests for results will not be honored. Written requests for results will only be honored if the information is not available on the RIVIP.

Award will be made to the responsive and responsible offeror quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications, for any individual item(s), for major groupings of items, or for all items listed, at the University's sole option.

**BID SURETY.** Where bid surety is required, bidder must furnish a bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid total with the bid, or for such other amount as may be specified. Bids submitted without a required bid surety will not be considered.

**SPECIFICATIONS.** Unless specified "no substitute", product offerings equivalent in quality and performance will be considered (at the sole option of the University) on the condition that the offer is accompanied by detailed product specifications. Offers which fail to include alternate specifications may be deemed nonresponsive.

**VENDOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED.** When a purchase order, change order, contract/agreement or contract/agreement amendment is issued by the University of Rhode Island, no claim for payment for services rendered or goods delivered contrary to or in excess of the contract terms and scope shall be considered valid unless the vendor has obtained a written change order or contract amendment issued by the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Office PRIOR to delivery.

Any offer, whether in response to a solicitation for proposals or bids, or made without a solicitation, which is accepted in the form of an order OR pricing agreement made in writing by the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Office, shall be considered a binding contract.

**REGULATIONS, GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING STATE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONTRACTS.** This solicitation and any contract or purchase order arising from it are issued in accordance with the specific requirements described herein, and the State's Purchasing Laws and Regulations and other applicable State Laws, including the Board of Governors for Higher Education General Terms and Conditions of Purchase. The regulations, General Terms and Conditions are incorporated into all University of Rhode Island contracts and can be viewed at: [www.ribghe.org/procurementregs113006.pdf](http://www.ribghe.org/procurementregs113006.pdf) and [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov).

**ARRA SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** Contracts and sub-awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto, such contracts and sub-awards shall be subject to the Supplemental Terms and Conditions for Contracts and Sub-awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto located on the Division of Purchases website at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov).

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** Compliance certificate and agreement procedures will apply to all awards for supplies or services valued at \$10,000 or more. Minority Business Enterprise policies and procedures, including subcontracting opportunities as described in Title 37 Chapter 14.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws also apply.

**PERFORMANCE BONDS.** Where indicated, successful bidder must furnish a 100% performance bond and labor and payment bond for contracts subject to Title 37 Chapters 12 and 13 of the Rhode Island General Laws. All bonds must be furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in the State of Rhode Island. Performance bonds must be submitted within 21 calendar days of the issuance of a tentative notice of award.

**DEFAULT and NON-COMPLIANCE** Default and/or non-compliance with the requirements and any other aspects of the award may result in withholding of payment(s), contract termination, debarment, suspension, or any other remedy necessary that is in the best interest of the state/University of Rhode Island.

**COMPLIANCE** Vendor must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances.

**SPRINKLER IMPAIRMENT AND HOT WORK.** The Contractor agrees to comply with the practices of the State's Insurance carrier for sprinkler impairment and hot work. Prior to performing any work, the Contractor shall obtain the necessary information for compliance from the Risk Management Office at the Department of Administration or the Risk Management Office at the University of Rhode Island.

Each bid proposal for a *public works project* must include a "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. **Bid Proposals that do not include a copy for public inspection will be deemed nonresponsive.**

For further information on how to comply with this statutory requirement, see R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-2-18(b) and (j). Also see State of Rhode Island Procurement Regulation 5.11 at <http://www.purchasing.ri.gov/rulesandregulations/rulesAndRegulations.aspx>

**ALL CONTRACT AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES & CERTIFICATIONS**

Offerors must respond to every disclosure statement. A person authorized to enter into contracts must sign the offer and attest to the accuracy of all statements.

Indicate Yes (Y) or No (N):

\_\_\_1 State whether your company, or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has been subject to suspension or debarment by any federal, state, or municipal government agency, or the subject of criminal prosecution; or convicted of a criminal offense with the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.

\_\_\_2 State whether your company, or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has had any contracts with a federal, state or municipal government agency terminated for any reason within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.

\_\_\_3 State whether your company or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has been fined more than \$5000 for violation(s) of Rhode Island environmental laws by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.

\_\_\_4 I/we certify that I/we will immediately disclose, in writing, to the University Purchasing Agent any potential conflict of interest which may occur during the course of the engagement authorized pursuant to this contract.

