



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) – BID# 7549206

ON-CALL LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY CONSULTANT SERVICES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 at 11:30 AM (ET)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: NO
 YES Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ET)

Mandatory: NO
 YES: Any vendor who intends to submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation must have its designated representative attend the mandatory pre-bid conference. The representative must register at the pre-bid conference and disclose the identity of the vendor whom he/she represents. Because attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory, a vendor's failure to attend and register at the pre-bid conference shall result in disqualification of the vendor's bid proposal as non-responsive to the solicitation.

Location: **R I DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**
 ONE CAPITOL HILL - CONFERENCE ROOM "B" (2ND FLOOR)
 PROVIDENCE, RI

Buyer Name: *Lisa Hill*
Title: **CHIEF BUYER**

QUESTIONS Prospective bidders are hereby notified that all questions pertaining to this contract must be submitted to the Department of Transportation in writing through its website at <http://www.dot.ri.gov/contracting/bids> by accessing the questions & answers menu located within the 'contracting', then 'bidding opportunities' link. Response to the submitted questions will also be posted under this link as an addendum as appropriate. Phone calls will not be accepted.

SURETY REQUIRED: NO

BOND REQUIRED: NO

DISK BASED BID: NO
 YES: See attached Disk Based Bidding Information

NOTE TO VENDORS:
Vendors must register on-line at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov. Offers received without the completed three-page Rhode Island Vendor Information Program (RIVIP) Generated Bidder Certification Cover Form attached may result in disqualification.

THIS IS NOT A BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Intermodal Planning Division

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST/TECHNICAL PROPOSALS

Letters of Interest / Technical Proposals (LOI/TECH) are hereby solicited by the Rhode Island Department of Administration/ Division of Purchases on behalf of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to acquire professional consultant services for:

**ON-CALL LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) CONSULTANT SERVICES:
To Provide Project Development Assistance and Oversight for Federally Funded LPA
Projects on Behalf of the RIDOT Intermodal Planning Division
DBE GOAL: 10%**

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) provides funding for activities that include: On road/off road pedestrian and bicycle facilities; infrastructure projects to improve/enhance non-driver mobility; community improvement programs; environmental mitigation; recreational trails projects; and safe routes to school.

In these smaller scale, non-traditional transportation projects RIDOT utilizes, where practicable, a Local Public Agency (LPA) project management approach. Under this approach, management of locally conceived projects occurs at the local level and RIDOT's role is to ensure state and federal regulatory compliance. Similarly, RIDOT utilizes an LPA management approach under certain circumstances in the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program and, at times, may choose LPA management under other transportation program offerings or grant award activities. RIDOT also requires direct project development under these program offerings in those instances where an LPA approach is not warranted or feasible.

*In an effort to ensure compliance with all federal regulations and state procurement guidelines, RIDOT is seeking to acquire the on-call services of a multi-disciplined consultant firm to provide project development assistance and field oversight on behalf of RIDOT to municipalities and non-profit agencies managing federally funded projects. The selected **LPA CONSULTANT** shall either A) perform or B) procure the services of a qualified consultant firm to provide project services which shall include, at a minimum, planning, study and development, landscape architecture, and architectural and/or engineering tasks. The selected **LPA CONSULTANT** will work under the direction of the Chief Engineer and the RIDOT Intermodal Planning Division in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, other State Agencies and Municipalities, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) as required.*

*PRIME Respondents must demonstrate a minimum of **FIVE (5) YEARS** architectural and/or engineering experience, working knowledge of all State and Federal laws, RIDOT design and construction policies, procedures and standard specifications; as well as an understanding of the TAP and CMAQ Programs, along with other transportation program offerings and grant award activities primarily involving LPA customers under the current MAP-21 federal funding. Services to be provided under this Contract shall include project planning, study and development; landscape architecture, and architectural and/or engineering tasks. PRIME Firms not providing all services may procure the services of a qualified Sub-Consultant firm(s) to provide the required services.*

MAXIMUM CONTRACT TERM/ VALUE: To maintain the intent of the BROOKS ACT (40 U.S.C.1101-1104) in promoting open competition and selection, for **on-call (indefinite delivery/ indefinite quantity [IDIQ])** type contracting a maximum length of contract and maximum dollar amount of contract must be defined within the solicitation and contract provisions. Specifically, as defined under Proposed Rules cited under 23 CFR Parts 172.9(3)(i)(ii) published in the Federal Register dated September 4, 2012, any on-call solicitation (1) shall not exceed a maximum contract term of FIVE (5) YEARS, including the number and period of any allowable contract extensions; and 2) shall specify a maximum total contract amount which may be awarded under said contract. Should additional services be required after an established

threshold has been met, the project shall then be re-solicited to select the most qualified firm(s) for the extended services needed.

Accordingly, under this solicitation for on-call services, RIDOT anticipates the award of **ONE (1) CONTRACT** that will have a contract completion date of **TWO (2) YEARS** after the date of authorization to commence work. The initial contract award amount will be **\$500,000.00** for services performed under the defined contract term. Should the State, after expenditure of this sum, find further need for the Consultant's services, such services may be extended annually for an additional **THREE (3) YEARS** in accordance with the established federal regulation; the maximum term of this contract may not exceed a maximum dollar amount of \$1,250,000.00.

