

Department requires a minimum of 15 calendar days (excluding weekends and FDOT observed holidays) to review and comment on all project deliverables. This review time does not include review time performed by outside agencies or Office of Environmental Management (OEM). No construction on the Project may commence until the plan review and NEPA process is complete.

The Design-Build Firm is responsible for coordinating with the District Environmental Management Office regarding any proposed major Project design changes and for any engineering information related to Environmental Reevaluations. Based on coordination with the Design-Build Firm, the Department will review and determine if changes in the Project's proposed design would require a NEPA Re-evaluation/Update. The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for providing information for preparing the necessary environmental and engineering analyses and other documentation required to satisfy requirements to obtain approval of the PLEMO and, if applicable, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FDOT Office of Environmental Management (OEM) and possibly FHWA through the Re-evaluation process. The Design-Build Firm will not be compensated for any additional costs or time associated with environmental 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.

## **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.

## **II. Schedule of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Minimum # of Days</b>	<b>Event</b>
01/21/2025	0	Planned Advertisement
02/03/2025	13	Current Advertisement
02/11/2025	8	Mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting at 11:00 a.m. 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Minimum # of Days</b>	<b>Event</b>
03/28/2025	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.
04/04/2025	6	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 Proposal.
04/10/2025	6	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).
04/14/2025	4	Technical Proposals and Price Proposals due in District Office by 12:00 p.m. local time
04/14/2025	0	Public announcing of Price Proposals at 2:00 p.m. local time
04/21/2025	7	Public Meeting of Technical Review Committee to determine Responsiveness of Technical Proposal(s) at 2:00 p.m. local time
04/28/2025	7	Public Meeting of Date Selection Committee to determine intended Award
04/28/2025	0	Final Selection Posting Date
05/06/2025	8	Anticipated Award Date
05/20/2025	14	Design-Build Firm executes the Contract
05/27/2025	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.