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 facia 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.

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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in a Federal Aid project, the Department shall have oversight, review, and approval authority of the permitting process.

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	Event
Monday, September 21, 2020	Planned Advertisement
Monday, October 5, 2020	Official Advertisement
Monday, November 30, 2020	Letters of Interest for Phase I of the procurement process due in District Office by 5:00 PM local time
Monday, January 11, 2021	Proposal Evaluators submit Letter of Interest Scores to Contracting Unit by 5:00 PM local time
Thursday, January 14, 2021	Contracting Unit submit Letter of Interest Scores and Proposal Evaluator comments to Selection Committee by 5:00 PM local time
Tuesday, January 19, 2021	Public Meeting of Selection Committee to review and confirm Letter of Interest scores at 10:00 AM local time
Tuesday, January 19, 2021	Shortlist Posting
Monday, January 25, 2021	Final RFP provided to Design-Build firms continuing to Phase II of the procurement process
Monday, February 1, 2021	Mandatory pre-proposal meeting at 10:00 AM local time

Monday, February 15, 2021	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.
Monday, March 1, 2021	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, March 15, 2021	Technical Proposals due in District Office by 4:00 PM local time
Monday, March 22, 2021	First day to perform Field Demonstration
Friday, April 16, 2021	Last day to perform Field Demonstration
April 26, 27 & 28	Non-Mandatory Field Review for Design-Build firms to visually inspect cabinets and pull boxes at Project locations.
Thursday, April 29, 2021	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.
Thursday, May 6, 2021	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.
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	Price Proposals due in District Office by 1:00 PM.
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	Public Meeting announcing of Technical Scores and opening of Price Proposals at 2:00 PM.
Monday, May 17, 2021	Public Meeting of Selection Committee to determine the intended Award at 10:00 AM.
Monday, May 17, 2021	Posting of the Department's intended decision to Award (Final Selection Posting)
Monday, June 7, 2021	Anticipated Award Date
Thursday, June 17, 2021	Anticipated Date for Design-Build Firm to Return the Signed Contract
Tuesday, June 22, 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