NEGOTIATION / FIXED FEE: "Post" contract award, RIDOT will delegate assignments to the selected LPA Consultant; at that time the LPA Consultant will negotiate proposed hours and fees for services requested with the RIDOT Intermodal Planning Section, which, pending acceptance by RIDOT, the final negotiated fees will "draw down" off of the initial contract amount. Negotiated salary costs must be in line with RIDOT salary caps and approved OH rates. Eligible negotiated costs can not exceed an additional 10% FIXED FEE. All other project expenditures must conform to current RIDOT policies and accepted procedures.

LOI/TECH submittals received must be in accordance with guidelines as outlined in this request and the State's General Conditions of Purchase which can be accessed online through the *Rhode Island Vendor Information Program*, or "RIVIP" as it is known, @

<http://www.purchasing.ri.gov>

All Respondents are advised to review all sections of this request thoroughly and to follow the instructions carefully. Failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection.

NOTE: *This is a Request for Letters of Interest combined with Technical Proposals, not an Invitation for Bid. Evaluation will be on the basis of the merits of the proposal submitted. There will be no public opening of responses received by the Division of Purchases pursuant to this solicitation other than to name those firms who have responded.*

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS TO RESPONDENTS:

- All Respondents **MUST** register online at the RIVIP's Internet website @ <http://www.purchasing.ri.gov>. This is the *Rhode Island Vendor Information Program* (RIVIP) website. A copy of the three-page certification form **MUST** be included in all proposals (original and copies) submitted to the State for consideration.
- A fully-completed signed *RIVIP Bidder Certification Cover Sheet* – All three pages **MUST** accompany EACH response submitted. Failure to make a complete submission inclusive of this three-page document may result in disqualification.
- Should there be a need for assistance in registering and/or downloading any document, call (401) 574-8100 and request the RIVIP HELP DESK technical assistance. Office Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.
- The State does not require E-VERIFY compliance in any of its purchasing and/or hiring of services; however, Respondents are hereby advised that in line with the Federal Acquisition Regulations any federal contract based on the services requested may require that the State obtain evidence of E-VERIFY compliance from the successful Respondent.
- The Rhode Island Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d - 2000d-4 and 49 C.F.R. Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of

1964, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all Respondents that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

- It is intended that an award pursuant to this RFP will be made to a PRIME Respondent who will assume all aspects of the work. Joint Venture(s) will not be considered, but sub-contract(s) are permitted, provided the Sub-Respondent(s) proposed are clearly identified along with the type of work to be performed in response to this RFP.
- All costs associated with developing or submitting documents in response to this solicitation and/or in providing oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the Respondent. The State assumes no responsibility for these costs.
- Respondents are advised that all materials submitted to the State for consideration will be considered to be public records as defined in RI Gen Laws 38-2, without exception, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award is made.
- Submissions in response to this solicitation are considered to be irrevocable for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days following the established due date and may not be withdrawn without the express written permission of the State Purchasing Agent.
- Responses misdirected to other State locations or which otherwise are not received by the State Division of Purchases by the established due date for any cause will be determined to be late and will not be considered. The office clock, for the purpose of registering the arrival of a document, is in the reception area of the Department of Administration (DOA), Division of Purchases, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.
- Respondents must possess a working familiarity with the guidelines outlined in the *Rhode Island Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2004*, and subsequent revisions, which is currently available on-line @ www.dot.ri.gov.
- Persons or firms practicing engineering services in the State of Rhode Island must possess a proper registration and/ or Certificate of Authorization at the time of submission and in accordance with RI Gen Laws 5-8. A copy of the current Rhode Island Certificate of Authorization FOR THE FIRM and current Rhode Island P.E. licenses, FOR THE INDIVIDUAL(S) who would perform the specified engineering services required **MUST BE INCLUDED BEHIND THE FRONT PAGE OF EACH COPY OF THE PROPOSAL.**

The State Board for Design Professionals can be contacted as follows:

Board for Design Professionals
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Building 68-2
Cranston, RI 02920

Telephone: (401) 462-9592
Fax: (401) 462-9532
Website: www.bdp.state.ri.us

- In accordance with RI Gen. Laws 7-1.1-1401, no **foreign corporation** (a corporation established other than in Rhode Island) has the right to transact business in this State until it has procured a Certificate of Authority to do so from the Office of the Secretary of State (401) 222-2357. **If applicable, a copy of Respondent's Certificate of Authority must be included as part of the submitted LOI/TECH located behind the front page of each copy of the proposal.**

Any Respondent who does NOT have a current Certificate of Authority for the firm MUST acknowledge non-compliance with this requirement and confirm *in writing* that, if selected for the project, will expedite acquisition of the Certificate of Authority prior to award. This letter of acknowledgement **MUST be included behind the front page of EACH COPY of the Proposal.**

