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9/1/2026

Pre-Request for Proposal (RFP) Meeting:

Railroad Division (RRD) Statewide Rail Planning and Engineering

Solicitation No. 601CT0000006548

Agenda

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Housekeeping

- Please note that all correspondence will be muted throughout this presentation.
- There will not be an opportunity to ask questions during the Pre-RFP presentation.
- You will be given an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation via email.

Consultant Selection Team (CST)

Consultant Selection Team consists of three personnel.

Please do not attempt to contact these individuals.

Please note, CST members' names will no longer be provided in the Advertisement, and PEPS will not share this information for future waves.

PEPS Service Center for Divisions Team

Table 1: PEPS Service Center for Divisions Team

Procurement Support	Title
Kori Rodriguez, P.E.	PEPS Service Center for Divisions Section Director
Najitha Bulathsinhala, P.E.	Procurement Engineer, PEPS Service Center for Divisions
Tamika Griffin	Contract Administrator, PEPS Service Center for Divisions

- You **will** be given an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation via email.
- If questions arise after the meeting, please submit to: Najitha Bulathsinhala, P.E. at najitha.bulathsinhala@txdot.gov by: **Friday, September 4, 2026 at 1 pm, CT**
- All relevant questions and responses will be posted by **Wednesday, September 9, 2026.**

Procurement Overview – General Scope

Work to Be Performed

Under this contract, your team will provide professional services for rail infrastructure projects and the rail corridor development process. Services include:

- **Analysis and planning** – analysis of existing rail transportation systems and connections (roadway, transit, marine, and aviation); rail corridor feasibility analysis; analysis of current and future rail transportation needs
- **Design and engineering** – preparation of cost estimates, rail freight fluidity demand modeling and preliminary engineering for the development of schematic designs; the development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E)
- **Environmental and regulatory** – the preparation of environmental review documents in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or state environmental requirements for various rail transportation projects and corridors; the preparation of Surface Transportation Board documentation and filings
- **Program delivery and oversight** – the development of rail program and project implementation documents; rail construction project inspection and management services
- **Economic analysis and outreach** – economic analysis, including assistance in grant application preparation, cost-benefit analysis, public-private partnership participation, and other economic analysis; and the development and use of various public outreach activities

Contract Selection Process

Federal Process (Without Interviews) – with DBE Goal (0 %)

- Indefinite Deliverable (ID) Contracts with Work Authorizations
- 3 contracts at \$5,000,000
- 5-year terms with Work Authorizations being issued in the first 4 years
- Remaining year of the contracts will be utilized to complete work issued previously

One-Step Selection Process

- Proposal Evaluation
- Final Selection

- This is a Federal Process; Administrative Qualifications are required.
- No preclusions are expected.
- Core team restrictions are not anticipated.



Table 2: Standard Work Categories

Number	Work Category Name	Percentage
1.5.1	Feasibility Studies	5%
1.6.1	Major Investment Studies	5%
1.8.1	Public Involvement	5%
2.14.1	Environmental Document Preparation	4%
4.2.1	Roadway Design	5%
5.2.1	Bridge Design	5%
7.1.1	Traffic Engineering Studies	10%
8.6.1	Rail-Highway Design	20%
10.1.1	Hydrologic Studies	3%
13.1.1	Rail Route and Design Studies	10%
13.2.1	Rail Infrastructure Analysis	5%
13.3.1	Rail Infrastructure Project Development	5%
13.5.1	Rail Construction Management	3%
15.1.1	Right of Way Surveys	2%
15.2.1	Design Survey	5%
15.2.2	Construction Survey	2%
18.2.1	Subsurface Utility Engineering (Utility Eng. Investigation)	2%
18.4.1	Utility Engineering	2%
18.6.1	Utility Management & Coordination Oversight	2%

*** Work Categories and Corresponding Percentages Subject to Change Prior to RFP Posting.**

Project Management

Project Manager (PM) Requirements:

- The prime provider's project manager is not required to be a registered Professional Engineer licensed in Texas.
- The project manager must be an employee of the prime provider.

Deputy Project Manager (DPM) Requirements:

- If the prime provider's project manager is not a Professional Engineer, then the prime provider's deputy project manager is required to be a Professional Engineer registered or licensed in Texas by the Proposal deadline.
- The Deputy Project Manager may also serve as a task leader.
- The Deputy Project Manager must be an employee of the prime provider.

Proposal Content

- RFP Proposal Content prepared based on the needs for this contract
- CST determines weightings and number of pages allowed for the proposal

Table 3: Evaluation criteria and weightings

Evaluation Criteria	Description	Weight
Technical Approach	Project understanding, innovative concepts or alternatives	XX
Project Manager's Relevant Experience	Similar or related projects, project management experience	XX
Project Planning & Management	Project staffing and resource management (who, how, and why), communication plan, and quality control procedures. The prime firm's past experience with utilizing subproviders and meeting program goals (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)) and/or how it plans to utilize subproviders to meet the goals on this contract.	XX
Key Staff's Relevant Experience	Experience with similar projects	XX
Past Performance Score		5 to 15

RFP Information



Euna Electronic Submittal Platform:

- Proposals must be submitted within the TxDOT Procurement Portal in Euna at <https://txdot.bonfirehub.com/>
 - Firms will be required to register with the Euna portal in order to compete for PEPS contracts.
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- Providers must submit an Intent to Bid to submit their Proposals.
 - FAQs: <https://www.txdot.gov/content/dam/docs/division/ppd/peps-contract-advertisements/faq-bonfire.pdf>
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Understand IT Security Requirements for this Contract

- Review Draft Attachment C, Section 1.7, Draft Contract Template, Attachment I, and TxDOT Security Questionnaire (TSQ)
- Review and understand Cybersecurity Requirements associated with the Contract
 - TxDOT Cybersecurity Resources Webpage: [TxDOT Cybersecurity Resources](#)
 - TxDOT Data Classification Policy: [TxDOT Data Classification Policy](#)
 - TxDOT Security Questionnaire: [TxDOT Security Questionnaire](#)
- Utilize the question-and-answer period

Table 4: **Tentative** procurement schedule

Tentative Procurement Schedule	
Pre-RFP Meeting	08/31/2026
Request for Proposal (RFP) Posting	Mid September
Proposal Due	Early October
Selection Notification	Mid November
Negotiations Complete	Early January 2027
Contract Execution	Early February 2027

Closing Remarks

Reminders

- Always refer to the RFP
- If you have a question about the RFP, follow the process (submit an e-mail) and ask.
- Check website for Addenda and Q&A

Avoid Disqualifications

- Match the Task leader in the PTC form to Task Leader mentioned in the proposal.
- Check your NAICS codes to make sure they are correct

Closing Remarks

This presentation will be posted on TxDOT.gov by Monday, August 31, 2026.

Questions regarding this Pre-RFP meeting should be submitted to:
najitha.bulathsinhala@txdot.gov
by **1 pm, CST, Friday, September 4, 2026** .

Relevant questions received and their responses will be posted on TxDOT.gov by Wednesday, September 9, 2026.