The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) is announcing the LA DOTD’s intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement with a Developer possessing the capability to design, build, and finance the LA 3241: I-12 to Bush Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Project (the "Project") in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

The ultimate Project is an urban and rural four-lane roadway from I-12 to Bush, Louisiana, with an initial two-lane facility for the full length of the Project required at a minimum. The phasing and timing of the ultimate build-out is dependent upon the timing and availability of funding, including funding that has been or will be applied for under federal discretionary grant programs.

The major elements of the Project are identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) issued in 2016 and re-evaluated in April 2019. Those elements may include, but are not limited to, the following, as may be amended by the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and/or the Request for Proposals (RFP):

- Control-of-access along portions of the corridor from realigned LA 434 to the southern terminus of LA 21 in Bush, Louisiana;
- Construction of new roundabouts at the intersection of LA 3241 with the following:
  - I-12 westbound ramps;
  - Realigned North Dixie Road and Krentel Road;
  - Legend Boulevard;
  - Tamanend Way; and
  - Provision Landing and the realigned LA 434;
- Construction of bridges at the following locations:
  - Fire Tower Road;
  - Bayou Lacombe Tributary;
  - Bayou Lacombe; and
  - Talisheek Creek;
Since majority of the construction will be in wetland areas, coordination with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) is needed for any deviations from the approved permitted activities; and

- Utility coordination.

The anticipated contract execution date for this Project is no later than November 2020. The capital cost of the Contract/Project is estimated to not exceed $250 million.

The selection process will consist of two phases. The evaluation of responses to the RFQ will establish a short-list of proposers. Then the LA DOTD will consider submittals in response to the RFP that will determine the selected Developer. The selection process will evaluate the ability of the proposers to plan, design, construct, and finance the Project to provide a quality product.

The LA DOTD is seeking a Developer that is committed to quality; has proven experience in the management, design, construction, and financing of transportation projects; will bring innovative approaches to the Project; and is willing to partner with the LA DOTD and local community stakeholders for the mutual success of the Project.

Firms/teams are required to review the LA DOTD’s Public-Private Partnership Procurement Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) for this Project, which can be found at http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Public-PrivatePartnerships/Pages/LA-3241_I12-To-Bush.aspx. The Guidelines outline the procurement process that will be used for this Project, including mandatory procedures related to communications with the LA DOTD and stakeholders and information regarding organizational conflicts of interest and firm eligibility.

Firms/teams interested in proposing on this Project should submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to P3LA3241I-12toBush@la.gov. All correspondence with the LA DOTD on matters concerning the 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 August 8, 2019. The LOI must include a specific acknowledgment that the firm/team has reviewed the Guidelines and will comply with the Guidelines during this procurement. The LOI should also, 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 will be placed on a list of interested firms that will be placed on the LA DOTD P3 Web site.