\_\_\_5 I/we acknowledge that, in accordance with (1) Chapter §37-2-54(c) of the Rhode Island General Laws "no purchase or contract shall be binding on the state or any agency thereof unless approved by the Department [of Administration] or made under general regulations which the Chief Purchasing Officer may prescribe," and (2) RIGL section §37-2-7(16) which identifies the Board of Governors for Higher Education as a public agency and gives binding contractual authority to the University Purchasing Agent, including change orders and other types of contracts and under State Purchasing Regulation 8.2.1.1.2 any alleged oral agreement or arrangements made by a bidder or contractor with any agency or an employee of the University of Rhode Island may be disregarded and shall not be binding on the University of Rhode Island.

\_\_\_6 I/we certify that I or my/our firm possesses all licenses required by Federal and State laws and regulations as they pertain to the requirements of the solicitation and offer made herein and shall maintain such required license(s) during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and, should my/our license lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.

\_\_\_7 I/we certify that I/we will maintain required insurance during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and, should my/our insurance lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.

\_\_\_8 I/we certify that I/we understand that falsification of any information herein or failure to notify the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Agent as certified herein may be grounds for suspension, debarment and/or prosecution for fraud.

\_\_\_9 I/we acknowledge that the provisions and procedures set forth in this form apply to any contract arising from this offer.

\_\_\_10 I/we acknowledge that I/we understand the State's Purchasing Laws (§37-2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island) and Purchasing Regulations and General Terms and Conditions available at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases Website (<http://www.purchasing.ri.gov>) and the Board of Governors Website ([www.ribghe.org/procurementregs113006.pdf](http://www.ribghe.org/procurementregs113006.pdf)) apply as the governing conditions for any contract or purchase order I/we may receive from the University of Rhode Island, including the offer contained herein.

\_\_\_11 I/we certify that the bidder: (i) is not identified on the General Treasurer's list, created pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-3, as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran described in § 37-2.5-2(b); and (ii) is not engaging in any such investment activities in Iran.

\_\_\_12 If the product is subject to Department of Commerce Export Administration Regulations (EAR) or International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), please provide the Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) or the US Munitions List (USML) Category: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_13 I/we certify that the above information is correct and complete.

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTIONS #1 – 3 OR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CERTIFY YES TO QUESTIONS #4 – 11 and 13 OF THE FOREGOING, PROVIDE DETAILS/EXPLANATION IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT. INCOMPLETE CERTIFICATION FORMS SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFER.

Signature below commits vendor to the attached offer and certifies (1) that the offer has taken into account all solicitation amendments, (2) that the above statements and information are accurate and that vendor understands and has complied with the requirements set forth herein.

Vendor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person Authorized to enter into contracts; signature must be in ink) (if applicable)

Print Name and Title of Company official signing offer Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**THE  
UNIVERSITY  
OF RHODE ISLAND**

**Solicitation Information**

**RFP NO. 7060**

**TITLE: RFP Consultant for Transportation Pathways to Careers  
OPENING DATE AND TIME: 2/27/15 @ 3:00PM**

**PRE-BID/ PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: No**

**Questions concerning this solicitation may be e-mailed to , URI Purchasing Department, at URIPurchasing@uri.edu no later than 2/13/15 @ 3:00PM (Eastern Time). Please reference RFP No. 7060 on all correspondence.**

**SURETY REQUIRED: No**

**BOND REQUIRED: No**

**Debra Lee  
URI Assistant Purchasing Agent**

**NOTE TO VENDORS:**

**Offers received without the entire completed University of Rhode Island Bidder Certification Form attached may result in disqualification.**

**THIS PAGE IS NOT A BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM**

**SECTION 1 – INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS TO OFFERERS:**

The Rhode Island Board of Education/University of Rhode Island is soliciting proposals for a Consultant for Transportation Pathways to Careers, Construction Career Days and related RI Workforce Development Programs from qualified OFFERORS, and in accordance with the terms of this Request for Proposal and the Board of Governors General Terms and Conditions of Purchase which may be obtained at: <http://www.ribghe.org/procurementregs113006.pdf> . The initial contract period will be from the date of award thru September 30, 2015.

This is a Request for Proposals, not an Invitation for Bid: responses will be evaluated on the relative merits of the proposal, in addition to price; there will be no public opening and reading of responses received by the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Department pursuant to the request, other than to name those offerors who have submitted proposals.

