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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ADDENDUM No. 34

A DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

I-95 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT ROUTE 3

From: 0.115 Miles South of Int. Route 3

To: 1.220 Miles North of Int. Route 3

City of Fredericksburg, Virginia

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PART 1

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFERORS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) submits this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit design-build Proposals (Proposals) from those entities (Offerors) interested in contracting to serve as the Design-Builder for the I-95 Safety Improvements at Route 3 in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia (Project). The purpose of this RFP is to determine which Offeror (the “Successful Offeror”) will be awarded the Design-Build contract (Design-Build Contract) for the Project.

The Project priorities are:

- Cost - provide the best price for the scope of work identified in this RFP

1.1 Project Overview

The Project is located in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia and involves improvements to the safety and operations at the I-95 and Route 3 interchange with an option to design and construct a noise barrier wall, including the associated improvements as required to support the construction of the wall, as shown on the RFP Conceptual Plans, from Cowan Boulevard to Fall Hill Avenue. The southbound I-95 to westbound Route 3 exit ramp will be modified to provide a three lane approach to a two-phase signalized intersection at Route 3 (for westbound traffic) and a single free-flow lane to Carl D. Silver parkway. The eastbound Route 3 to northbound I-95 on-ramp will be replaced with a triple left turn from eastbound Route 3 onto the existing westbound Route 3 to northbound I-95 on-ramp. The triple left turn will be signalized stopping westbound Route 3 traffic, but not eastbound Route 3 through traffic. This improvement removes the northbound I-95 weave and the eastbound Route 3 weave. The realignment of the I-95 North to the Route 3 East ramp to improves ramp performance and safety by increasing the length of the merge area. The total project length is approximately 1.34 miles.

The Project includes, among other things, the Design and Construction of (a) modification and realignment of the I-95 and Route 3 Interchange on-ramps and off-ramps, (b) pavement demolition and obscuring roadway (c) right of way acquisition, (d) drainage, (e) signals, (f) CCTV camera installation (g) signing and pavement marking, (h) stormwater management, (i) Transportation Management Plan, (j) erosion and sediment control, and (k) utility relocations within the Project limits. Refer to Part 2 of the RFP (Technical Requirements) for the scope of work, technical information and requirements.

1.2 Project Scope

For budgeting reasons, the procurement of this Project includes a Base Scope and Option 1. The Base Scope consists of all Work required to design and construct the I-95 Safety Improvements at Route 3 project, excluding Option 1, in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Part 2 (Technical Requirements) of this RFP. The anticipated scope of work to be undertaken by the Design-Builder as part of the Base Scope for the Project includes, but not limited to, the following:

Base Scope

1. **Route 3 and I-95 Northbound On-Ramp (Ramp A)** – Design and construct Triple left turn lanes from eastbound Route 3 to the I-95 northbound on-ramp as shown on the RFP Conceptual Plans; reconfiguration of westbound Route 3 to provide for a shared right and separate right turn lane to convey traffic onto the I-95 northbound on ramp, including signalization of the reconfigured intersection; and provide a dual lane access to I-95 northbound on the I-95 northbound on-ramp.
2. **I-95 Northbound On-Loop (Loop D)** – Demolition of the I-95 northbound on-ramp loop, including but not limited to the removal and disposal of all pavement materials and shall include obscuring the existing roadway and the reconstruction of the Route 3/I-95 ramp gore to provide for a 300 foot taper and for the construction of a through lane as depicted on the RFP Conceptual Plans.
3. **Route 3 and I-95 Southbound Off-Ramp (Ramp B)** – Design and reconstruction of the I-95 southbound off-ramp to provide a dual lane exit from I-95, with one of the lanes designed as a choice lane; reconfiguration of the I-95 southbound off-ramp approaching Route 3 to provide for triple right turns onto westbound Route 3; signalization of the new intersection created by the off-ramp triple right turns to westbound Route 3; modification of Route 3 at Loop B to allow for a choice lane that will allow access to both the loop and Route 3; design and construction of a separate westbound ramp (Slip Ramp B) to provide direct access to northbound Carl D. Silver Parkway separated by a median; reconfiguration of westbound Route 3 at Ramp B to accommodate two (2) additional through lanes; and reconfiguration of the entrance to the I-95 southbound Loop B as a choice lane as depicted on the RFP Conceptual Plans.
4. **Route 3 and Carl D. Silver Parkway** – Design and construct an extended westbound left turn lane, three through lanes, a westbound right and a westbound shared through right turn lane at the intersection with Carl D. Silver Parkway westbound Route 3.

In addition to the Base Scope, included is an option to design and construct a noise barrier wall, as shown on the RFP Conceptual Plans, from Cowan Boulevard to Fall Hill Avenue

for the Project in which VDOT may authorize execution of the option provided VDOT has sufficient funds at the time of Project Award. A general description of the option is as follows:

Option 1

1. The option includes all work required to design and construct a noise barrier wall, as shown on the RFP Conceptual Plans, from Cowan Boulevard to Fall Hill Avenue. This includes, but is not limited to a final design noise analysis, grading, drainage structures, erosion and sediment control, environmental permitting, utilities, right of way, temporary construction easements and Transportation Management Plan.

Offerors are on notice that VDOT is not obligated to authorize the execution of Option 1 and that VDOT assumes no responsibilities or liabilities, fiscal or otherwise, to reimburse all or any part of the cost incurred or alleged to have been incurred by the Offeror for work associated when developing its proposal.

Refer to Part 2 of the RFP for more details regarding scope of work, technical information and requirements for the Base Scope and Option 1 for the Project.

1.3 Procurement Overview

VDOT will use a single-phase selection process on the Project. In accordance with the requirements of this RFP, interested Offerors will submit a Proposal consisting of a Letter of Submittal, Attachments to the Letter of Submittal, and Price Proposal consistent with Part 1, Section 4.0. The Offeror shall submit a separate proposal price for the Base Scope and Option 1 in accordance with Part 1, Section 4.3. Additionally, the Offeror who submitted the lowest Proposal Price will submit the Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals consistent with Part 1, Section 4.4.

