

NOTICE TO PARTIES INTERESTED IN PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR DESIGN/BUILD DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING OF AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) desires I-73 through South Carolina to be completed as quickly as possible. SCDOT requests conceptual proposals for financing, design/build development, and the operation of a new Interstate Highway along new alignment. The project is to be supported totally or substantially by private investments, including user fees and/or other innovative financing methods.

Authority: SC Code of Laws 1976, Section 57-3-200, as amended, authorizes SCDOT to enter into agreements to finance construction and maintenance of highways, roads, streets, and bridges.

Project: I-73 is a high speed, divided, and fully controlled access Interstate facility with several interchanges for access. Proposed I-73 extends from the SC/NC border, across I-95, to the Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina. Existing access to properties would be maintained by the use of frontage roads. Existing traffic patterns would be maintained by providing overpasses for east and west traffic flow. SCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration intend to utilize the Public-Private Partnership, Design-Build method of contracting for this project.

Scope of Work: The scope of work will include finance, design, right of way services and acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the alternative selected in the FEIS/ROD for the project. Areas of work contemplated for this project include, but are not limited to the following items: design, preliminary and final plan preparation, drainage design and sediment/erosion control, geotechnical design, right of way services and acquisition, utility relocation/coordination services, construction, quality control, traffic control (permanent and temporary), public/media relations, operation of facility and maintenance.

Proposal evaluations will consider:

- Team Qualifications, Experience, and Past Performance
- Financing Concept Proposed for the Project
- Project Delivery and Approach

SCDOT reserves the right to issue a second phase to the Request for Proposals.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held for this project. Interested parties who receive a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be notified of the date and location of the pre-proposal meeting by telephone, email, and or fax.

Interested firms may receive a free copy of the RFP (includes the scope of services, selection criteria, and milestones), by contacting: Ms. Wendy Hollingsworth, Office of Contract Services, South Carolina Department of Transportation, PO Box 191, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, Room 107, 955 Park Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0191, (803) 737-0746, Fax (803) 737-0923 or via email HollingsWG@scdot.org.

Proposers will respond with fifteen (15) printed copies and one (1) electronic copy (CD) of their proposals. All proposals shall be received by the date and time indicated in the RFP They are to be submitted to Ms. Wendy Hollingsworth, address listed above.