during the preparation of PD&E study re-evaluations. For federal projects, re-evaluations will be processed by the District Environmental Management Office for approval by the Department's Office of Environmental Management (OEM) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by the FHWA and the Department.

## II. Schedule of Events.

Below is the current schedule of the events that will take place in the procurement 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.

| Date                        | Minimum<br># of Days | Event  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Friday, September 23, 2022  | 0                    | Planned Advertisement  |
| Wednesday, October 5, 2022  | 12                   | Current Advertisement  |
| Wednesday, October 26, 2022 | 21                   | Letters of Interest for Phase I of the procurement process due in District Office by 5:00 pm local time  |
| Thursday, November 10, 2022 | 15                   | Proposal Evaluators submit Letter of Interest Scores to Contracting Unit by 9:30 am local time   |
| Friday, November 11, 2022   | 1                    | Contracting Unit submit Letter of Interest Scores and Proposal Evaluator comments to Selection Committee by 9:30 am local time   |
| Tuesday, November 15, 2022  | 4                    | Public Meeting of Selection Committee to review and confirm Letter of Interest scores by 9:30 am local time  |
| Tuesday, November 15, 2022  | 0                    | Shortlist Posting Date   |
| Tuesday, November 22, 2022  | 7                    | Final RFP provided to Design-Build Firms continuing to Phase II of the procurement process 5:00pm local time   |
| Tuesday, November 29, 2022  | 7                    | Virtual Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting District Office at 8:00 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. |
| Tuesday, November 29, 2022  | 0                    | Virtual Utility Pre-Proposal Meeting facilitated by the District Utility Engineer at 9:00 am local time.   |
| Monday, December 5, 2022    | 6                    | Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1 by 5:00 pm local time   |
| Monday, December 12, 2022   | 7                    | Deadline for Design-Build Firm to submit preliminary list of Alternative Technical Concept prior to One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1 by 5:00 pm local time  |
| Monday, December 19, 2022   | 7                    | One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1. 90 Minutes will be allotted for this  |

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|                           |    | Meeting.  |
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| Friday, January 6, 2023   | 18 | Deadline for Design-Build Firms to submit ATC Proposals and for the submission of Design Exceptions or Variations   |
|                           |    | 05:00 pm local time.  |
| Monday, January 23, 2023  | 17 | Deadline for Department Responses to Alternative Technical Concept Proposals  |
| Monday, February 6, 2023  | 14 | Addendum issued for approved Design Exceptions by 5:00 pm local time  |
| Monday, February 13, 2023 | 7  | Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2. 5:00 pm local time  |
| Monday, February 20, 2023 | 7  | One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2. 60 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting. This ATC meeting is for continuing discussion on ATCs submitted prior to 1/6/2023 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 12/20/2022. |
| Monday, February 27, 2023 | 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 12/20/2022. Deadline is 5:00 pm local time.  |
| Monday, March 13, 2023    | 14 | DDE completes review of ATCs and notifies Design-Build Firms  |
| Tuesday, April 4, 2023    | 22 | 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.   |
| Friday, April 7, 2023     | 3  | 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.  |
| Monday, April 10, 2023    | 3  | Technical Proposals due in District Office by 5:00 pm local time  |
| Monday, April 10, 2023    | 0  | Deadline for Design-Build for to "opt out" of Technical Proposal Page Turn meeting.   |
| Monday, April 17, 2023    | 7  | Technical Proposal Page Turn Meeting. Times will be assigned during the Pre-Proposal Meeting. 30 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.   |
| Thursday, May 11, 2023    | 24 | Question and Answer Written Reponses. Deadline for the Department to provide a list of questions/clarifications for the Design-Build Firm to answer.  |
| Thursday, May 18, 2023    | 7  | Deadline for submittal of Question and Answer Written Responses to the Department's questions/clarifications from the Design-Build Firm. 5:00 pm local time.  |
| Thursday, May 25, 2023    | 7  | Deadline for submittal of follow up questions to  |

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|                          |    | previously submitted Question and Answer Written           |
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|                          |    | Responses to the Department's questions/clarifications     |
|                          |    | from the Design-Build Firm. 5:00 pm local time.            |
| Thursday, June 1, 2023   |    | Deadline for submittal of Question and Answer Written      |
|                          | 7  | Responses to the Department's follow up questions. 5:00    |
|                          |    | pm local time.   |
| Thursday, June 1, 2023   |    | Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response  |
|                          | 0  | is assured, prior to the submission of the Price Proposal. |
|                          | 0  | All questions shall be submitted to the Pre-Bid Q&A        |
|                          |    | website.   |
| Tuesday, June 6, 2023    |    | Deadline for the Department to post responses to the       |
| ,                        | _  | Pre-Bid Q&A website for questions submitted by the         |
|                          | 5  | Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Price     |
|                          |    | Proposal.  |
| Tuesday, June 6, 2023    | 0  | Deadline for the Design-Build Firm to submit a written     |
|                          |    | statement per Section III. Threshold Requirements, F.      |
|                          |    | Question and Answer Written Reponses.                      |
| Thursday, June 8, 2023   | 2  | Price Proposals due in District Office by 11:00 am local   |
|                          |    | time.  |
| Thursday, June 8, 2023   |    | Public Meeting announcing of Technical Scores and          |
|                          | 0  | opening of Price Proposals at 11:00 am local time in 801   |
|                          |    | N. Broadway Avenue Bartow, FL 33830                        |
| Tuesday, June 13, 2023   | 5  | Public Meeting Date of Selection Committee to              |
|                          |    | determine intended Award                                   |
| Tuesday, June 13, 2023   | 0  | Final Selection Posting Date                               |
| Tuesday, June 27, 2023   | 14 | FHWA Concurrence to Award                                  |
| Wednesday, July 5, 2023  | 8  | Anticipated Award Date                                     |
| Wednesday, July 19, 2023 | 14 | Design-Build Firm execute the contract                     |
| Wednesday, July 26, 2023 | 7  | FDOT executes the contract                                 |
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## **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