The scope of work is described herein.

Potential offerors are advised to review all sections of this solicitation carefully and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the proposal.

Alternative approaches and/or methodologies to accomplish the desired or intended results of this procurement are solicited. However, proposals which depart from or materially alter the terms, requirements, or scope of work defined by this Request will be rejected as being non-responsive.

All costs associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this Request, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the offerer. The University assumes no responsibility for these costs.

**Proposals are considered to be irrevocable for a period of not less than 120 days following the opening date, and may not be withdrawn, except with the express written permission of the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Agent.**

All pricing submitted is to be considered fixed, unless otherwise indicated herein.

Proposals misdirected to other University locations or which are otherwise not present in the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Department at time of opening for any cause will be determined to be late and will not be considered. For the purpose of this requirement, the official time and date shall be that of the time clock in the reception area of the URI Purchasing Department.

It is intended that an award pursuant to this RFP will be made to a prime vendor, or prime vendors in the various categories, who will assume responsibility for all aspects of the work. Joint venture and cooperative proposals will not be considered. Subcontractors are permitted, provided that their use is clearly indicated in the vendor's proposal, and the subcontractor(s) to be used is identified in the proposal.

The purchase of services under an award made pursuant to this RFP will be contingent on the availability of funds.

Vendors are advised that all materials submitted to the University of Rhode Island for consideration in response to this RFP will be considered to be public records, as defined in Title 38 Chapter 2 of

the Rhode Island General Laws, without exception, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request, once an award has been made.

Interested parties are instructed to peruse the Division of Purchases website on a regular basis, as additional information relating to this solicitation may be released in the form of an addendum to this RFP.

Equal Employment Opportunity (G.L. 1956 § 28-5.1-1, et seq.) – § 28-5.1-1  
Declaration of policy – (a) Equal opportunity and affirmative action toward its achievement is the policy of all units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities, and in the classified, unclassified, and non-classified services of state employment. This policy applies to all areas where State dollars are spent, in employment, public services, grants and financial assistance, and in state licensing and regulation. For further information, contact the Rhode Island Equal Opportunity Office at (401) 222-3090.

In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 1.1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, no foreign corporation, a corporation without a Rhode Island business address, shall have the right to transact business in the state until it shall have procured a Certificate of Authority to do so from the Rhode Island Secretary of State (401-222-3040). *This is a requirement only of the selected vendor(s).*

The vendor should be aware of the State's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements, which address the State's goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements. For further information, contact the MBE Administrator at (401) 574-8253 or visit the website [www.mbe.ri.gov](http://www.mbe.ri.gov) or contact [charles.newton@doa.ri.gov](mailto:charles.newton@doa.ri.gov).

The University reserves the right to award to one or more offerers. The University also reserves the right to award this project based on pricing alone.

## **SECTION 2 – SCOPE OF WORK**

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

#### **INTENT:**

1. Our goal is to identify and support the expansion of other successful transportation workforce development programs at the 6-12 grade levels. Identify programs supported by transportation organizations and implementation by school systems throughout the United States.
2. To promote a greater understanding of transportation and transportation careers in support of a more strategic and structured approach for transportation workforce development. Create transportation related educational and experience pathways to increase the likelihood of individuals pursuing careers in transportation through the creation of programs that address an array of transportation career opportunities including, but not limited to construction, engineering, supply chain, maritime, freight, and green design.

## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Consultant Qualifications**

1. Understanding of construction career day and related workforce development events.
2. Knowledge and understanding of private sector and public sector transportation and transportation related careers.
3. Knowledge of providers and participants in construction career day and related workforce development events.
4. Provide specific examples of prior programs that you have participated in and or managed.

### **Experience**

1. Experience working with construction career day or related workforce development events
2. Experience with coordinating and managing construction career day and related workforce development events
3. Provide Specific examples and dates of events that reflect the required experience

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The first Construction Career Day (CCD) event was held in Texas in 1999 in recognition of the severe shortage of skilled workers in the highway construction industry. Sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Texas Department of Transportation and the Associated General Contractors of Texas, the four-day event was attended by just over 1,400 students. The first event was so successful that the concept was expanded to four additional states with impressive results. Recognizing the potential of these programs, members of the Texas CCD Planning Committee held informational meetings around the country in an effort to facilitate other CCD programs and offer support to states interested in sponsoring a CCD event.

