

re-evaluation to document changes proposed by the Design-Build Firm is required prior to construction of the specific activity as required in Section V.I.3

The Design-Build Firm is responsible for coordinating with the District Environmental Management Office any engineering and environmental (e.g., social, cultural, natural, and physical) information required to complete the re-evaluations of the PD&E Study. The Design-Build Firm will not be compensated for any additional costs or time associated with re-evaluation(s) resulting from proposed design changes.

The Design-Build Firm shall examine the Contract Documents and the site of the proposed work carefully before submitting a Proposal for the work contemplated and shall investigate the conditions to be encountered, as to the character, quality, and quantities of work to be performed and materials to be furnished and as to the requirements of all Contract Documents. Written notification of differing site conditions discovered during the design or construction phase of the Project will be given to the Department's Project Manager.

The Design-Build Firm shall examine boring data, where available, and make their own interpretation of 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 provide litter removal and mowing within the project limits in accordance with Specification Section 107 with a monthly mowing frequency and a monthly litter removal.

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 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 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 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. Bidders 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 Bidder shall constitute absolute deadlines for those activities and failure to fully comply by the time stated shall cause a Bidder to be disqualified.

Low Bid Design Build Procurement Schedule 451734-1-52-01; I-75 from River Rd. to SR 681		
Cumulative Days	Date	Event
0	Monday, November 24, 2025	Planned Advertisement
14	Monday, December 8, 2025	Current Advertisement
21	Monday, December 15, 2025	Mandatory Virtual Pre-proposal meeting District Office at 8:30a.m. local time.
88	Friday, February 20, 2026	Deadline for Design-Build Firms to submit questions (for which an answer is assured) in accordance with Specification 2-4 prior to the submittal of Technical and Bid Price Proposals
67	Friday, January 30, 2026	Final deadline for submission of requests for Design Exceptions or Design Variations
92	Tuesday, February 24, 2026	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 and Bid Price Proposals.
93	Wednesday, February 25, 2026	The Design Build firm must complete Low Bid Design-Build Qualification Validation Form No. 700-011-36, 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).
94	Thursday, February 26, 2026	Technical and Bid Price Proposals due in District Office by 10:00a.m. local time.
94	Thursday, February 26, 2026	Public Meeting announcing Bid Price Proposals at 11:00a.m. local time at 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830
99	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Public Meeting of Technical Review Committee to determine Responsiveness of Technical Proposal(s) at 2:00p.m. local time at 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830
106	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Public Meeting Date of Selection Committee to determine intended Award at 9:30a.m. local time at 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830
106	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Final Selection Posting Date
106	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	FHWA Concurrence to Award
113	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Anticipated Award Date
120	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	Design-Build Firm execute the contract
127	Tuesday, March 31, 2026	FDOT Executes the contract