- **This contract has been assigned a 10% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal.** In order to comply with this requirement, a detailed disclosure of RI certified DBE firm(s) and proposed task assignment(s) to be performed **MUST be included in LOI/TECH PROPOSAL SUBMISSION** along with a copy of current state certification letter(s). DBE certifications must be *approved* at the time of technical proposal submission to ensure DBE compliance and availability. The total cost of the DBE work assigned must meet or exceed **10%** of Total Contract costs. Be advised that this requirement will apply to total costs for the lifetime of the contract; PRIME Consultants will be responsible to submit a **MONTHLY DBE UTILIZATION REPORT** documenting aggregated **TOTAL** contract costs and **TOTAL** DBE participation to date. TWO (2) copies of the DBE Reporting documentation will be forwarded directly to the RIDOT/Office of Business and Community Resources as well as a copy included with pertinent monthly progress report/ invoice package.

A list of current Rhode Island State certified DBE firms may be obtained through the State's MBE Office website @ www.mbe.ri.gov. Any questions should be directed to:

RIDOT Office of Business and Community Resources
Room 110, Two Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 222-3260

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FORMS:

Besides the *RIVIP Bidder Certification Cover Sheet* -as required at the State level and obtained through the RIVIP website, RIDOT also requires that the following FIVE (5) FORMS be completed and included in your submission package in line with federal regulations and departmental policy. These FORMS will be reviewed for completeness and at the point of award will be made part of contract document.

- **DEBARMENT FORM:** Must be completed and signed by an authorized agent of your Agency.
- **LOBBYING FORM:** Enter known project information on PAGE 1 (DESCRIPTION etc.); Agency must complete FORM and submit signed by an authorized agent of your Agency.
- **CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** In line with directions stated, completed FORM(s) must be signed and submitted accordingly.
- **W-9 FORM:** Must be completed and signed by authorized agent of your Firm. *Form may be downloaded @ www.purchasing.ri.gov.*
- **CERTIFICATE FOR TITLE VI ASSURANCE:** Shall be fully completed and submitted accordingly.

ALL FORMS (Except W-9) ARE ATTACHED TO SOLICITATION AND MUST BE COMPLETED AND COPIES SUBMITTED ALONG WITH EACH TECHNICAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION. ("ORIGINAL" & COPIES). PLEASE NOTE, FOR W-9 FORM ONLY, ONE (1) UNBOUND "ORIGINAL" COPY IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF SUBMISSION. COPIES OF W-9 NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN INDIVIDUAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSALS:

Respondents are encouraged to please limit the size and volume of the documentation provided; the evaluation process will focus on the content of the 25 PAGE technical narrative so firms are encouraged to focus on this entry in preparing their submission. RIDOT requests spiral bound proposals please; the use of 3-RING binders is discouraged due to the limited storage capacity both at RIDOT and RIDOA.

Upon review of the Scope of Work (SOW), LOI/TECH submissions must include, at a minimum, the following information for RIDOT review and subsequent final selection recommendation:

- **Letter of Transmittal:** A Letter of Transmittal must accompany each response signed by an owner, officer, or other authorized agent of the firm.
- **RIVIP BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM:** ALL THREE (3) Pages MUST accompany each response submitted. Failure to make a complete submission of this document may result in disqualification. (SEE GENERAL NOTIFICATIONS).
- **Proposal Format:** LOI/TECH must be bound or contained in a single volume. All documentation submitted with the proposal must be contained in that single volume. LOI/TECH must be prepared on 8½" x 11" letter sized white paper sequentially numbered and limited in length to a total of **25 PAGES** – exclusive of exhibits, which must be tabbed and included in the bound submission. Font size shall be a minimum of 12 POINTS for all submittals. ALL documentation in excess of 25 PAGE MAXIMUM will be removed and discarded. LOI/TECH must contain a Table of Contents that cross-references each requirement with specific pages in the LOI/TECH submission.
- **RIDOT Scope of Work and Addenda:** Respondents shall include as part of LOI/TECH Proposal submission a copy of RIDOT'S original RFP and any supplemental Addenda, as applicable.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/ PAST PERFORMANCE/ CURRENT WORKLOAD

- **Company Introduction:** Respondents are to include a complete description of the firm and other relevant information documenting organizational structure and expertise specific to architectural/ engineering services.
- **Relevant Firm Experience:** Respondents are to include a listing of the firm's projects similar in concept to the projects being proposed. *PRIME Respondents must demonstrate **a minimum of FIVE (5) YEARS architectural and/or engineering experience*** as well as describe the experience of the Project Team.

Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least THREE (3) previous clients who are familiar with the services provided by your firm must be included. This information is required not only for the Respondent but also for any key sub-consultants to be assigned to project. By so listing, specific permission is granted to RIDOT to contact said individuals to verify the satisfactory performances of services provided. Respondent acknowledges that RIDOT is granted specific permission to discuss past performance of Respondent and any of its proposed team members on any projects.