From its inception, Construction Career Day events have made an important contribution to transportation workforce development by introducing high school students to the transportation construction industry and supporting the pipeline of young people that will become the transportation professionals of tomorrow. For some years now, the FHWA Office of Civil Rights (HCR) had provided funding to the University of Rhode Island (URI) to support the Construction Career Day Program through the URI managed National Construction Career Days Center (NCCDC). The NCCDC has served as a clearinghouse of ideas and expertise supporting event planners, and providing results and best practices for CCD programs. With the encouragement and support of the NCCDC, CCD events touched over 500,000 students through over 600 CCD events held across 44 states. In 2013, HRC discontinued its support of the URI CCD activity and the NCCDC.

The Office of Technical Services Technology Partnership Programs (OTS TPP) is the lead FHWA office for transportation workforce development. OTS TPP manages the Transportation Education Development Program, the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Education Program, and the Local Technical Assistance and Tribal Technical Assistance Program. These programs provide a focus transportation workforce development throughout the workforce continuum of K-12 to professional development for transportation workers.

The CCD program has a long history of success and contribution of providing high school students with a better understanding of highway design and construction which aligns with the OTS TPP role and responsibility for transportation workforce development. The Construction Career Day program an important transportation program will be severely compromised without the continued URI involvement and support of the NCCDC to provide a central national collection point for data, information exchange, successful practices and technical expertise. This central focus and leadership is important to help to revive, maintain and expand the NCCDC program. There is also an opportunity to utilize the existing network of CCD Program managers from across the US to identify, promote, and implement other transportation workforce development programs at the K-12 level with a focus on grades 6-12.

With the increasing number of baby boom retirements and serious questions about the transportation industry's ability to prepare the next generation of transportation workers, it is important that a proven, effective and long institutionalized workforce development program like CCD continue and expand.

#### **GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED:**

1. Monthly progress reports on the activities and developments in support of the program outreach activities and accomplishments in support of the Agreement goals.
2. Assist in the development of a draft report on the information submitted by the CCD managers relating to successful transportation workforce programs and activities that describes the full inventory of value added programs and activities including the information necessary to create a "How-To" guide for each activity, e.g. who is involved in the events/programs?; what resources are required?; what other activities/organizations in the respective states are hosting similar activities? **Report due by September 30, 2015.**
3. Provide the State and local CCD managers with copies of the completed inventory within 7 months of the award.
4. Assist in the development a report that summarizes the activities the CCD managers believe would likely result in increasing student interest in careers in transportation in their area/region/state, and which activities they are planning to implement, as well as what the CCD managers believe to be the reasons, barriers, issues associated with the workforce programs that they do not plan to implement. **Provide this report by September 30, 2015 .**
5. By the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, the contractor must submit an accounting of the activities of the previous month, including a short narrative description of the activities, successes and need for improvement, quantity, names and affiliation of attendees, any specific information specified in the statement of work, and percentage of each task completed during said month.

## **PROJECT KEY COMPONENTS:**

- Task 1:** Update the contact list of key CCD program state and local representatives, and related events throughout the United States. Compile a list of interview participants.
- Task 2:** Dialog with the CCD event coordinators for input which can be used to further develop the transportation career pathway concept.
- Task 3:** Participate in the development and execution of a survey to gather and validate CCD, and workforce development and program information:
- Prepare survey questionnaires
  - Contact all potential participants alerting them to the upcoming survey
  - Assist in the development of inventory of value added events and resources requirements (data and analyze the results)
  - Assist in survey follow-up: Determine from the CCD managers:
    - Which activities would likely result in increasing student interest in careers in transportation?
    - Which activities are planned for implementation?
    - Are there additional activities that would expand the number of effective workforce development programs?
- Task 4:** Assist in the preparation of “Best Practice” guides for each program/activity identified.
- Task 5:** Web Enhancements: Assist in applying the survey results to enhance the NCCDC website to create include these activities:
- Assist in the creation of a “Pathway’s Best Practice” page on the NCCDC website to be populated from the survey information collected and updated as new programs are identified and new information becomes available.
  - Assist in development of best practices for workforce recruitment, retention and development on the website.
  - Continue to utilize the CCD program managers’ network to gather individual success stories, to include on the NCCDC website for the duration of the award.
- Task 6:** Participate, if called upon, in meeting with funding agency to discuss how this project will interface with other workforce development efforts of DOT.
- Note:** **All documentation of workshops and guidelines outlined in this RFP and the final report are due by September 30, 2015 as well as any other deliverables required by the funding agency.**

