

the subsoil investigations and other preliminary data, and shall base their bid on their own opinion of the conditions likely to be encountered. The submission of a proposal is prima facie evidence that the Design-Build Firm has made an examination as described in this provision.

The Design-Build Firm shall demonstrate good Project management practices while working on this Project. These include communication with the Department and others as necessary, management of time and resources, and documentation.

The Design-Build Firm will not be required to provide litter removal and mowing since the project occurs within water.

### **B. Department Responsibility**

The Department will provide contract administration, management services, construction engineering inspection services, environmental oversight, and quality acceptance reviews of all work associated with the development and preparation of the contract plans, permits, and construction of the improvements. The Department will provide Project specific information and/or functions as outlined in this document.

In accordance with 23 CFR 636.109 of the FHWA, in a Federal Aid project, the Department shall have oversight, review, and approval authority of the permitting process.

The Department will determine the environmental impacts and coordinate with the appropriate agencies during the preparation of NEPA or SEIR Reevaluations. For federal projects, NEPA Reevaluations will be processed by the Department's EMO Office for approval by OEM pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2016 and executed by the FHWA and the Department.

## **II. Schedule of Events.**

Below is the current schedule of the remaining events that will take place in the selection process. The Department 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>
<u>Monday, December 27, 2021</u>	0	Planned Advertisement
<u>Monday, January 10, 2022</u>	14	Official Advertisement
<u>Tuesday, January 18, 2022</u>	8	Virtual Mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting at 10:00 a.m. local time.
<u>Friday, March 04, 2022</u>	45	Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response is assured, prior to the submission of the Technical and Bid Price Proposals. All questions shall be submitted to the Pre-Bid Q&A website.
<u>Wednesday, March</u>	5	Deadline for the Department to post responses to the Pre-Bid Q&A

<u>09, 2022</u>		website for questions submitted by the Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Proposal.
<u>Friday, March 11, 2022</u>	2	The Design Build firm must complete <u>Low Bid Design-Build Qualification Validation Form No. 700-011-36</u> , for all qualifying team members, at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled letting. The Form shall be submitted to the appropriate district (to the Design-Build email account designated for submittals), who will confirm qualification for the prospective Design-Build Firm. The form must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the response deadline (Bids Due Date/Bid Opening Date).
<u>Monday, March 14, 2022</u>	3	Technical Proposals and Price Proposals due in District 1 Office by 10:00 a.m. local time
<u>Monday, March 14, 2022</u>	0	Virtual Public announcing of Price Proposals at 11:00 a.m. local time.
<u>Thursday, March 17, 2022</u>	3	Virtual Public Meeting of Technical Review Committee to determine Responsiveness of Technical Proposal(s) at 9:00 a.m. local time.
<u>Tuesday, March 22, 2022</u>	5	Public Meeting of Date Selection Committee to determine intended Award at District 1 Office: 9:30 a.m. in 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830
<u>Tuesday, March 22, 2022</u>	0	Final Selection Posting Date
<u>Tuesday, March 29, 2022</u>	7	Anticipated Award Date
<u>Tuesday, April 19, 2022</u>	7	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 Proposals.

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