- **Current Workload:** Respondents must include a current listing of projects contracted to perform and anticipated completion dates. This may include only those projects assigned to your firm's Architectural/Engineering design section.
- **Performance Record:** RIDOT will take into consideration not only the quality of previous work performed but also the timeliness of requested submissions and adherence to project schedule.

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS / PROJECT TEAM

- **Staff Qualifications:** RIDOT seeks the services of an experienced architectural and engineering firm to design numerous work assignments performed concurrently. Services must be provided in the following disciplines: ***project planning, study and development; landscape architecture, and architectural and/or engineering, construction management, materials testing and***

construction and materials quality and assurance. Firms not providing all services may procure the services of a qualified Sub-Consultant firm to provide such services.

The firm selected must designate a Project Manager with the authority and expertise to assign personnel to specific tasks and to schedule tasking to complete tasks as required. The Project Manager must be flexible in his/her approach to this contract.

Respondents are to include 1) a listing of experienced personnel currently on staff, 2) resumes of proposed personnel to be assigned to this project, including identification of the Project Manager and 3) the approximate percentage of each employee's time to be expended on this project.

Management of this contract will be under RIDOT'S Intermodal Planning Division responsible for approval of all staff assigned to the project. RIDOT must be informed in writing of any changes in personnel at any time during the contract term. RIDOT reserves the right to reject personnel and/or if in the event key personnel are no longer available, RIDOT reserves the right to terminate the contract.

- **Organizational Chart** of the proposed project team must be included. The Respondent shall describe how the proposed organizational structure addresses the full scope of this project. Project Management and assigned services shall be documented on chart provided. Additionally, please include name of Project Manager assigned each organization cited on chart.
- **Standard Federal Form 330** (effective 6/8/04) must be completed by the Prime Respondent only and included in each LOI/TECH Proposal. Access to this current form may be obtained through the following website: www.gsa.gov.
- **Sub-Consultant(s):** The Respondent must disclose the identity and work arrangements established between the Prime and proposed Sub-Consultant firm(s), if any, to be assigned to this project. Full disclosure of the proposed project team requires 1) a listing of experienced personnel currently on staff, 2) resumes of proposed personnel to be assigned to this project, including identification of the key Project Manager, and 3) the approximate percentage of each employee's time to be expended on this project. Please include Cover Letter from SUB to PRIME prefacing each sub-consultant proposal provided.

PROJECT APPROACH / WORK PLAN AND PROJECT SCHEDULE

- **Project Approach:** Since tasks are undefined at this time, Respondents must provide a detailed technical synopsis of *anticipated* design services as cited under **highlighted Task on PAGE 10** of the attached SCOPE OF WORK.
- **Work Plan and Project Schedule:** Discuss your firm's ability to respond and the process for responding to on-call requests for the services associated with a broad range of likely assignments as described in the Scope of Work to follow. Provide your answer in terms of response time and turnaround capabilities.

FIRM'S SUITABILITY TO PROJECT

- **Firm's Suitability to Project Needs:** As part of the evaluation process, RIDOT will take into consideration the size and scope of the project proposed in determining the technical suitability of a firm to provide the requested services. RIDOT will assess each firm's technical capacity and relative firm size in relationship to the level of project complexity and scope.

DBE PARTICIPATION

- **Mandatory RI DBE Certification Requirement:** This contract has been assigned a 10% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal. Evaluation will include a review of the proposed RI certified DBE firm(s) and proposed task assignment(s) to be performed under this Contract. DBE certifications must be *approved* at the time of technical proposal submission to ensure DBE compliance and availability.

A list of current Rhode Island State certified DBE firms may be obtained through the State's MBE Office website @ www.mbe.ri.gov

- **Supplemental Technical Information:** Respondents are encouraged to submit any other technical information deemed useful to provide RIDOT with sufficient information to evaluate the firm's qualifications to perform the requested services.

Once a Final Selection recommendation has been determined, the *selected* Consultant will be required to submit the following documentation to RIDOT for review and acceptance **prior to contract award:**

- **Commitment to Affirmative Action:** Respondents must provide a copy of their firm's current Affirmative Action Plan to the State EEO Office for compliance review and approval.
- **Financial Status:** The selected Consultant will be required to submit a ***Financial Review Report*** to RIDOT for review and entry into the Consultant's file for duration of contract term. If your firm already has audited financial statements, you may submit them in lieu of a Review Report. All financial documentation submitted will be kept confidential and on permanent file in the Contracts & Specifications Office.

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

Interested parties are encouraged to attend a Pre-Proposal Meeting to be held on December 17, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the RI Department of Administration, Conference Room "B", One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

Any questions relative to the Scope of Work (SOW) as well as any questions regarding RIDOT procedures and proposal format will be addressed at the Pre-Proposal Meeting.

A summary of the Pre-Proposal Meeting will be posted on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information.

Persons requesting the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired may obtain those services by calling (401) 222-4971 forty eight (48) hours in advance of the scheduled Meeting.

PROPOSAL QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Any pertinent questions subsequent to this solicitation may be posted at the RIDOT'S "Bidding Opportunities" web page accessible at: <http://www.dot.ri.gov/contracting/bids> and follow the link to "?" to submit questions for this solicitation. Responses to questions submitted for the subject project will also be posted under the same questions menu.