### **SECTION 3 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

Responses will be evaluated in two parts. Part one will require the technical submission and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

The Technical Proposal must contain the following sections:

1. Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is intended to highlight the contents of the Technical Proposal and to provide University evaluators with a broad understanding of the offeror's technical approach and ability.

2. Capability, Capacity, and Qualifications of the Offeror

This section shall include identification of all staff and/or subcontractors proposed as members of the project team, and the duties, responsibilities, and concentration of effort which apply to each (as well as resumes, curricula vitae or statements of prior experience and qualification).

3. Work Plan/Approach Proposed

This section shall describe the offeror's understanding of the University's requirement, including the result(s) intended and desired, the approach and/or methodology to be employed and a work plan for accomplishing the results proposed. The description of approach shall discuss and justify the approach proposed to be taken for each task, and the technical issues that will or maybe confronted at each stage on the project. The work plan description shall include a detailed proposed project schedule (by task and subtask), a list of tasks, activities, and/or milestones that will be employed to administer the project, the assignment of staff members and concentration of effort for each, and the attributable deliverables for each and will identify and describe what type of tutor training methodology will be utilized in the program.

4. Previous Experience and Background, including the following information:

- i. A comprehensive listing of similar projects undertaken and/or similar clients served, including a brief description of the projects;
- ii. A description of the business background of the offeror (and all subcontractors proposed), including a description of their financial position.

#### **SECTION 4 COST PROPOSAL**

A separate, signed and sealed, Cost Proposal reflecting the fee structure proposed for this scope of service.

Identify all costs associated for performing all services necessary to accomplish the objectives of the contract. The Vendor is to submit a fully detailed budget that establishes the fully burdened (to include all personnel related costs and allocated administrative costs) hourly billing rates for each staff person supporting the program, which shall be applied to the total actual hours committed by each staff person, as reported by the consultant in the monthly report, to determine compensation to the contractor for the month.

Costs other than the direct costs of the consultant will be borne by the URITC or others. The contractor will provide a budget and budget justification to be used for out of pocket expenses in accordance with State and Federal grant guidelines. For the purpose of developing a cost proposal break down the level of effort and cost to deliver each task as follows:

# RFP7060 Cost Proposal

Task	Estimated Level of Effort (in hours)	Deliverables	Estimated Cost	Percentage of Time
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Total Estimated cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_ +

Vendors please provide an itemized list of hourly rates for each person whose salaries are included in the estimated cost of this Cost Proposal.

***Instructions:***

Estimated Level of Effort: hours required to complete the task given an estimated six month project time frame.

Deliverables: listing of the products that will be produced or delivered, including newsletters, workshops, flyers, etc. if appropriate per task

Estimated Cost: lump sum amount which is the combination of salaries and costs for deliverables.

Percentage of Time: determined by dividing hours per task by total hours.

NOTE: The durations of time indicated in the cost proposal form represent the estimated duration of services required over a six month period. This service scope will be used for the purposes of evaluation of the RFP proposals. The actual level of effort may vary depending upon project funding and schedule of work.

**PROPOSAL QUESTIONS & SUBMISSION**

Questions concerning this solicitation may be e-mailed to the Purchasing Department at [URIPurchasing@uri.edu](mailto:URIPurchasing@uri.edu) no later than the time and date indicated on page 1 of this solicitation. Please reference the RFP No. on all correspondence. Questions should be submitted in a Microsoft Word attachment. Answers to questions received, if any, will be posted on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information.

Offerors are encouraged to submit written questions to the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Department. **No other contact with University parties will be permitted.** Interested offers may submit proposals to provide the services covered by this Request on or before the date and time listed on the cover page of this solicitation. Responses received after this date and time, as registered by the official time clock in the reception area of the University of Rhode Island Purchasing Department will not be considered.

