



Professional Engineering Procurement Services (PEPS) Division
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Questions & Answers (Q&A)
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Ref #	Provider Question	TxDOT Answer
1.	Is there an Independent Engineer (IE) contract that this CEI project will report to? If not, who are the primary stakeholders managing SH 130 in this project limit?	TxDOT will clarify the specific governance and oversight structure for these projects in the contracted Scope of Services. The selected CEI consultant for these contracts will report directly to the TxDOT Project Manager (PM), Associated Area Engineer, and District Construction Engineer.
2.	Does the communication blackout begin today with this presentation, or on a later date?	Yes, the blackout to talk to the Consultant Selection Team (CST) has started. Please do not contact CST members. All consultant inquiries must be directed solely at the designated PEPS Procurement Engineer or Austin Service Center Director.
3.	Are there any Non-Listed Categories (NLCs) anticipated for these contracts that are not currently listed in the standard work categories?	Currently we are not anticipating any Non-Listed Categories (NLCs). If any NLC becomes required, it will be explicitly defined in the official RFP advertisement.
4.	Does TxDOT provide a summary of debriefs from previous CEI procurements to help consultants improve proposal response quality?	No, TxDOT does not publish aggregated debrief summaries.
5.	Which project components or administrative portions must satisfy Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) audit requirements?	Please refer to the RFP when posted regarding requirements.
6.	Which specific Task Leads will be required or invited to participate if our team is shortlisted for an interview?	The exact roster of required interviewees will be included in the Interview and Contract Guide (ICG), sent to shortlisted firms.
7.	Can TxDOT provide a tentative list of Pre-certification (Project Team Composition, PTC) work categories required for these contracts?	This will be included in the RFP when posted.
8.	Could TxDOT clarify the applicability of NIGP codes, VetHUB, or DBE goals for this procurement?	Please refer to the RFP when posted regarding requirements.

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9.	Where can consultants access the preliminary plans for these projects prior to letting?	Preliminary plans and 3D models (for information only) can be accessed via the TxDOT Early Plan Posting page on the TxDOT website at: TxDOT Early Plan Posting .
10.	Will members of the TxDOT District Leadership Team (LT) be serving on the interview selection panel?	In accordance with PEPS guidelines, the exact roster of Consultant Selection Team (CST) panel members will not be publicized.
11.	Given the extensive bridge scope on these projects, will Work Category 11.2.2 (Bridge Deck Construction Inspection) be a mandatory requirement? (Note: Pre-certification for 11.2.2 currently requires up to 60 days to process.)	TxDOT is currently evaluating whether Work Category 11.2.2 will be designated as a required pre-certification. The final determination will be specified in the official RFP advertisement.
12.	What is the estimated construction cost and contract duration for the SH 45 project segment?	This project is estimated to last almost 3.5 to 4 years, and its authorized funding is about \$184.4 million.
13.	Based on the information provided, the proposed Level of Effort (LOE) includes a 15% Project Manager, 75% Construction Superintendent, 40% Record Keeper, and five Inspectors with no Resident Engineer. Since this PM allocation equates to approximately six hours per week, can TxDOT clarify if it will be taking on the role of approving submittals, responding to RFIs, preparing change orders, reviewing/approving progress payments to the contractor, coordinating with UPRR and Georgetown RR, and coordinating with the AO and local jurisdictions for traffic management? If the answer is no, will TxDOT consider adding a Resident Engineer position?	The district will require that the CEI include management of RFIs and Submittals in the ultimate SOW. The tasks and percentages of time reflect the district's desire for staffing this in kind to an Area Office where engineers are limited in the day-to-day operations. We believe while complex, these projects will not need as much engineering exposure and a talented senior project manager (Superintendent) will be able to manage and review many of the documents in question. With that said, the balance of the roles can be adjusted if the selected firm believes that less time for the superintendent or PM could allow adding a RE or young engineer to the staff while still getting the right resources. We do understand that engineering time will be warranted for some of these efforts but overall want to ensure we structure the team to match how a TxDOT area office is managing projects and the SOW will be negotiated accordingly.