State of Florida
Department of Transportation
Central Procurement Office
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**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) from the Florida Department of Transportation**

RFA Number: DOT-RFA-24-9089-PB

RFA Title: Competitive Grant Application Process for Projects Providing Increased Capacity and Enhanced Capabilities to Move and Store Construction Aggregate

Electronic Responses Due Date & Time (On or Before): March 22, 2024, at 5:00PM EST

Introduction

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department) announces a competitive grant Request for Applications (RFA) for projects that meet the public purpose of providing increased capacity and enhanced capabilities to move and store construction aggregate, pursuant to Section 339.651, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Applicants eligible for project funding under this RFA are limited to: seaports listed in s. 311.09, F.S., and rail lines and rail facilities, per Section 339.651(3), F.S.

The Department shall make up to $20 million available each year for fiscal years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028, from existing work program revenues, to fund the aforementioned projects.

# Specific Information Requested

Applicants shall structure their application submittals in accordance with the application format provided below:

<https://www.fdot.gov/procurement/AggregateRFA.shtm>

Incomplete applications may not be considered.

The State Transportation Trust Fund may fund up to 100 percent of the cost of a project in accordance with Section 339.651(5), F.S. However, projects with a funding match shall be prioritized based on the amount of the match and shall be prioritized over projects having no such funding match, in accordance with Section 339.651(4)(d), F.S.

Instructions for Electronic Submittal of Grant Funding Applications

1. Applications shall be submitted to: (co.aggregate@dot.state.fl.us)
2. Subject line should show: DOT-RFA-24-9089-PB (Applicant's Name)
3. All replies submitted electronically shall contain file attachments and be marked as follows: DOT-RFA-24-9089-PB (Applicant's Name)
4. Please submit your application documents in .pdf (portable document format) for the response to this RFA.
5. Do not submit documents in .zip (ZIP) files. The Department is unable to receive them.
6. The application transmittal email and all attachments must be kept below the Department server size limitation of 25MB. Zipped email attachments will be rejected by the Department’s email server due to security reasons and will not be considered. The Department is not responsible for applications that exceed the server size limitation, or are zipped, and are subsequently rejected by the server. The applicant bears all responsibility for ensuring their application is timely received by the Department.
7. The Department may contact grant applicants for further clarification as needed.
8. Information obtained in response to this RFA is a public record as defined by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
9. Advertisement of any subsequent addenda to this RFA will be posted on the MyFloridaMarketPlace Vendor Bid System.
10. If an applicant considers any portion of its application to be confidential or exempt from disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, (Public Records Law), the applicant must provide the Department with an unredacted application, and a separate redacted copy of the application along with an index list of redactions. The index should briefly describe in writing the grounds for claiming the exemption(s), including the specific statutory citation for such exemption(s). An entire application should not be redacted. An entire page or paragraph which contains confidential or exempt material should not be redacted unless the entire page or paragraph is wholly confidential or exempt. The applicant must identify the specific statute that authorizes exemption from Public Records Law.

Evaluation of Grant Applications

Grant application responses to this RFA will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department. Applications will be selected for funding that most closely align with Section 339.651, F.S.; the Department’s grant application format; and Department funding constraints. The Department reserves the right to consider projects submitted through this RFA process in future fiscal years.

Public Transportation Grant Agreement

Pursuant to this RFA, the Department intends to enter into a reimbursement based Public Transportation Grant Agreement with one or more applicants. A copy of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement, Form No. 725-000-01, is available at the following link:

<https://pdl.fdot.gov/Forms>

By submitting this application, the applicant certifies that all information provided in the application is true and accurate.

The selected applicant that enters into a Public Transportation Grant Agreement pursuant to this RFA shall be designated as the grantee. The grantee must adhere to the grant requirements, specifications, and terms and conditions provided in the Public Transportation Grant Agreement. In addition to these requirements, the grantee must comply with all other standards and requirements that may be required by law.

Questions

All questions or comments for the Department regarding this RFA must be directed to the Department’s RFA Coordinator. Applicants shall not contact any other Department personnel, consultants, or agents regarding this RFA from the date of RFA advertisement until a Notice of Intended Decision is issued by the Department. Applicants shall contact the RFA Coordinator only at the email address below. No questions or comments regarding this RFA will be taken by telephone. Violation of these restrictions by an applicant may be grounds for rejecting an application from that applicant. The Department’s RFA Coordinator can be reached via email at: co.aggregate@dot.state.fl.us

Questions regarding the terms, conditions, and requirements of the RFA and any addenda must be in writing to the RFA Coordinator. The Department’s written response to such written questions received by the RFA Coordinator shall be provided to the applicant who asked the question.

All emails related to this RFA should have the subject line: DOT-RFA-24-9089-PB

Timeline

The timeline of events for this RFA is listed in the table immediately below. The timeline must be strictly complied with by the applicants. The Department reserves the right to modify this schedule via addenda. All addenda issued will be posted to MyFloridaMarketPlace.

| Event | Date | TimeEastern time (ET) |
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| RFA Advertisement on MyFloridaMarketPlace site  | Friday, March 8, 2024 | 12:00 pm |
| Applications Deadline | Friday, March 22, 2024 |  5:00 pm |
| Posting of Agency Intended Decision on MyFloridaMarketPlace site | Friday, April 26, 2024 | 12:00 pm |
| Notice of Intended Decision mailed to applicants **(Anticipated)** | Friday, April 26, 2024 |
| Agreement Execution **(Anticipated)** | Monday, May 20, 2024 |

Department Property

All applications submitted, unless withdrawn prior to the deadline for applications, will become the exclusive property of the Department and will not be returned to an applicant. The Department will not compensate any applicant for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of an application.

Application Irregularities

Any caveats, assumptions, additional or different terms, reservation of rights, or the like, included within an application, may, at the Department’s sole discretion, cause an application to be deemed nonresponsive. Conditional offers or noncommittal language within an application may also result in the application being deemed nonresponsive. However, the Department may, in its sole discretion, allow an applicant whose application does not meet the requirements of the RFA due to a nonmaterial deviation or omission to correct same. Corrections made within the time prescribed by the Department may be considered timely and may be accepted by the Department.

The Department’s RFA Coordinator may request clarification from any applicant at any time for the purpose of resolving ambiguities or questioning information presented in an application. An applicant’s answers to requested clarifications must be in writing and must address only the information requested. An applicant’s answers to requested clarifications must be submitted to the RFA Coordinator within the time specified by the Department. Answers will become part of the applicant’s application.

Department Reservations

The Department will issue a Notice of Intended Decision to enter into an agreement with one or more selected applicants; or will issue a Notice of Intended Decision to Reject All Applications, if so determined by the Department; or will take other action.

The Department reserves the right to:

• Cancel or withdraw this RFA prior to the deadline for applications.

• Make no award and/or reject all applications.

• Amend its Notice of Intended Decision at any time prior to executing an agreement.

• Issue another RFA for competitive grant funding applications.

Notification

The Department will notify applicants of the Department’s Intended Decision via delivery of hard copy to the physical address provided by each applicant within the grant application. Each applicant is required to provide a physical address within their application where a Notice of Intended Decision may be received. An applicant will be deemed to have received the Notice of Intended Decision on the earlier of the date it is delivered to the physical address provided or the date it is provided to the applicant by any other method. After notification to applicants, the Department will post its intended decision on the MyFloridaMarketPlace website.