Responses (**a original plus 3 copies**) should be mailed or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope marked "RFP# 7060" to

MAIL TO:

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
PO BOX 1773  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
PLAINS ROAD  
KINGSTON, RI 02881

COURIER:

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
581 PLAINS ROAD  
KINGSTON, RI 02881-2010

NOTE: Proposals received after the above-referenced due date and time will not be considered. Proposals misdirected to other University locations or which are otherwise not presented in the URI Purchasing Department by the scheduled due date and time will be determined to be late and will not be considered. Proposals faxed, or emailed, to the URI Purchasing Department will not be considered. The "official" time clock is located in the reception area URI Purchasing Department. **(Please be advised that FedEx/UPS do not always arrive by 10:30 am, you would be smart to send your submission to arrive at least one day early)**

**RESPONSE CONTENTS**

Responses should include the following:

- A completed and signed URI Bidder Certification Form included with this proposal.

- A **separate Technical Proposal** (total number of copies indicated above) describing the background, qualifications, and experience with and for similar programs, as well as the work plan or approach proposed for this requirement.
- A single **separate, signed and sealed, Cost Proposal** reflecting the fee structure proposed for this scope of service.
- In addition to the multiple hard copies of the technical proposals required, Respondents are requested to provide their proposal in electronic format (CDRom, Diskette or flash drive). Microsoft Word / Excel OR PDF format is preferable. Only 1 electronic copy is requested.

**SECTION 5 - EVALUATION AND SELECTION**

Proposals will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee which will evaluate and score all proposals, using the following criteria. To advance to the Cost Evaluation phase, the Technical Proposal must receive a minimum of 60 (85.7%) out of a maximum of 70 technical points. Any technical proposals scoring less than 60 points will not have the cost component opened and evaluated. The proposal will be dropped from further consideration.

Proposals scoring 60 technical points or higher will be evaluated for cost and assigned up to a maximum of 30 points in cost category, bringing the potential maximum score to 100 points.

The University of Rhode Island reserves the exclusive right to select the individual(s) or firm (vendor) that it deems to be in its best interest to accomplish the project as specified herein; and conversely, reserves the right not to fund any proposal(s).

Proposals will be reviewed and scored based upon the following criteria:

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>
<b>Staff Qualifications</b>	<b>25 Points</b>
<b>Capability, Capacity and Qualifications of Offeror</b>	<b>15 Points</b>
<b>Quality of Work Plan</b>	<b>15 Points</b>
<b>Suitability of Approach/Methodology</b>	<b>15 Points</b>
<b>Total Possible Technical Points</b>	<b>75 Points</b>
Cost calculated as lowest responsive cost proposal divided by (this cost proposal) times 30 points*	<b>30 Points</b>
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100 Points</b>

\*The Low bidder will receive one hundred percent (100%) of the available points for cost. All other bidders will be awarded cost points based upon the following formula:

$$(\text{low bid} / \text{vendors bid}) * \text{available points}$$

For example: If the low bidder (Vendor A) bids \$65,000 and Vendor B bids \$100,000 for monthly cost and service fee and the total points available are Thirty (30), Vendor B's cost points are calculated as follows:

$$\$65,000 / \$100,000 * 30 = 19.5$$

Points will be assigned based on the offeror's clear demonstration of his/her abilities to complete the work, apply appropriate methods to complete the work, create innovative solutions and quality of past performance in similar projects.

Applicants may be required to submit additional written information or be asked to make an oral presentation before the technical review committee to clarify statements made in their proposal.

## **CONCLUDING STATEMENTS**

Notwithstanding the above, the University reserves the right not to award this contract or to award on the basis of cost alone, to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to award in its best interest.

Proposals found to be technically or substantially non-responsive at any point in the evaluation process will be rejected and not considered further.

The University may, at its sole option, elect to require presentation(s) by offerors clearly in consideration for award.

The Board's General Conditions of Purchase contain the specific contract terms, stipulations and affirmations to be utilized for the contract awarded to the RFP and can be found at the following <http://www.ribghe.org/procurementregs113006.pdf>

## **INSURANCE**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG) FOR HIGHER EDUCATION GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE, INSURANCE CERTIFICATES ARE REQUIRED FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION, GENERAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND AUTO INSURANCE. UPON NOTICE OF TENTATIVE AWARD, THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S) WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE NAMING THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AS ADDITIONAL INSURED, BY A FIRM AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.