An Offeror's Proposal must meet all requirements established by this RFP. Requirements of this RFP generally will use the words "shall", "will", or "must" (or equivalent terms) to identify a required item that must be submitted with an Offeror's Proposal. Failure to meet an RFP requirement may render an Offeror's Proposal non-responsive.

The Offeror whose Proposal is deemed responsive, who submitted the lowest Price Proposal, and whose Price Proposal is within VDOT's budget for design and construction will be recommended to the Chief Engineer for an award of a fixed price Design-Build Contract by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) The award of the contract will be made to the Successful Offeror in accordance with Part 1, Section 8.0 of the RFP.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Legislative Authority

§33.2-209(B) of the Code of Virginia authorizes VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and award contracts using the Design-Build contracting method. In accordance with the law, VDOT completed the Finding of Public Interest (FOPI) dated September 26, 2016. The FOPI is available for inspection upon request.

2.2 Estimated Contract Value

VDOT's current estimated contract value for this Project is approximately \$14,900,000.

2.3 Procurement Schedule and Project Milestones

2.3.1 VDOT currently anticipates conducting the procurement of the Project in accordance with the following list of milestones leading to award of the Design-Build Contract. This schedule is subject to revision and VDOT reserves the right to modify this schedule as it finds necessary, in its sole discretion.

.1	Advertise RFP	09/27/16
.2	Pre-Proposal Meeting w/ Offerors	10/03/16 (9:00 AM prevailing local time)
.3	Utility Meeting w/ Offerors	10/03/16 (10:00 AM prevailing local time)
.4	RFP Questions Due to VDOT	10/18/16 (4:00 PM prevailing local time)
.5	VDOT responses to Questions or Clarifications	11/01/16
.6	Letter of Submittal & Price Proposal Due	01/04/17 (4:00 PM prevailing local time)
.7	Open Letters of Submittal & Price Proposals	01/06/17
.8	Notice of Intent to Award	01/13/17
.9	CTB Approval/ Notice to Award	02/15/17
.10	Design-Build Contract Execution	03/15/17
.11	Notice to Proceed	03/20/17
.12	Final Completion	01/11/ 4819

2.3.4 VDOT has established the following milestones for contract completion dates for the Project, and Offerors shall base their proposals on such milestones.

- .1 Final Completion shall be no later than the date set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. For the avoidance of doubt, this date for Final Completion shall include the Work for the Base Scope and for Option 1 if VDOT authorizes the Work for the option at the time of Award.

- .2 If an Offeror proposes a Final Completion date earlier than that shown in Part 1, Section 2.3.1 above, then such proposed date will be deemed by VDOT as the contractual completion date for the Design-Build Contract for all purposes, including liquidated damages.

2.4 VDOT’s Point of Contact

VDOT’s sole point of contact (POC) for matters related to the RFP shall be Stephen D. Kindy. VDOT’s POC is the only individual authorized to discuss this RFP with any interested parties, including Offerors. All communications with VDOT’s POC about the Project or this RFP shall be in writing, as required by applicable provisions of this RFP.

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VDOT disclaims the accuracy of information derived from any source other than VDOT’s POC, and the use of any such information is at the sole risk of the Offeror.

All communications and requests for information shall be submitted by the Offeror’s Point of Contact identified in the Letter of Submittal. Written communications to VDOT from Offerors shall specifically reference the correspondence as being associated with “I-95 Safety Improvements at Route 3, Project No. 0095-111-278.”

2.5 RFP Information Package

An RFP Information Package is available for interested Offerors on CD or DVD ROM for \$50.00. Interested Offerors should complete the RFP Information Package Order Form included as Attachment 2.5. The instructions for submittal and payment are included on the form.

The contents of the RFP Information Package are listed in Part 2 of the RFP.

2.6 RFP Documents

2.6.1 The documents included in this RFP (collectively the RFP Documents) consist of the following parts and any addenda, as well as any attachments and exhibits contained or identified in such sections:

PART 1 – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFERORS
PART 2 – PROJECT TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS
INCLUDING RFP INFORMATION PACKAGE (CD-ROM)
PART 3 – LUMP SUM DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT
EXHIBIT 1 TO PART 3 – PROJECT SPECIFIC TERMS
PART 4 – GENERAL CONDITIONS
PART 5 – DIVISION I AMENDMENTS TO STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

VDOT has developed standard template Part 3, 4 and 5 (July 2013) documents. These documents have been compiled into a standard package available for download at the following location: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/design-build.asp>. Standard template Parts 2, 4 and 5 will be incorporated into the Final Contract by reference.

2.6.2 Each Offeror shall review the RFP Documents and provide questions or requests for clarification, including but not limited to terms that it considers to be ambiguous or to which it takes exception. Such questions or requests for clarification will be submitted to VDOT's POC within the time specified in Part 1, Section 2.3.1 of this RFP. VDOT will review all questions and/ or requests for clarification received and, if it deems appropriate, in its sole discretion, may modify the RFP Documents through an Addendum. Offerors shall base their Proposals on the terms and conditions of the RFP Documents included in the latest issued Addendum.

2.6.3 Addenda to the RFP Documents, if any, will be posted on the VDOT Project website. Hard copies of the RFP Documents and Addenda on file will be available upon request. If there is any conflict between the electronic format and hard copy of any RFP Documents or Addenda, the hard copy on file shall control.

2.7 Deviations from the RFP Documents

No deviations from the requirements of the RFP Documents will be valid unless they are set forth in an Addendum prior to receipt of the Offeror's Letter of Submittal.

