**AMERICAN LEGION BRIDGE I-270 TO I-70 RELIEF PLAN**

**PHASE SOUTH DESIGN BUILD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**LETTER OF INTEREST**

A Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) for Phase South of the American Legion Bridge I-270 to I-70 Relief Plan (the “Project”) Design-Build Contract is expected to be issued by Accelerate Maryland Partners (“AM Partners”) in the 1st week of June in 2021.

AM Partners has been selected by MDOT to be the exclusive Developer responsible for the Predevelopment Work on the Project, and for the ultimate delivery of the Project under a 50-year concession. AM Partners’ initial focus will be the development and delivery of Phase South of the Project, with a targeted financial close by October 2022.

Phase South involves the design, build, finance, operator and maintain (“DBFOM”) and tolling of high-occupancy toll (“HOT”) lanes in Maryland covering approximately a 14-mile section of I-495 HOV/HOT Lanes.

Phase South is to be developed and delivered subject to the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”) Record of Decision for the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lane Study (“MLS”). Phase South includes:

* Phase South A: I-495 from the vicinity of the George Washington Memorial Parkway to I-270; and
* Phase South B: I-270 from I-495 to I-370.

Phase South A is approximately 6 miles that covers I-495 from the vicinity of the GWMP to I-270, including the American Legion Bridge (“ALB”), comprising:

* The addition of two HOT lanes in each direction of I-495 from south of the GWMP in Virginia, across ALB, and heads up north on I-270, west of MD-187;
* The full replacement of the ALB;
* A shared-use path for bike and pedestrians;
* The addition of 26 lane-miles of highway, and rehabilitation / conversion of 52 lane-miles of existing highway; and
* Four major interchanges at GWMP, Clara Barton/MacArthur, River Road/Cabin John, and I-495/I-270.

Phase South B is approximately 8 miles that covers the remainder of Phase South I-270 from I-495 to I-370, comprising:

* A new single HOT lane and conversion of the existing HOV lane into a HOT lane, resulting in a two-lane HOT managed lanes network in each direction;
* 16 new lane-miles of highway, and rehabilitation / conversion of 96 lane-miles of existing highway; and
* Two major interchanges at I-270 East Spur and I-370, and eight minor interchanges.

The RFQ will represent the first phase in the process for the selection of a D&C Contractor for each of Phase South A and Phase South B. The Developer intends to shortlist Respondents to the second phase, comprised of two (2) separate (but broadly concurrent) D&C procurement processes (with a separate Request for Proposals (“RFP”) issued for each D&C procurement process), one for Phase South A and one for Phase South B.

For additional information on the Project, we encourage interested parties to visit our website (<https://www.acceleratemarylandpartners.com/>).

AM Partners is seeking a D&C Contractor(s) who is committed to ensuring timely delivery of Phase South, has proven experience in the design and construction of similar scope, scale and complexity and is willing to be a partner, working with the local community stakeholders for the success of the Project.

Interested parties are required to submit a letter of interest (“LOI”) pursuant to the instructions below in order to receive the RFQ. Once submitted, respondents will receive confirmation of receipt and will receive further instructions to access our Ansarada dataroom which will be our data management system for the D&C procurement.

The LOI must include the below information and is limited to no more than 2 pages:

1. The primary team member(s) and role on the team and a short description of each entity and with respect to the lead contractor(s),2020 revenue;
2. statement from A- rated or higher or Class X or higher bonding company confirming bonding capacity of at least $250 million[[1]](#footnote-1);
3. description of lead contractor(s) previous participation on projects of similar size and complexity to Phase South A or B; and
4. Contact details of the team’s primary point of contact for correspondence and Ansarada dataroom access (name, title, email address and telephone number).

AM Partners reserves the right to request additional information to confirm the statements provided in the LOI with regards to item (ii) and (iii) above.

Following notice of any conflict from any potential Respondent, AM Partners shall provide such notice with MDOT together with AM Partners' proposed course of action, and MDOT may collaborate with AM Partners in relation to the course of action to determine if the relevant Respondent must be precluded or disqualified from participating to the procurement or conditions to satisfy for the Respondent to participate.

 Nothing in this RFQ modifies the terms of the State of Maryland’s procurement process for Phase 1 of the I-495 & I-270 P3 Program (the “State Procurement”), or any obligation of a proposer team member thereunder. Any Respondent team member who is a party to, or subject to, a non-disclosure agreement with MDOT as part of their participation as a proposer team member in the State Procurement remains subject to that non-disclosure agreement for the duration of that agreement, except as may be agreed by the parties thereto.

Accordingly, it is a requirement of this procurement that any Respondent team member who was a member of another proposer team in the State Procurement must establish reasonable protocols to ensure that, prior to execution of the Phase P3 Agreement by MDOT and AM Partners, such team member will not act as a conduit of information between AM Partners and that other proposer relating to the State Procurement or the proposal prepared by such proposer in connection with the State Procurement.

Further, any Respondent team member who was a member of another proposer team in the State Procurement may not include in its SOQ any non-public information regarding the State Procurement, the proposal submitted by the other proposer to MDOT pursuant to the State Procurement, or the approach to Phase 1 set out in such proposal.

All firms and/or teams interested in submitting an RFQ should submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) by July 2, 2021, 5:00pm ET, by email to procurement@acceleratemarylandpartners.com.

1. AM Partners reserves the right to confirm bonding capacity [↑](#footnote-ref-1)