A determination will be made by the RIDOT, in coordination with the Division of Purchases, whether an addendum will be required. The Q & A Forum will disable 5 FULL CALENDAR DAYS prior to the due date for this project. Therefore, questions will not be accepted **after NOON on JANUARY 1, 2015.**

Upon review of the Scope of Work (SOW), an **“Original” and SIX (6) copies** of completed LOI/TECH PROPOSAL submissions should be sent to the Division of Purchases by the specified deadline to the address listed below. RIDOT recommends that the Technical Proposal submission also be submitted not only in hard copy form but also on CD-ROM. Clearly labeled CD ROM should be attached to the **inside cover of each Proposal submission**. RIDOT recommends that the electronic version of said Proposals be submitted in Adobe PDF format

Requested documentation is to be either mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope marked: ***BID # 7549206 – ON-CALL LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) CONSULTANT SERVICES*** by **JANUARY 7, 2015 no later than 11:30 A.M.** to:

BY COURIER OR MAIL:
RI Department of Administration
Division of Purchases (2nd fl)
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5855

NOTE: Proposals received after the above referenced due date and time will not be considered.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION:

Detailed LOI/TECH submittals will be evaluated by RIDOT through the standard Consultant Selection Process. A Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) will be convened comprised of members of the RIDOT Division responsible for the project under consideration. A written evaluation and ranking of each proposal will be prepared by the TEC incorporating factors based on the following:

<u>TECHNICAL SELECTION CRITERIA:</u>	
<p>1. PROJECT APPROACH inclusive of "on-call" response time and turnaround capabilities.</p> <p><u>Technical Presentation to include:</u></p> <p><i>Respondents are to provide a detailed technical synopsis of potential LPA Consultant services as cited under highlighted suggested task on Page 10 of the attached SCOPE OF WORK</i></p>	0 - 25 POINTS MAX
2. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS	0 - 20 POINTS MAX
3. PAST PERFORMANCE in terms of quality of work, timeliness of submissions and adherence to project schedule	0 - 20 POINTS MAX
4. CURRENT WORKLOAD	0 - 15 POINTS MAX
5. PAST / RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	0 - 10 POINTS MAX
6. FIRM'S SUITABILITY TO LEVEL OF PROJECT COMPLEXITY	0 - 5 POINTS MAX
7. DBE PARTICIPATION in terms of disclosure of RI certified DBE Firm(s) and assigned tasks	0 - 5 POINTS MAX
MAXIMUM SCORE	100 POINTS MAX

Evaluation will also consider commitment to Affirmative Action and DBE Participation. Upon completion of the written evaluation of all LOI/TECH submissions, the Technical Evaluation Committee may, at its discretion, contact the top-ranked candidate firm(s) to be called for formal interviews. Such interviews will be factored into the final evaluation and ranking of candidates.

The TEC'S final selection recommendation will then submitted to the RIDOT Advisory Consultant Selection Panel for consideration and approval. With the support of the Director of Transportation, the final RIDOT selection recommendation will be presented to the State's Architectural / Engineering Consultant Services Selection Committee for consideration. Upon final selection approval from the Director of Administration, all respondents will be notified that a final selection has been made.

NEGOTIATION / AUDIT STATUS

The selected Consultant(s) will be directed to submit a formal financial proposal to the RIDOT, and negotiations will be completed on a cost plus fixed fee basis. The selected Consultant(s) and/or Sub-consultant(s) may be required to undergo a pre-negotiation audit conducted by the RIDOT Audit Division. Pre-negotiation audits may be waived when and if sufficient and current audited cognizant data is available through a previous audit performed by another State/Federal agency or an audit performed by another local governmental agency. This use of an independent audit must be submitted, reviewed and deemed acceptable by RIDOT Audit Division prior to contract award.

CONTRACT AWARD

Contractual arrangements will be established on a cost plus 10 % fixed fee basis. The successful Respondent must be prepared to provide necessary data to support all costs associated with project expenditures.

Notwithstanding the above, the State reserves the right to accept or reject any or all options, bids, proposals and to act in its best interest.

At any point during the review process, any proposal found to be substantially non-responsive will be dropped from further consideration.

The State may, at its sole option, elect to require presentation(s) by respondents clearly in consideration for award. Other submissions, certifications, or affirmations may be required, as appropriate.

The State reserves the right to make an award or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals based on what it considers to be in its best interest.

SCOPE OF WORK

FOR

ON-CALL LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) CONSULTANT SERVICES:

To Provide Project Development Assistance and Oversight for Federally Funded LPA Projects on Behalf of the RIDOT Intermodal Planning Division

INTRODUCTION:

RIDOT is seeking to acquire multi-disciplinary services of a qualified consultant firm (**LPA CONSULTANT**) to provide the requested direct project development or indirect project development through Local Public Agency (LPA) oversight of planning, study and development, architectural and/or engineering tasks. The selected **LPA CONSULTANT** shall either A) perform or B) procure the services of a qualified consultant firm to provide project services which shall include at a minimum planning, study

and development, landscape architecture, architectural and/or engineering tasks. The selected **LPA CONSULTANT** will work under the direction of the Chief Engineer and the RIDOT Intermodal Planning Division in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, other State Agencies and Municipalities, and applicable Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) as required.