2.8 Obligation to Meet All of the Requirements of the RFP Documents

If awarded the Design-Build Contract, the Design-Builder will be obligated to meet all of the requirements of the RFP Documents for the Contract Price and within the Contract Time(s). Offerors are on notice that VDOT's review of Attachments to the Letter of Submittal, as well as its issuance of any Addendum, shall not be construed as relieving the Design-Builder of this obligation. Offerors are on further notice that VDOT will review, comment and/or

approve the Design-Builder’s final design after the award of the Design-Build Contract, in accordance with Part 4, Article 2.

3.0 GENERAL PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Part 1, Section 3.0 provides general information, procedures and requirements related to the pre-submittal period to be followed by all Offerors.

3.1 Offeror’s Pre-Submittal Responsibilities and Representations

3.1.1 Each Offeror shall be solely responsible for examining the RFP Documents, including any Addenda issued to such documents, and any and all conditions which may in any way affect its Proposal or the performance of the work on the Project, including but not limited to:

- .1 Examining and carefully studying the RFP Documents, including any Addenda and other information or data identified in the RFP Documents;
- .2 Visiting the Project Site and becoming familiar with and satisfying itself as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect the cost, progress, or performance of its work on the Project;
- .3 Contacting each utility owner with facilities existing within the project limits to determine the scope of work for each owner’s utility relocation. The Offeror shall address all potential impacts with each affected utility owner and ensure resolution of all such impacts have been included in the Offeror’s Letter of Submittal and Attachments and Price Proposals;
- .4 Addressing all potential impacts with third parties and ensuring all such impacts have been included in the Offeror’s Letter of Submittal and Attachments and Price Proposals;
- .5 Becoming familiar with and satisfying itself as to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations that may affect the cost, progress, or performance of its work on the Project;
- .6 Determining that the RFP Documents are sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of Offeror’s work on the Project; and
- .7 Notifying VDOT in writing, in accordance with the processes set forth in Part 1, Section 7.0, of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Offeror discovers in the RFP Documents.

Any failure to fulfill these responsibilities is at the Offeror's sole risk and no relief will be provided by VDOT.

3.2 Pre-Proposal Meeting

VDOT will hold a Pre-Proposal meeting of potential Offerors on the date and time set forth in Part1, Section 2.3.1 at the Fredericksburg District Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, 86 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405 in the district auditorium.

3.3 Utility Meeting

VDOT will hold a Utility Meeting of potential Offerors on the date and time set for in Part1, Section 2.3.1 at the Fredericksburg District Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, 86 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405 in the district auditorium.

3.4 Acknowledgment of Receipt of RFP, Revisions and Addenda

Offeror shall provide VDOT the Acknowledgement of Receipt of RFP, Revisions, and/or Addenda (Form C-78-RFP), set forth as Attachment 3.4, signed by the Offeror's Point of Contact or Principal Officer, with submission of the Proposal, which will serve as acknowledgement that Offeror has received this RFP.

4.0 CONTENTS OF PROPOSALS

Part 1, Section 4.0 describes specific information that must be included in the Letter of Submittal, Attachments to the Letter of Submittal, Price Proposal, and Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittal. The format for the presentation of such information is described in Part 1, Section 6.0.

4.0.1 Offerors will submit a two part Proposal:

- .1 The Letter of Submittal will consist of all information required under Part 1, Section 4.1 and Section 4.2 and will be submitted in a sealed package by the date and time set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1, and separate from that submitted for the Price Proposal. Offerors shall complete the Letter of Submittal Checklist, Attachment 4.0.1.1, and include it with their Letter of Submittal. The purpose of the Letter of Submittal checklist is to aid the Offeror in ensuring all submittal requirements have been included in the Offeror's Letter of Submittal and to provide a page reference indicating the location in the Letter of Submittal of each submittal requirement. It shall also include an original signed copy of Acknowledgement of Receipt of RFP, Revisions and/ or Addenda (Form C-78-RFP), Attachment 3.4.

- .2 The Price Proposal will consist of the information required by Part 1, Section 4.3, and will be submitted in a sealed package by the date and time set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1, and separate from that submitted for the Letter of Submittal. Offerors shall complete the Price Proposal Checklist, Attachment 4.0.1.2, and include it with their Price Proposal for the Base Scope and Option 1. The purpose of the Price Proposal Checklist is to aid the Offeror in ensuring all submittal requirements have been included in the submittal.

4.0.2 Offerors shall be aware that VDOT reserves the right to conduct an independent investigation of any information, including prior experience, identified in a Proposal by contacting project references, accessing public information, contacting independent parties, or any other means. VDOT also reserves the right to request additional information from an Offeror during the evaluation of that Offeror's Proposal.

4.0.3 If an Offeror has concerns about information included in its Proposal that may be deemed confidential or proprietary, the Offeror shall adhere to the requirements set forth by Part 1, Section 11.1.2.

4.1 Letter of Submittal

4.1.1 The Letter of Submittal shall be on the Offeror's letterhead and identify the full legal name and address of the Offeror. The Offeror is defined as the legal entity who will execute the Contract with VDOT. The Letter of Submittal shall be signed by an authorized representative of Offeror's organization. All signatures on the Letter of Submittal shall be original and signed in ink.

4.1.2 Declare Offeror's intent, if selected, to enter into a contract with VDOT for the Project in accordance with the terms of this RFP.

4.1.3 Pursuant to Part 1, Section 8.2, declare that the offer represented by the Price Proposal will remain in full force and effect for one hundred twenty (120) days after the date the Proposal is submitted to VDOT ("Letter of Submittal & Price Proposal Due Date").

4.1.4 Identify the name, title, address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of an individual who will serve as the Point Of Contact for the Offeror.

4.1.5 Identify the name, address and telephone number of the individual who will serve as the Principal Officer for the Offeror. (e.g., President, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, etc.).

