The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) is announcing the LA DOTD’s intent to enter into a Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract with a CMAR Contractor possessing qualified construction contracting capability for the Comite River Diversion Canal Bridges.

The major elements of the Comite River Diversion Canal Bridges CMAR Project (the “Project”) as currently proposed include the following:

- New bridge structures over the future Comite River Diversion Canal at LA 67 and LA 19;
- A new railroad bridge structure over the future Comite River Diversion Canal at LA 19;
- Temporary at-grade highway bypass roads for LA 67 and LA 19;
- An at-grade shoo-fly for the Geaux Geaux railway on LA 19;
- Utility coordination and, as necessary, relocations;
- Maintenance of traffic; and
- Local and business access.

The anticipated Pre-Construction Services Agreement execution date for the Project is no later than May 2020.
Responses to this Notice of Intent (NOI) and the following Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be evaluated to determine the most highly qualified Proposer that is able to provide both pre-construction services and, if successfully negotiated, construction services for the Project.

The LA DOTD is seeking a CMAR Contractor for the Project that is committed to quality; has proven experience in pre-construction and construction services related to the construction of highway and bridge projects; will bring innovative approaches and a collaborative work effort to the Project; will ensure timely completion; and is willing to partner with the LA DOTD and its Designer and Independent Cost Estimator for the mutual success of the Project.

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

An LOI from Proposers in response to this NOI will be due by January 28, 2020. 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 Proposer.

Proposers 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 Web site (http://www.dotd.la.gov).