The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) is announcing the LA DOTD’s intent to enter into a Design-Build (DB) contract with a Design-Builder, possessing both professional engineering design capability and qualified construction contracting capability, for the I-10: Highland to LA 73 DB Project (the "Project").

The major elements of the Project as currently proposed include the following:

- Widening to the inside of mainline I-10 from four lanes to six lanes from west of LA 42, Highland Road (at the end of the S.P. No. 450-10-0159, the previous I-10 DB project) to east of the LA 73 interchange;
- The replacement of the LA 42 overpass structures;
- Possible replacement and raising of the bridges over Bayou Manchac;
- Possible substructure repairs and increased clearance to the LA 928 overpass over I-10;
- The possible replacement of the LA 73 overpass structures;
- Lighting of mainline I-10 and underpasses;
- Utility coordination, as necessary; and
- Maintenance of traffic.

The anticipated contract execution date for this Project is no later than July 2017. The estimated cost of the DB Contract/Project is to be within the range of $55 million to $75 million.

The selection process will consist of two phases. Responses to this Notice of Intent (NOI) and the following Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be evaluated to establish a short-list of proposers that will be invited to submit proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP). The selection process will evaluate the ability of the proposers to plan, design, construct, and control this Project to provide a quality product, on or ahead of schedule, for the stated budget.

The LA DOTD is seeking a Design-Builder that is committed to quality; has proven experience in the management, design, and construction of highway projects; will bring innovative approaches to the Project; will ensure timely completion; and is willing to partner with the LA DOTD for the mutual success of the Project.

Firms/Teams interested in providing the services for this Project should submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to DBI-I10HighlandLA73@la.gov. All correspondence with the LA DOTD on matters concerning this Project should be made in writing to this E-mail address.

An LOI from firms/teams in response to this NOI will be due by October 18, 2016. The LOI should, at a minimum, name the proposed primary team members (if the LOI is being submitted by a team) and contact information (name, telephone number, address, and E-mail address) for the official point of contact for the firm/team.

Firms/teams that provide the LA DOTD with an LOI will be issued the RFQ and Draft RFP concurrently and will be placed on a list of interested firms that will be placed on the LA DOTD Web site (http://www.dotd.la.gov).