4.1.6 Identify whether the Offeror will be structured as a corporation, limited liability company, general partnership, joint venture, limited partnership or other form of organization. Identify the team members who will undertake financial responsibility for the Project and describe any liability limitations. If the Offeror is a limited liability company, partnership or

joint venture, describe the bonding approach that will be used and the members of such organizations who will have joint and several liability for the performance of the work required for the Project. A single 100% performance bond and a single 100% payment bond shall be provided regardless of any co-surety relationship.

4.1.7 Identify the full legal name of the Lead Contractor, the Lead Designer, and QAM firm for this Project. The Lead Contractor is defined as the Offeror that will serve as the prime/ general contractor responsible for overall construction of the Project and will serve as the legal entity who will execute the Contract with VDOT. The Lead Designer is defined as the prime design consulting firm responsible for the overall design of this Project. The QAM firm is defined as the firm proposed by the Offeror to provide the Quality Assurance Manager for the Project.

4.1.8 State the Offeror’s VDOT prequalification number and current VDOT prequalification status (active, inactive, etc.) in the Letter of Submittal. An 8.5” x 11” copy of the Offeror’s VDOT prequalification certificate or evidence indicating Offeror is currently prequalified will be provided in the Attachments to the Letter of Submittal. The Offeror must be in good standing and prequalified to bid on the Project as outlined in VDOT’s Rules Governing Prequalification Privileges at the time of the Letter of Submittal & Price Proposal Due Date. In order to prequalify as a Joint Venture, a completed “Joint Venture Bidding Agreement” must be submitted to and approved by VDOT and evidence of the approval shall be included in the attachments to the Letter of Submittal.

4.1.9 Provide a written statement within the Letter of Submittal that the Offeror is committed to achieving a fourteen percent (14%) DBE participation goal for the entire value of the contract.

4.1.10 Provide Final Completion Date. The proposed date herein shall be no later than the date set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. Earlier Final Completion date will be deemed by VDOT as the contractual completion date for the Design-Build Contract for all purposes, including liquidated damages in accordance with Part 3, Section 5.5.

4.2 Attachments to the Letter of Submittal

4.2.1 Provide the full legal name and address of all affiliated and/or subsidiary companies of the Offeror on Attachment 4.2.1. Indicate which companies are affiliates and which companies are subsidiaries. An affiliate shall be considered as any business entity which is closely associated to another business entity so that one entity controls or has power to control the other entity either directly or indirectly; or, when a third party has the power to control or controls both; or where one business entity has been so closely allied with another business entity through an established course of dealings, including but not limited to the lending of financial wherewithal, engaging in joint ventures, etc. as to cause a public perception that the two firms are one entity. Firms which are owned by a holding company or a third party, but otherwise meet the above conditions and do not have interlocking directorships or joint officers serving, are not considered to be affiliates.

If the Offeror does not have any affiliated and/or subsidiary companies, other than the Offeror’s legal business entity, indicate this on Attachment 4.2.1.

The Offeror shall not submit more than one Proposal for this Project. If more than one Proposal is submitted by an individual, partnership, Corporation, or any party of a Joint Venture, then all Proposals submitted by that individual, partnership, Corporation or Joint Venture shall be disqualified. If more than one Proposal is submitted by an affiliate or subsidiary company of an individual, partnership, Corporation or any party of a Joint Venture, then all Proposals submitted by that individual, partnership, Corporation or Joint Venture shall be disqualified.

4.2.2 Execute and return the attached Certification Regarding Debarment Form(s) Primary Covered Transactions, set forth as Attachment 4.2.2(a) and Certification Regarding Debarment Form(s) Lower Tier Covered Transactions, set forth as Attachment 4.2.2(b) for the Lead Contractor, Lead Designer and QAM firm.

If Lead Contractor, Lead Designer and QAM firm are unable to execute the certification, then prospective participant shall attach an explanation to its Certification Regarding Debarment Form. Failure to execute the certification will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining the Offeror’s responsibility. Providing false information may result in federal criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

4.2.3 Provide an 8.5” x 11” copy of the Offeror’s VDOT prequalification certificate or evidence indicating Offeror is currently prequalified as outlined in Section III H in VDOT’s Rules Governing Prequalification Privileges shall be satisfied.

4.2.4 Include a letter from a surety or insurance company (with a Best’s Financial Strength Rating of A minus and Financial Size Category VIII or better by A.M. Best Co.) stating that the Offeror is capable of obtaining a performance and payment bond based on the current estimated contract value referenced in Part 1, Section 2.2, which bonds will cover the Project and any warranty periods. The letter of surety shall clearly state the rating categorization noted above and reference the estimated contract value as identified in Part 1, Section 2.2, in a manner similar to the notation provided below:

“As surety for [the above named Contractor], [XYZ Company] with A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating [rating] and Financial Size Category [Size Category] is capable of obtaining 100% Performance Bond and 100% Labor and Materials Payment Bond in the amount of the anticipated cost of construction, and said bonds will cover the Project and any warranty periods as provided for in the Contract Documents on behalf of the Contractor, in the event that such firm be the successful bidder and enter into a contract for this Project.”

4.2.5 All business entities on the Offeror’s proposed team must comply with the law with regard to their organizational structure, any required registration with governmental agencies and/or entities, and any required governmental licensure, whether business, commercial, individual, or professional in nature, and nothing herein is intended to contradict, nor to

supersede, State and Federal laws and regulations regarding the same. All business entities on the Offeror's proposed team shall be eligible at the time of their Proposal, under the law and relevant regulations, to offer and to provide any services proposed or related to the Project. All business entities on the Offeror's proposed team shall satisfy all commercial and professional registration requirements, including, but not limited to those requirements of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) and the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulations (DPOR).