PRIME Respondents must demonstrate **a minimum of FIVE (5) YEARS architectural and/or engineering experience**, working knowledge of all State and Federal laws as well as RIDOT'S design and construction policies, procedures and standard specifications; as well as an understanding of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Programs and compliance assurance and monitoring responsibilities utilized in locally managed projects. As stated herein, in accordance with RI General Laws, the selected firm must maintain the required registration in the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer for the defined contract term.

Maximum Contract Term/ Value: The initial contract award amount will be **\$500,000.00** for services performed under a **2 YEAR** contract term. In accordance with 23 CFR Parts 172.9(3)(i)(ii), should the State, after expenditure of the initial contract sum, find further need for the Consultant's services, such services may be extended annually for an additional **THREE (3) YEARS**; the maximum term of this contract may not exceed a maximum dollar amount **\$1,250,000.00**.

Negotiation of Fees: "Post" contract award, RIDOT will delegate assignments to the selected **LPA CONSULTANT**; at *that time* the **LPA CONSULTANT** will negotiate proposed hours and fees for services requested with the RIDOT Intermodal Planning Division, which, pending acceptance by RIDOT, the final negotiated fees will "draw down" off of the initial contract amount. Negotiated costs must be in line with RIDOT approved salary and overhead (OH) rates; all other project expenditures must conform to current RIDOT policies and accepted procedures.

Fixed Fee: Eligible negotiated costs can not exceed an additional **10% FIXED FEE**.

LPA PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The estimated number of LPA projects, including a new "Call for Projects" during the maximum contract term, would be 16 to 20. A typical project averages around \$400,000 in construction costs. Funding for these anticipated LPA project development and oversight services will fall primarily within the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), along with other transportation program offerings and Grant award activities involving LPA customers under the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21).

LPA CONSULTANT AGREES:

1. To act as the selected **LPA CONSULTANT** at the direction of the Chief Engineer and the Chief of the Intermodal Planning Division, or his/her designee, within RIDOT in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, applicable City and Town Municipalities and other State Agencies as required.

Suggested project task: Tailor the project approach around addressing the needs inherent within a hypothetical LPA Project that proposes ½ mile of sidewalk reconstruction on each side of a quaint Rhode Island mill village main street, as well as design of ½ acre river access "Gateway Park" (with pathways to an existing dock) adjacent to a post-industrial river where a textile mill once stood. Assume the municipality has engaged their consultant services and local expectations are high. The budget for this hypothetical project is fixed at \$500,000 and no additional funding is available from any other federal, state or local sources.

2. Upon request by RIDOT for a specific LPA project, as directed by the Project Manager of the Intermodal Planning Division, **LPA CONSULTANT** will perform the following:

- **Project Planning/Study and Development:** Initial review of a project concept for the purpose of scoping and assessing environmental impact and to allow for informed decisions on project feasibility during the design phase. Sample services may include the following; constructability and cost review; project planning, study and development; landscape architecture; architectural and engineering construction management.
 - **Design Review Oversight:** Review preliminary and final engineering, architectural and landscape architectural design work performed by municipalities, non-profit agencies, other State Agencies and quasi-State agencies; including work prepared by their Consultants for conformance to RIDOT standards and specifications, where applicable, Federal and State practices for LPA programs, manuals procedures, and guidelines.
 - **Permitting:** Facilitating timely submissions of applications for all required Federal, State and local permits on the part of the LPA.
 - **Construction Advertising and Contract Award:** Oversight and/or approval of LPA final plans, specifications and estimates (PS & E); review and approval of LPA construction contract books and contract addenda; LPA bid advertising process; representing the RIDOT at LPA pre-bid conferences; LPA bid tabulations; and assisting RIDOT in ensuring LPA bid awards conform to Federal and State laws, regulations and guidelines.
 - **QA/ QC:** Oversight of LPA construction quality assurance measures to include but not necessarily is limited to: assisting LPA in development of materials testing schedules; supplementing LPA or RIDOT construction inspection forces; where directed, providing or supplementing LPA or RIDOT materials testing forces.
3. To perform other and similar services, in addition to or in amendment of the above, as shall be mutually agreed upon by the **LPA CONSULTANT** and RIDOT.
 4. To provide design services when directed by RIDOT'S Intermodal Planning Division Project Manager on behalf of an LPA.
 5. To provide design services for RIDOT when directed by RIDOT'S Intermodal Planning Division Project Manager.
 6. To permit RIDOT to review, at any time, all work performed under the terms of this Contract at any stage of the work, and to conform to all instructions and directives that may be issued by RIDOT.
 7. To be responsible for the proper performance of the functions, duties, and services under this Contract, to furnish in such numbers at such time, and in such manner as RIDOT shall require, the services of personnel experienced in the pertinent fields of planning, study and development, landscape architecture, architectural and/or engineering tasks as applicable together with permitting, administrative and clerical personnel. Any person who, in RIDOT's opinion, is considered to be inexperienced, uncooperative, or whose services are not needed, or whose separation from the work would be in RIDOT's best interest, shall be removed from the project payroll immediately upon RIDOT request.
 8. To establish and maintain throughout the life of this Contract an office in or near Providence, Rhode Island, for the purpose of performing the work required, and also to assume all costs thereof, including all costs incidental to moving personnel to said office.
 9. Upon request, the **LPA CONSULTANT** will furnish RIDOT with statements as to the experience record of any person employed under this Contract and the anticipated or actual duties to be performed by that person.

