

reserves the right to make changes or alterations to the schedule as the Department determines is in the best interests of the public. Proposers will be notified sufficiently in advance of any changes or alterations in the schedule. Unless otherwise notified in writing by the Department, the dates indicated below for submission of items or for other actions on the part of a Proposer shall constitute absolute deadlines for those activities and failure to fully comply by the time stated shall cause a Proposer to be disqualified.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Minimum # of Days</b>	<b>Event</b>
8/3/2020	0	Planned Advertisement
8/13/2020	10	Official Advertisement
9/10/2020	28	Letters of Interest for Phase I of the procurement process due in District Office by 05:00 pm local time
9/28/2020	18	Proposal Evaluators submit Letter of Interest Scores to Contracting Unit 9:00am local time
9/29/2020	1	Contracting Unit provides Letter of Interest scores and Proposal Evaluators comments to Selection Committee 10:00 am local time
10/1/2020	2	Public Meeting of Selection Committee to review and confirm Letter of Interest scores 10:00 am local time
10/1/2020	0	Shortlist Posting Date
10/6/2020	5	Final RFP provided to Design-Build Firms continuing to Phase II of the procurement process.
10/13/2020	7	Virtual Mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting at 10:00 am local time. All Utility Agency/Owners that the Department contemplates an adjustment, protection, or relocation is possible are to be invited to the Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting.
10/14/2020	1	Virtual Utility Pre-Proposal Meeting facilitated by the District Utility Engineer at 08:30 am/pm local time.
10/20/2020	6	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1 05:00 pm local time
11/16/2020	27	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to submit preliminary list of Alternative Technical Concepts prior to One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1 05:00 pm local time
11/23/2020	7	Virtual One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1. 90 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.
11/23/2020	0	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2, 05:00 pm local time
12/7/2020	14	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to submit preliminary list of Alternative Technical Concepts prior to One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2. 10:00 am local time
12/8/2020	1	Virtual One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2. 90 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting
1/7/2021	30	Deadline for submittal of Alternative Technical Concept Proposals 05:00 pm local time.
1/7/2021	0	Final deadline for submission of requests for Design Exceptions or Design Variations. 05:00 pm local time
	14	Deadline for Department Responses to Alternative Technical

1/21/2021		Concept Proposals. Deadline for Department Responses to Design Exceptions and Design Variations.
2/4/2021	14	Addendum issued for approved Design Exceptions. 05:00 pm local time
2/11/2021	7	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 3 05:00 pm local time
2/18/2021	7	Virtual One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 3. 60 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting. This ATC meeting is for continuing discussion on ATCs submitted on or prior to 1/7/2021 for which the Department requested additional information and were not approved or for new ATCs that are a direct response to an Addendum issued on or after 12/9/2020.
2/25/2021	7	Deadline for submittal of Alternative Technical Concept Proposals for which the Department requested additional information and were not approved or for new ATCs that are a direct response to an Addendum issued on or after 12/9/2020. Deadline is 5:00 pm local time.
2/25/2021		Final deadline for submission of Design Variations by 05:00 pm local time.
3/11/2021	14	DDE completes review of ATCs and notifies Design-Build Firms.
3/11/2021		Deadline for Department Responses to Design Variations.
3/25/2021	14	Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response is assured, prior to the submission of the Technical Proposal. All questions shall be submitted to the Pre-Bid Q&A website.
4/1/2021	7	Deadline for the Department to post responses to the Pre-Bid Q&A website for questions submitted by the Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Technical Proposal.
4/1/2021		Deadline for the approval of all Design Variations that will be included in the technical proposal.
		<i>Do not issue Addendums 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before the Technical Proposal is due.</i>
4/7/2021	6	Technical Proposals due in District Office by 05:00 pm local time
4/7/2021	0	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to “opt out” of Technical Proposal Page Turn meeting.
4/14/2021	7	Virtual Technical Proposal Page Turn Meeting. Times will be assigned during the Pre-Proposal Meeting. 30 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.
5/11/2021	27	Question and Answer Written Responses. Deadline for the Department to provide a list of questions/clarifications for the Design-Build Firm to answer.
5/18/2021	7	Deadline for submittal of Question and Answer Written Responses to the Department’s questions/clarifications from the Design-Build Firm. 05:00 pm local time
5/25/2021	7	Deadline for submittal of follow up questions to previously submitted Question and Answer Written Responses to the Department’s questions/clarifications from the Design-Build Firm. 05:00 pm local time

6/2/2021	7	Deadline for submittal of Question and Answer Written Responses to the Department’s follow up questions. 05:00 pm local time.
6/2/2021	0	Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response is assured, prior to the submission of the Price Proposal. All questions shall be submitted to the Pre-Bid Q&A website.
6/7/2021	5	Deadline for the Department to post responses to the Pre-Bid Q&A website for questions submitted by the Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Price Proposal.
6/7/2021	0	Deadline for the Design-Build Firm to submit a written statement per Section III. Threshold Requirements, F. Question and Answer Written Responses
		<i>Do not issue Addendums 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before the Price Proposal is due.</i>
6/9/2021	2	Price Proposals due in District Office by 11:00 am local time.
6/9/2021	0	Virtual Public announcing of Technical Scores and opening of Price Proposals at 11:00 am local time
6/15/2021	6	Public Meeting Date of Selection Committee to determine intended Award in District One Headquarters, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow FL, 33830.
6/15/2021	0	Final Selection Posting Date
6/21/2021	6	Anticipated Award Date
7/12/2021		Anticipated Execution Date

### III. Threshold Requirements.

#### A. Qualifications

Proposers are required to be pre-qualified in all work types required for the Project. The technical qualification requirements of Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Chapter 14-75 and all qualification requirements of F.A.C. Chapter 14-22, based on the applicable category of the Project, must be satisfied.

#### B. Joint Venture Firm

Two or more Firms submitting as a Joint Venture must meet the Joint Venture requirements of Section 14-22.007, F.A.C. Parties to a Joint Venture must submit a Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney Form No. 375-020-18, prior to the deadline for receipt of Letters of Interest.

If the Proposer is a Joint Venture, the individual empowered by a properly executed Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney Form shall execute the proposal. The proposal shall clearly identify who will be responsible for the engineering, quality control, and geotechnical and construction portions of the Work. The Joint Venture shall provide an Affirmative Action Plan specifically for the Joint Venture.

#### C. Price Proposal Guarantee

A Price Proposal guaranty in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount shall accompany each Proposer’s Price Proposal. The Price Proposal guaranty may, at the discretion of the Proposer, be in the form of a cashier’s check, bank money order, bank draft of any national or state bank, certified check, or surety bond, payable to the Department. The surety on any bid bond shall be a company recognized to execute bid bonds for contracts of the State of Florida. The Price Proposal guaranty shall