For the Lead Contractor, Lead Designer and QAM firm, provide full size copies of DPOR licenses and SCC registrations, or evidence indicating the same, should be included in the appendix of the Letter of Submittal. Additionally, the following information should be provided on Attachment 4.2.5:

- .1 The SCC registration information for the Lead Contractor, Lead Designer and QAM firm. Provide the name, registration number, type of corporation and status.
- .2 For this Project, the DPOR registration information for each office practicing or offering to practice professional services in Virginia. For the Lead Designer and QAM firm, provide the business name, address, registration type, registration number and expiration date.

Failure to comply with the law with regard to those legal requirements in Virginia (whether federal or state) regarding your organizational structure, any required registration with governmental agencies and/or entities, and any required governmental licensure, whether business, individual, or professional in nature may render your Proposal, in the sole and reasonable discretion of the Department, non-responsive and in that event your Proposal may be returned without any consideration or evaluation.

4.2.6 Complete the Work History Forms for both the Lead Contractor and Lead Designer.

Identify on the Lead Contractor Work History Form (Attachment 4.2.6(a)) three (3) projects that have completed construction in the last fifteen (15) years and were constructed by the Lead Contractor for this Project as identified in Part 1, Section 4.1.7. Relevant experience to be identified on the Lead Contractor Work History Form shall include:

1. Two (2) primary roadway construction projects with a minimum construction value of \$10,000,000 for the roadway work.
2. One (1) interstate construction/reconstruction project with demonstrated experience coordinating and monitoring maintenance of traffic (MOT).
3. Demonstrated signal or intersection work with construction phasing on one of these projects.

If work identified on the Lead Contractor Work History Form was performed by an affiliated or subsidiary company of the Lead Contractor, explain the justification for utilizing an affiliated or subsidiary company to satisfy the relevant project experience on this Project and the control the Lead Contractor will exercise over the affiliated or subsidiary company on this Project. Additionally, identify the full legal name of the affiliated or subsidiary company, describe their role on this Project, and discuss how the Lead Contractor will be responsible for the work performed by the affiliated or subsidiary company on this Project. For all projects on the Lead Contractor Work History Form, identify the prime design consultant responsible for the overall project design of the projects listed on the Lead Contractor Work History Form.

Identify on the Lead Designer Work History Form (Attachment 4.2.6(b)) three (3) projects that the construction is in progress or that have completed construction within the last fifteen (15) years and were designed by the Lead Designer for this Project identified in Part 1, Section 4.1.7. Relevant experience to be identified on the Lead Designer Work History Form shall include:

1. Two (2) primary roadway design projects with a minimum construction value of \$10,000,000 for the roadway work.
2. One (1) interstate interchange design project.
3. Demonstrated signal or intersection work on one of these projects.

For all projects on the Lead Designer Work History Form, identify the prime/ general contractor responsible for overall construction of the projects listed on the Lead Designer Work History Form.

4.2.7 Provide Conceptual Roadway Plans showing the general Project layout for the Base Scope and Option 1. Include 11” x 17” copies of (a) plan view indicating the number of lanes specified in the RFP Information Package, and (b) typical sections of the proposed improvements to I-95, I-95 Ramps, and Route 3. Minimally, the Conceptual Roadway Plans shall meet the requirements of the Design Criteria Table (Attachment 2.2 of Part 2), indicate that the limits of construction are within the existing/proposed right-of-way limits shown in the RFP Conceptual Plans, and, as applicable, identify:

- .1 Lane widths
- .2 Shoulder widths
- .3 Areas of pavement demolition
- .4 Areas of obscuring roadway
- .5 Median widths
- .6 Minimum pavement sections
- .7 Cross slopes
- .8 Noise barrier locations (Option 1)

4.3 Price Proposal

The information and attachments provided in Part 1, Section 4.3 shall be submitted on the due date and time set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. If the sealed Price Proposal is not submitted on the above specified date and time, then the Offeror shall be deemed non-responsive and will be disqualified from participating in the design-build procurement for this Project. Offerors shall complete the Price Proposal Checklist, Attachment 4.0.1.2, and include it with their Price Proposal for the Base Scope and Option 1. The purpose of the Price Proposal Checklist is to aid the Offeror in ensuring all submittal requirements have been included in the submittal. Additionally, the Offeror shall:

4.3.1 Specify, on the form set forth in Attachment 4.3.1, a Cost Breakdown Summary in whole numbers and the Proposal Price, in both numbers and words which is the sum for the Base Scope and Option 1. Offerors are advised that the prices set forth above shall be considered full compensation to Offeror for all design and construction of this Project, to include: labor, material, equipment, permits, taxes, overhead, profit and any other expenses of any kind applicable to the work to be undertaken by Offeror associated with such work, including but not limited to any escalation, extended site overhead, acceleration of schedule, and/or shift of construction sequencing.

4.3.2 Provide the required information set forth in Part 3, Section 6.3, Adjustments to Asphalt and Fuel Prices for the Base Scope and Option 1.

4.3.3 Provide the Proposal Guaranty (to include the Base Scope and Option 1) required by Section 102.07 of Division I Amendments of the VDOT Road and Bridge Specifications. A copy of the Proposal Guaranty Form C-24 may be found at <http://vdotforms.vdot.virginia.gov/>. **If the Price Proposal Guaranty is not submitted with the Price Proposal, then the Offeror shall be deemed non-responsive and will be disqualified from participating in the Design-Build procurement for this Project.**

4.3.4 Provide the Sworn Statement Forms (C-104, C-105), as set forth in Attachments 4.3.4(a) and 4.3.4(b) respectively.

4.4 Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals

Within three (3) calendar days of Notice of Intent to Award, the Successful Offeror shall deliver to VDOT documents required by this Section for its review and approval. VDOT may seek clarifications on any such documents. If VDOT disapproves any such submittal, VDOT may, in its sole discretion, disqualify the Successful Offeror.