10. To keep separate accounts on an individual design project basis of all costs for engineering services under the terms of this Contract as performed by the LPA Consultant, and to submit to RIDOT certified copies of payrolls and vouchers to be subject to audit by examination of the original records of the **LPA CONSULTANT** by RIDOT.
11. To ensure that requirements for drafting, plan materials, plats, etc. will be in accordance with applicable RIDOT Design Policy Memos, TAC's and related RIDOT guidance.
12. To provide monthly progress reports required in accordance with Design Section Policy. Briefly, progress reports must outline work accomplished; hours and costs expended; outstanding questions which require resolution. Payment invoices will be processed only if the required progress reports are current.

RIDOT AGREES:

1. To furnish to the **LPA CONSULTANT** copies of State and Federal policies, manuals, publications, standards, forms, and data required to carry out the work under the terms of this Contract (***SEE ATTACHMENT I FOR A LIST OF DESIGN CRITERIA AND LPA PROGRAM GUIDANCE***).

RIDOT AND THE LPA CONSULTANT ADDITIONALLY AGREE:

1. The field notes, records, computations, work sheets, drawings, highway data, correspondence, and all other property resulting from the operation of the **LPA CONSULTANT** will be the permanent property of RIDOT; the final payment by RIDOT to the **LPA CONSULTANT** will be withheld until such time as the **LPA CONSULTANT** transfers all property to RIDOT.
2. That in any case total payments by RIDOT to the **LPA CONSULTANT** under the terms of this Contract will not exceed **Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00)** and if RIDOT, after the expenditure of this sum, finds further need for the services of the LPA Consultant, such services may be authorized under conditions to be set forth in a supplemental agreement. The maximum contract term/value may not exceed established thresholds assigned this on-call Contract.
3. The **LPA CONSULTANT** will maintain the required registration in the State of Rhode Island as a Professional Engineer, Architect or Landscape Architect for the lifetime of this Contract.
4. As the work progresses, the workload handled by RIDOT may increase or decrease. RIDOT reserves the right to add or withdraw individual projects, or portions thereof under this Contract, in keeping with its workload, without regard to the status of completion of the individual projects.
5. When an individual project is removed from the work under this Contract, the **LPA CONSULTANT** will turn over to RIDOT all materials and records incidental thereto and will receive no further compensation for that project.
6. This initial Contract will have a completion date of **TWO (2) YEARS** after the date of authorization to commence work.
7. Monthly progress reports will be required in accordance with Design Section Policy. Briefly, progress reports must outline work accomplished; hours and costs expended; outstanding questions which require resolution. In addition, progress reports for this project must have work-hours and costs expended broken down for that month. Payment invoices will be processed only if the required progress reports are current. A copy of the updated DBE UTILIZATION REPORT shall also be included with monthly reporting.

-END OF SCOPE-

ATTACHMENT 1

Design Criteria for This Project: The following applicable design criteria are to be utilized in the development of all alternate solutions and the final detail design.

- 1) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 5th Edition. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, 2004.
- 2) AASHTO'S "Policy on Design Standards – Interstate System", July 1991.
- 3) 1999 AASHTO Guide to the Development of Bicycle Facilities - http://www.sccrtc.org/bikes/AASHTO_1999_BikeBook.pdf
- 4) 2004 AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities
- 5) Highway Capacity Manual, 2000.
- 6) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 2009.
- 7) Rhode Island Standard Specification for Road and Bridge Construction, 2004, with latest revisions
- 8) Rhode Island Standard Details, 1998 and the Bridge Design Standard Details, 2003 both with latest revisions.
- 9) Design Policy Memos, with latest revisions.
- 10) Rhode Island Bridge Design Manual
- 11) Rhode Island Traffic Design Manual
- 12) RIDOT CAD Standard Manual (2007)
- 13) 2008 RIDOT Highway Design Manual
- 14) Manual of Transportation Engineering Studies. Institute of Transportation Engineers, 2000.
- 15) Traffic Engineering Handbook, 6th Edition. Institute of Transportation Engineers, 2009.
- 16) Roundabouts: An Informational Guide. FHWA-RD-00-067, Federal Highway Administration, 2000.
- 17) AASHTO Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, 17th Edition 2002, including latest interim specifications
- 18) Rhode Island Department of Transportation Action Plan.
- 19) RI Department of Transportation Design Procedures for Pavement Design, with latest revisions.
- 20) Federal Aid Policy Guide Part 626.5, Pavement Design.
- 21) ANSI/AASHTO/AWS D 1.5-2002 Bridge Welding Code.
- 22) AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges 1983, including latest interim specifications.
- 23) Federal Aid Policy Guide, part 625, Design Standards for Highways.
- 24) 23 CFR part 650, "Bridges, Structures, and Hydraulics".
- 25) Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access, Part I, A Review of Existing Guidelines, www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sidewalks/
- 26) Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access, Part II, Best Practices Guide, www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/errata.htm
- 27) FHWA Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Research – provides information on issues and research related to pedestrian and bicycle safety: www.tfhrc.gov/safety/pedbike/index.htm
- 28) LPA National website, www.saferoutesinfo.org
- 29) ITE website, www.ite.org/accessible/ has information on accessible intersection design
- 30) Federal-Aid Essentials: <https://www.fhwa.gov/federal-aidessentials/>
- 31) LPA Essentials: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/lpa>

