

**RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
**I-81 WIDENING MM 221 TO MM 225**  
**VDOT PROJECT: 0081-007-013**  
**CONTRACT ID: C00116269DB116**  
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1. On Page 3 of the Project's Request for Qualifications, the estimated contract value is written as \$122,000,000. However, in the Project Information Meeting's Presentation Project Overview (Slide 5), the current estimate is listed as \$172,370,890. Please confirm the estimated contract value.

*VDOT Response: The estimated contract value is \$122,000,000. The total budget for the project, inclusive of PE, RW and CN, is \$172,370,890.*

2. For a project this small in value and simplistic in scope, there will not be enough of a workload to justify a full-time Entrusted Engineer in Charge (EIC). Please confirm that so long as the EIC is actively engaged in performing the EIC role as defined and to the satisfaction of the Department, from notice to proceed through final acceptance, that they do not need to be assigned to the project full-time?

*VDOT Response: The following language regarding the EIC will be included in RFQ Addendum No. 1: The EIC shall be assigned to the Project full-time and shall be actively engaged in coordinating all engineering decisions for the life of the Project (from Notice to Proceed through Final Acceptance).*

3. The Entrusted Engineer in Charge (EIC) role largely consists of engineering decisions which are best made where the engineering is occurring, such as the designer's office. Please confirm that the EIC will not need to be on-site full-time but rather where they need to be to most effectively perform the role (ie. designer's office, design builder's office, VDOT's office, etc.?)

*VDOT Response: The following language regarding the EIC will be included in RFQ Addendum No. 1: The EIC shall be on site (construction location, project field office, designer's office) full time from commencement of construction through Final Acceptance of the Project.*

4. Section 5.2.4 of the SOQ requires the Offeror deliver 10 paper copies of the SOQ. Please confirm that paper copies are not required and the SOQ is to be electronically submitted as defined in section 5.2.1?

*VDOT Response: Paper copies of the SOQ are not required. SOQs shall be submitted electronically through Bid Express in accordance with RFQ Section 5.2.1. Section 5.2.4 of the RFQ is not applicable and will be deleted in RFQ Addendum No. 1.*

5. To fully evaluate risks, please provide the existing plans, geotechnical information, inspection reports, and as-builts for the bridges included in the project.

*VDOT Response: The information requested will be available to short-listed Offerors as part of the RFP.*

6. To fully evaluate risks, please provide the roadway cross-sections.

*VDOT Response: Roadway cross-section will not be provided. Planimetric survey and .tin files will be provided to short-listed Offerors as part of the RFP that will allow Offerors to generate cross sections.*

7. To fully evaluate risks, please provide horizontal design speeds for each interchange ramp at their converge or diverge (gore) points along mainline I-81 (NB and SB).

*VDOT Response: Specific design criteria will be provided to short-listed Offerors as part of the RFP.*

8. To fully evaluate risks, please clarify why the Existing Ground and Proposed Grade leader points to a single line on certain sheets (e.g. Sheet 16A).

*VDOT Response: A baseline profile line common to both existing ground and proposed grade indicates a proposed grade baseline profile not substantially different from the existing-ground baseline profile.*

9. To fully evaluate risks, please provide additional information relating to the fiber (ITS) relocation plans. Specifically, please provide the relocation plans and timing of construction.

*VDOT Response: Information regarding the Shentel fiber relocation project will be provided to short-listed Offerors as part of the RFP.*

10. To fully evaluate risks, please provide the plans and the traffic operations and safety analysis associated with the I-81 SB MM221 to MM220 Auxiliary Lane Improvement Project (UPC 116279).

*VDOT Response: Information regarding the I-81 SB MM 221 to MM 220 Auxiliary Lane Improvement project will be provided to short-listed Offerors as part of the RFP.*

11. RFQ, Section 3.3.1, page 13, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> paragraphs - please confirm that 'Project Manager' is referring to the 'Design-Build Project Manager (DBPM)'.

*VDOT Response: The Project Manager references included in the Entrusted Engineer in Charge description will be revised to “Design-Build Project Manager” in RFQ Addendum No. 1.*

12. The Project Information Meeting slide 19 stated that “SOQs will only be accepted electronically through Bid Express (BidExpress.com)” however, RFQ Section 5.2.4 states “Each Offeror shall also deliver ten (10) abbreviated paper copies of the original Statements of Qualifications.” Please confirm whether or not paper copies are required or if the SOQ should only be submitted electronically.

*VDOT Response: See response to Question No. 4.*

13. Will the Department consider projects that are not yet completed in the Work History Forms section of our SOQ?

*VDOT Response: The RFQ does not prohibit Offerors from including projects in the Work History Forms that are not completed at the time of SOQ submission.*

14. Is a 10-point font size allowable in tables and graphics?

*VDOT Response: Per RFQ Section 5.2.2, all fonts, except for the front cover of the Statement of Qualifications, should be Times New Roman, with a font of 12-point (Times New Roman 10 point font may be used for filling out information on the Key Personnel Resume Form and the Work History Forms).*

15. Item 5.2.4 on page 20 of the RFQ states that *Each Offeror shall also deliver ten (10) abbreviated paper copies of the original Statements of Qualifications.* Conversely, the slides presented by the Department in the Project Information Meeting on July 8, 2022 states that *SOQs will only be accepted electronically through Bid Express (BidExpress.com).* Can the Department please confirm which is correct? Additionally, if abbreviated copies are required, does the due date convey with that of the electronic submittal?

*VDOT Response: See response to Question No. 4.*

16. Will the Department consider reevaluating the procurement schedule to consider holidays (e.g., Christmas and New Year’s)?

*VDOT Response: The procurement schedule will not be modified at this time. VDOT may re-assess the procurement schedule during the RFP phase and any changes will be reflected in the RFP.*

17. In Section 3.3.1 of the RFQ, Entrusted Engineer in Charge (EIC) is listed as a Key Personnel that shall be assigned to the Project full-time for the duration of the Project once design activities begin and shall be on site fulltime from the commencement of construction through Final Acceptance of the Project. While the Design Builder understands and acknowledges the

importance of this role, we ask that the Department reconsider the requirement that the EIC shall be on site full time for a Project of this scope and complexity.

*VDOT Response: See response to Question No. 2.*