4.4.1 Furnish an organizational chart showing the “chain of command” of all companies (including affiliated or subsidiary), including individuals responsible for pertinent disciplines, proposed on the Offeror’s team. Identify major functions to be performed and their reporting relationships in managing, designing and constructing the Project. The organizational chart

should show a clear separation and independence of a contractual relationship of any kind with the Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) programs for construction activities. This includes separation between QA and QC inspection and field/ laboratory testing in accordance with the Minimum Requirements for Quality Assurance and Quality Control on Design Build and P3 Projects, January 2012.

4.4.2 Provide the identity of and information about the following Key Personnel listed below. This information is to be provided on the Key Personnel Resume Form attached hereto as Attachment 4.4.2.

- .1 **Design-Build Project Manager (DBPM)** – This individual shall be responsible for the overall Project design and construction and shall have the necessary expertise and experience required to supervise and exercise a degree of control of the Work. Work is comprised of all Design-Builder’s design, construction, quality management, contract administration and other services required by the Contract Documents, including procuring and furnishing all materials, equipment, services and labor reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents in a timely manner. The individual should be capable of answering questions/inquiries relevant to the project. The DBPM shall be responsible for meeting the Design-Builder’s obligations under the Contract and avoiding and resolving disputes under Section 10.2.2 of RFP Part 4 - General Conditions of Contract. This individual shall also coordinate any required public outreach and public meetings.
- .2 **Quality Assurance Manager (QAM)** – This individual shall be from an independent firm that has no contractual relationship of any kind with the Quality Control (QC) firm and no involvement in construction operations (to include QC inspection and testing) for the Project. The QAM shall be responsible for the quality assurance (QA) inspection and testing of all materials used and work performed on the Project, to include monitoring of the contractor's quality control (QC) program. The QAM will ensure that all work and materials, testing, and sampling are performed in conformance with the contract requirements and the "approved for construction" plans and specifications. This individual shall be a registered, licensed, Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- .3 **Design Manager (DM)** – This individual shall be responsible for coordinating the individual design disciplines and ensuring the overall Project design is in conformance with the Contract Documents. The Design Manager shall be responsible for establishing and overseeing a QA/QC program for all pertinent disciplines involved in the design of the Project, including, review of design, working plans, shop drawings, specifications, and constructability of the Project. This individual shall be a registered, licensed, Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- .4 **Construction Manager (CM)** – This individual, **who will be required to be on the Project site for the duration of construction operations**, shall be responsible for managing the construction process to include all Quality Control (QC) activities to ensure the materials used and work performed meet contract requirements and the “approved for construction” plans and specifications. This individual shall hold a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Responsible Land Disturber (RLD) Certification and a VDOT Erosion and Sediment Control Contractor Certification (ESCCC) or a statement shall be included indicating this individual will hold these certifications prior to the commencement of construction.

4.4.3 In accordance with the requirements set forth in Part 1, Section 4.2.5, the following information should be provided on Attachment 4.4.3:

- .1 The SCC registration information for each business entity on the Offeror’s proposed team. Provide the name, registration number, type of corporation and status.
- .2 For this Project, the DPOR registration information for each office practicing or offering to practice professional services in Virginia for each business entity on the Offeror’s proposed team. Provide the business name, address, registration type, registration number and expiration date.
- .3 For this Project, the DPOR license information for each Key Personnel practicing or offering to practice professional services in Virginia. Provide the name, the address, type, the registration number, expiration date and the office location where each Key Personnel member is offering to practice professional services in Virginia.
- .4 For this Project, the DPOR license information for those services not regulated by the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (i.e. real estate appraisal). Provide the name, address, type, the registration number, and the expiration date of the individual offering services in Virginia.

4.4.4 Provide a Proposal Schedule for the entire Project outlining the Offeror’s proposed plan to accomplish the Work for the Base Scope and Option 1. The Proposal Schedule submission should include:

- .1 **Proposal Schedule:** The Proposal Schedule should depict the Offeror’s proposed overall sequence of work, and times during each work task and deliverable required to complete the Project will be accomplished. This shall include all Work necessary to achieve Final Completion by the date set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. The Proposal Schedule should be organized using a hierarchical Work

Breakdown Structure (WBS), broken down into major phases of the Project (i.e. project milestones, project management, Scope Validation Period, design, public involvement, environmental, right-of-way, utility, and construction, etc.) The Proposal Schedule should depict the anticipated project critical path (based on the longest path), reviews by Department, FHWA, other regulatory agencies; and work by suppliers, subcontractors, and other involved parties, as applicable.

- .2 **Proposal Schedule Narrative:** A Proposal Schedule Narrative shall be provided for the Proposal Schedule submitted that describes the Offeror’s proposed overall plan to accomplish the Work and, if applicable, to attain incentive(s) including, but not limited to the overall sequencing, a description and explanation of the Critical Path, proposed means and methods, and other key assumptions on which the Proposal Schedule is based.

In addition to hard copy, the Offeror shall provide “PDF” copies of the Proposal Schedule and narrative; as well as a back-up copy of the Proposal Schedule’s source document in any of the following electronic file formats: “XER”, “PRX”, “MPP”, or “MPX”, on a CD-ROM. Offerors are to note that in addition to the Proposal Schedule, the Design-Builder will develop and submit a Preliminary Schedule and a Baseline Schedule in accordance with Part 3, Section 11.1.

4.4.5 Provide a Schedule of Items for the Price Proposal for the Base Scope and Option 1 utilizing the Schedule of Items Form attached hereto as Attachment 4.4.5(a) Base Scope and 4.4.5(b) Option 1. This Schedule of Items shall identify the material quantities and costs of each proposed pay item that make up the total Contract Price. The material quantities and costs listed for each proposed pay item shall, to the extent possible, correspond to VDOT’s list of standard and non-standard pay items. Any items considered for price adjustments shall be identified. The value associated with each pay item shall be inclusive of all direct and indirect costs, overhead, profit and any other expenses of any kind. The values and quantities shall be clearly supported by the escrowed pricing documents.

