



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

US 290 and SH 36 Design – Build (DB) Project

RFI Issuance Date: May 1, 2026

RFI Responses Due: May 21, 2026 at 12:00 noon Central

The Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") is seeking information to assist in the development and procurement of the US290 DB Project ("Project"). This Request for Information ("RFI") is issued solely to obtain information to assist TxDOT. It does not constitute a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ"), a Request for Proposals ("RFP") or other solicitation document, nor does it represent a commitment to issue an RFQ or an RFP in the future. This RFI does not commit TxDOT to contract for any supply or service whatsoever. TxDOT will not pay for any information provided or reimburse any cost or expense incurred in response to this RFI. Responses to this RFI are due on May 21, 2026 at 12:00 noon Central.

OVERVIEW

TxDOT currently expects to issue an RFQ for the Project in February 2027. Through this RFI, TxDOT is seeking industry feedback regarding specific issues concerning the Project and procurement of the Project prior to the issuance of an RFQ, if any. The purpose of this RFI is to solicit written responses from individual prime contractors or lead design firms with experience in transportation infrastructure projects that may be interested in developing the Project.

Purpose of RFI

The information received from RFI respondents will be used to assist TxDOT with the preparation of any resulting RFQ, RFP, and design-build contract ("DBC") for the Project. **Please note that while a response to this RFI is not a prerequisite to participating in any resulting procurement process, potential respondents are encouraged to respond to this RFI.**

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Scope

The Project includes realigning and reconstructing four mainlanes along US 290 for 2.5 miles from FM 389 to 1.2 miles east of FM 2679. Improvements include two direct connectors at the SH 36 interchange and additional operational improvements along SH 36 at the interchange with US 290. TxDOT currently expects that the entire Project Scope will be developed under the Design-Build Contract ("DBC").

Project Cost

TxDOT's current estimate for the Project scope as described above is approximately \$360 million. This estimate does not include TxDOT costs for right of way acquisition and certain other TxDOT administrative costs, but is inclusive of all other costs to design and construct the Project, including utility relocations. This cost estimate reflects the current schematic design for the Project as of April 2026 (the "Schematic Design"). The current Schematic Design is available on the Project's reference information documents ("RIDs") website at <https://www.txdot.gov/business/road-bridge-maintenance/alternative-delivery/us290-db/rid.html>.



Geotechnical Information

TxDOT completed an initial geotechnical exploration, and the initial report is available on the Project's RIDs website at <https://www.txdot.gov/business/road-bridge-maintenance/alternative-delivery/us290-db/rid.html>. TxDOT is in the process of performing additional investigations based upon recent changes and updates to TxDOT policy and manuals.

Utility Information

TxDOT has completed a preliminary utility matrix, which is available on the Project's RIDs website at <https://www.txdot.gov/business/road-bridge-maintenance/alternative-delivery/us290-db/rid.html>. TxDOT has identified approximately 200 potential conflicts with the Schematic Design. TxDOT has completed certain subsurface utility engineering ("SUE") investigations based upon the Schematic Design, and has begun coordination with the City of Brenham on city-owned/maintained facilities. TxDOT anticipates providing a final utility conflict matrix by the issuance of the final RFP.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Given the current scope, cost, and information, TxDOT is interested in your views regarding the current level of geotechnical investigations and SUE as set forth below in items 1 and 2. In your response to this RFI, please provide the contact information (name, address, phone number and e-mail address) of the person designated to address any follow-up questions or clarifications.

1. TxDOT has provided a preliminary utility matrix and existing SUE data within the RIDs. Please identify on the matrix which utilities warrant TxDOT-provided Level A or Level B SUE to reduce cost and risk. Additionally, identify any Category 1 utility investigations that, if not provided, would prevent the offeror from pursuing the Project.
2. TxDOT has provided the Schematic Design and preliminary geotechnical report within the RIDs. Please provide a table/spreadsheet (including alignment stationing and offset) of additional geotechnical borings you believe TxDOT should conduct and provide as part of the procurement to better assist in the proposal development.

CONFIDENTIALITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

All written correspondence, exhibits, photographs, reports, other printed material, tapes, electronic disks, and other graphic and visual aids submitted to TxDOT in response to this RFI are, upon their receipt by TxDOT, the property of the State of Texas, may not be returned to the submitting parties, and are subject to the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code (the "Act"). Respondents should familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Act. In no event shall the State of Texas, TxDOT, or any of their agents, representatives, consultants, directors, officers or employees be liable to a respondent for the disclosure of all or a portion of the information submitted in response to this RFI.

If TxDOT receives a request for public disclosure of all or any portion of a response, TxDOT will use reasonable efforts to notify the applicable respondent of the request and give such respondent an opportunity to assert, in writing and at its sole expense, a claimed exception under the Act or other applicable law within the time period specified in the notice issued by TxDOT and allowed under the Act.

TxDOT will submit a request for an opinion from the Office of the Attorney General prior to disclosing any documents which might contain confidential information. The respondent shall then have the opportunity to assert its basis for non-disclosure to the Office of the Attorney



General; however, it is the sole responsibility of the respondent to monitor such proceedings and make timely filings. TxDOT may, but is not obligated to make filings of its own concerning possible disclosure; however, TxDOT is under no obligation to support the positions of the respondent. Under no circumstances will TxDOT be responsible or liable to a respondent or any other party as a result of disclosing any confidential information submitted in response to this RFI, whether the disclosure is deemed required by law, by an order of court, or occurs through inadvertence, mistake or negligence on the part of TxDOT or its officers, employees, contractors or consultants.

TxDOT will not advise a submitting party as to the nature or content of specific documents entitled to protection from disclosure under the Act or other Texas laws or as to the interpretation of such laws. Each respondent is advised to contact its own legal counsel concerning the effect of applicable laws to the submitting party's own circumstances.

In the event of any proceeding or litigation concerning the disclosure of any material submitted by the submitting party, TxDOT will be a stakeholder retaining the material until otherwise ordered by a court or such other authority having jurisdiction with respect thereto, and the submitting party shall be responsible for otherwise prosecuting or defending any action concerning the materials at its sole expense and risk; provided, however, that TxDOT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to intervene or participate in the litigation in such manner as it deems necessary or desirable.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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TxDOT reserves the right to modify the above at any time and for any reason.

Format: Please provide one complete electronic copy of your response to this RFI in a portable document format (PDF) to the Point of Contact listed below.

Questions: Questions regarding this RFI should be in writing and e-mailed to the Point of Contact listed below. TxDOT may post responses on the Project website without identifying the party(ies) requesting additional information. Respondents are encouraged to submit any questions to the Point of Contact below prior to May 8, 2026.

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