Certification for Federal-Aid Construction/Consultant Contracts

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 101-1210 SECTION 319 (DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES) THE PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANT CERTIFIES, BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THIS BID OR PROPOSAL, TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THAT:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her bid or proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

(R.I.D.O.T. APPENDIX C)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to Title 31, U.S.C. Section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in Item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in Item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number, Invitation for Bid (IFB) number, grant announcement number, the contract, grant, or loan award number, the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in Item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (Item 4) to the lobbying entity (Item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.
12. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment.
13. Check the appropriate box(es). Check all boxes that apply. If other, specify nature.
14. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) or employee(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.
15. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached.
16. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (03-48-00-46), Washington, D.C. 20503.

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 - 0348-0046
(see reverse for public burden disclosure)

<p>1. Type of Federal Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance</p>	<p>2. Status of Federal Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award</p>	<p>3. Report Type:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change</p> <p>For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Report Entity:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier ____, if known:</p> <p>Congressional District, if known: _____</p>	<p>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p> <p>Congressional District, if known: _____</p>	
<p>6. Federal Department Agency:</p>	<p>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</p> <p>CFDA Number, if applicable: _____</p>	
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p>	<p>9. Award Amount, if known:</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	
<p>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Entity:</p> <p>(if individual, last name, first name, mi): _____</p>	<p>10. b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a)</p> <p>(last name, first name, mi): _____</p>	
<p>11. Amount of Payment (check all that apply)</p> <p>\$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> actual <input type="checkbox"/> planned</p>	<p>13. Type of Payment (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. retainer <input type="checkbox"/> b. one-time fee <input type="checkbox"/> c. commission <input type="checkbox"/> d. contingent fee <input type="checkbox"/> e. deferred <input type="checkbox"/> f. other; specify: _____</p>	
<p>12. Form of Payment (check all that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. cash <input type="checkbox"/> b. in-kind; specify: nature _____ value _____</p>		
<p>14. Brief Description of Services Performed or to be Performed and Date(s) of Service, including officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) contracted, for Payment indicated in Item 11 (Attach Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A, if necessary):</p> 		
<p>15. Continuation Sheet(s) SF-LLL-A attached: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no</p>		
<p>16. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. this disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</p>	<p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Print Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Telephone No: _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p>For Federal use Only:</p>	<p>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL-A</p>	

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

CONTINUATION SHEET

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CONSULTANTS

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS
PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS FOR PRIME CONSULTANTS
AND LOWER TIER PARTICIPANTS (SUBCONSULTANTS ETC.)**

Appendix B - - certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION:

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility And Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Participants

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS
PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

In accordance with the code of Federal Regulations, Part 49 CFR Section 29.510, the prospective primary participant _____ (name of Authorized Agent), _____ (Title), being duly sworn (or under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States), certifies to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, that its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification;
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall list exceptions below.

Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but, will be considered in determining contractor responsibility. For any exception noted, indicate below to whom it applies, the initiating agency, and the dates of the action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions. If an exception is noted the contractor must contact the Department to discuss the exception prior to award of the contract.

Signature of Authorized Agent

Date

CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE POLICY

To ensure that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) maintains the continued confidence and trust of the people of Rhode Island in carrying out its mission, prospective vendors must disclose any family (or other personal) relationships, associations or connections that the vendor, its affiliates, or employees, may currently have with any RIDOT employee. A Conflicts Disclosure Statement shall be submitted to RIDOT from the following:

- ❖ Owners;
- ❖ Directors;
- ❖ Principals;
- ❖ Officers, board members, or individuals with corporate authority;
- ❖ If the vendor is a partnership, the applicant's partners;
- ❖ If the vendor is a limited liability company, its members and managers;
- ❖ Employees with decision-making authority, including executive directors, managers or individuals in a similar position with corporate authority; and
- ❖ Shareholders with a controlling interest.

The bidder shall include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (f) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto.

The bidder shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Department or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that in the event the bidder becomes involved in or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the bidder may request the Department to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Department and, in addition, the bidder may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.