Payment for mobilization shall not be scheduled prior to the initiation of construction work. The pay item for mobilization shall be distributed between two separate installments. The first installment of fifty percent (50%) of the Design-Builder’s total mobilization cost may be scheduled following partial mobilization and initiation of construction work. The second installment may be scheduled following completion of substantial mobilization, including erection of the Design-Builder’s offices and buildings, if any. Preliminary engineering items including, but not limited to, surveying, geotechnical investigations and utility coordination shall not be considered as construction work for the purpose of mobilization.

4.4.6 Submit, for the Price Proposal for the Base Scope and Option 1, a proposed monthly payment schedule showing the anticipated monthly earnings schedule on which funds will be required.

4.4.7 Provide the Escrow Proposal Documents in accordance with Part 1, Section 11.7

5.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND RESPONSIVENESS REVIEW

5.0.1 VDOT will open and read the Price Proposals publicly on the date and time set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1.

5.0.2 After opening the Price Proposals, VDOT will determine if the Proposal of the Offeror with the lowest Proposal Price for the Project is responsive.

5.0.3 If VDOT considers the Proposal of the Offeror with the lowest Proposal Price to be non-responsive, then VDOT will determine if the Proposal of the Offeror with the next lowest Proposal Price is responsive.

6.0 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Part 1, Section 6.0 describes the requirements that all Offerors must satisfy in submitting Proposals. Failure of any Offeror to submit its Proposal in accordance with this RFP may result in rejection of its Proposal.

6.1 Due Date, Time and Location

6.1.1 All Proposals must be received by the Due Date and time set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. All submissions, including hand-delivered packages, US Postal Service regular mail, US Postal Service express mail, or private delivery service (FEDEX, UPS, courier etc.) must be delivered to the following individual at the following address:

Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Central Office Mail Center
Loading Dock Entrance
1401 E. Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Attention: Stephen D. Kindy, P.E. (APD Division)

Neither fax nor email submissions will be accepted. Offerors are responsible for effecting delivery by the deadline above, and late submissions will be rejected without opening, consideration, or evaluation, and will be returned unopened to the sender. VDOT accepts no responsibility for misdirected or lost Proposals.

6.2 Format

The Proposal format is prescribed below. If VDOT determines that a Proposal does not comply with or satisfy requirements of this Section, VDOT may find such Proposal to

be non-responsive and may be disqualified from participating in the design-build procurement for this Project.

6.2.1 Two (2) separate sealed parcels, one (1) containing the Letter of Submittal and Attachments to the Letter of Submittal and one (1) containing the Price Proposal shall be submitted by the due date and time set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. Parcels shall be clearly marked to identify the Project and the Offeror, and to identify the contents as the “Letter of Submittal and Attachments” or “Price Proposal” as applicable.

6.2.2 Each Offeror shall deliver one (1) copy of the Letter of Submittal and Attachments to the Letter of Submittal, which must bear original signatures, and one (1) CD-ROM or DVD-ROM containing the entire Letter of Submittal and Attachments to the Letter of Submittal in a single cohesive Adobe PDF file.

The Letter of Submittal and Attachments to the Letter of Submittal shall be securely bound and contained in a single volume with an identity on its front cover. **Three ring binders are not permissible.**

The Letter of Submittal and Attachments to the Letter of Submittal shall be:

- Typed on one (1) side only.
- Separated by numbered tabs with sections corresponding to the order set forth in Part 1, Section 4.0, except for that required by Part 1, Section 4.3 and 4.4.
- Be prepared on 8.5” x 11” white paper (Charts, schedules, exhibits and other illustrative information may be on 11” x 17” paper, but must be folded to 8.5” x 11”).
- Include page number references in the right hand corner.
- The Letter of Submittal Checklist and Form C-78-RFP shall be provided in the front of the Letter of Submittal

The format and appearance of the Work History Forms should not be modified. The Work History Forms shall not exceed one (1) page per project for each the Lead Contractor and the Lead Designer.

All printing, except for the front cover of the Letter of Submittal and any appendices, should be Times New Roman, with a font of 12-point. (Times New Roman 10 point font may be used for filling out information on charts, tables and/ or exhibits).

6.2.3 Each Offeror shall deliver one (1) paper copy of the Price Proposal, which must bear original signatures on the Price Proposal Form, and one (1) CD-ROM containing the entire Price Proposal in a single cohesive Adobe PDF file.

The Price Proposal shall be securely bound and contained in a single volume. **Three ring binders are not permissible.** Additionally, the Price Proposal shall be typed on one (1) side

only and separated by numbered tabs with sections corresponding to the order set forth in Part 1, Section 4.3. The Price Proposal Checklist shall be provided in the front of the Price Proposal

6.2.4 Within three (3) calendar days of Notice of Intent to Award, the Successful Offeror shall deliver a sealed parcel containing one (1) paper copy of the Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals, excluding the Escrow Proposal Documents, and one (1) CD-ROM containing the entire Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals, excluding the Escrow Proposal Documents in a single cohesive Adobe PDF file.

The Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals shall be securely bound and contained in a single volume. **Three ring binders are not permissible.** Additionally, the Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals shall be typed on one (1) side only and separated by numbered tabs with sections corresponding to the order set forth in Part 1, Section 4.4.

Except for charts, schedules, exhibits, and other illustrative and graphical information, all information shall be prepared on 8.5” x 11” white paper. Charts, schedules, exhibits, and other illustrative and graphical information may be on 11” x 17” paper, but must be folded to 8.5” x 11”. The format and appearance of the Key Personnel Resume Form should not be modified. The Key Personnel Resume Forms shall not exceed two (2) pages for each Key Personnel.

All printing, except for the front cover of the Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals and any appendices, should be Times New Roman, with a font of 12-point. (Times New Roman 10 point font may be used for filling out information on charts, tables and/ or exhibits).

7.0 QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

7.0.1 All questions and requests for clarification regarding this RFP shall be submitted to VDOT’s POC in writing in electronic format (submission by email is acceptable). All questions and requests for clarification shall be submitted in Microsoft Office Word format. No requests for additional information, clarification or any other communication should be directed to any other individual. **NO ORAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

7.0.2 All questions or requests for clarification must be submitted by the due date and time set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. Questions or clarifications requested after such time will not be answered, unless VDOT elects, in its sole discretion, to do so.

7.0.3 VDOT’s responses to questions or requests for clarification shall be in writing and may be accomplished by an Addendum to this RFP. VDOT will not be bound by any oral communications, or written interpretations or clarifications that are not set forth in an Addendum.

7.0.4 VDOT, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to seek clarifications from any Offeror to fully understand information contained in the Proposal.

8.0 AWARD OF CONTRACT, PROPOSAL VALIDITY AND CONTRACT EXECUTION

VDOT has determined that the Negotiation and Award of Contract will be made in the following manner:

8.1 Negotiations and Award of Contract

8.1.1 VDOT will review the Proposal submitted by the Offeror with the lowest Proposal Price. If the Proposal is responsive and the Proposal Price is within VDOT's budget for design and construction services, then VDOT will issue a Notice of Intent to Award to the Successful Offeror.

8.1.2 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.513, VDOT may conduct limited negotiations with the Successful Offeror to clarify any remaining issues regarding scope, schedule, financing or any other information provided by the Successful Offeror.

8.1.3 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.404, if the Proposal Price submitted by the Offeror with the lowest Proposal Price is not within VDOT's budget for design and construction services, VDOT may establish a competitive range among the Offerors who have submitted a responsive Proposal.

8.1.4 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.402, 636.404, and 636.406, prior to VDOT establishing a competitive range, VDOT may hold communications with only those Offerors whose exclusion from or inclusion in, the competitive range is uncertain. Communications will (a) enhance VDOT's understanding of Proposals; or (b) allow reasonable interpretation of the Proposal.

8.1.5 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.404, after VDOT establishes the competitive range, VDOT will notify any Offeror whose Proposal is no longer considered to be included in the competitive range.

8.1.6 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.506, 636.507, and 636.508, VDOT will hold discussions with all Offerors in the competitive range. Offerors are advised that VDOT may, in its reasonable discretion, determine that only one Offeror is in the competitive range.

8.1.7 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.510, VDOT may determine to further narrow the competitive range once discussions have begun. At which point, VDOT will notify any Offeror whose Proposal is no longer considered in the competitive range.

8.1.8 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.509, at the conclusion of discussions, VDOT, will request all Offeror(s) in the competitive range to submit a final Proposal revision, also called Best and Final Offer (BAFO). Thus, regardless of the length or number of discussions, there will be only one request for a revised Proposal (*i.e.*, only one BAFO).

8.1.9 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.512, VDOT will review the final Proposals in accordance with the review and selection criteria and complete a final ranking of the Offerors in the competitive range, and then VDOT will issue a Notice of Intent to Award to the Successful Offeror.

8.1.10 Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.513, VDOT may conduct limited negotiations with the Successful Offeror to clarify any remaining issues regarding scope, schedule, financing or any other information provided by the Successful Offeror.

8.2 Proposal Validity

8.2.1 The offer represented by the Proposal will remain in full force and effect for one hundred twenty (120) days after the Letter of Submittal/Price Proposal Due Date set forth in Part 1, Section 2.3.1. If Award of Contract has not been made by the CTB within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Letter of Submittal/Price Proposal Due Date, each Offeror that has not previously agreed to an extension of such deadline shall have the right to withdraw its Proposal.

8.3 Submittals after Notice of Intent to Award

8.3.1 Within three (3) calendar days of Notice of Intent to Award, the Successful Offeror shall deliver to VDOT all of the information required by Part 1, Section 4.4.

8.3.2 Within fifteen (15) days of Notice of Intent to Award, the Successful Offeror shall deliver to VDOT all pertinent documents in accordance with Section 103 of the Division I Amendments to the Standard Specifications.

8.3.3 Failure to comply with submittal requirements provided in Part 1, Sections 8.3.1 and 8.3.2 above may result in disqualification of the Offeror by VDOT in its sole and reasonable discretion.

8.4 Contract Execution and Notice to Proceed

8.4.1 Upon Award of Contract, VDOT will deliver an executed copy of the Design-Build Contract to the Successful Offeror, who shall execute and deliver such copy to VDOT within seven (7) days of receipt.

8.4.2 VDOT reserves the right to issue Notice to Proceed within fifteen (15) days after execution of the Design-Build Contract.

9.0 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF VDOT

9.1 Reservation of Rights

9.1.1 In connection with this procurement, VDOT reserves to itself all rights (which rights shall be exercisable by VDOT in its sole discretion) available to it under applicable law, including without limitation, the following, with or without cause and with or without notice:

- .1 The right to cancel, withdraw, postpone or extend this RFP in whole or in part at any time prior to the execution by VDOT of the Design-Build Contract, without incurring any obligations or liabilities.
- .2 The right to issue a new RFP.
- .3 The right to reject any and all submittals, responses and Proposals received at any time.
- .4 The right to modify all dates set or projected in this RFP.
- .5 The right to suspend and terminate the procurement process for the Project, at any time.
- .6 The right to waive or permit corrections to data submitted with any response to this RFP until such time as VDOT declares in writing that a particular stage or phase of its review of the responses to this RFP has been completed and closed.
- .7 The right to issue addenda, supplements, and modifications to this RFP.
- .8 The right to permit submittal of Addenda and supplements to data previously provided with any response to this RFP until such time as VDOT declares in writing that a particular stage or phase of its review of the responses to this RFP has been completed and closed.
- .9 The right to hold meetings and conduct discussions and correspondence with one or more of the Offerors responding to this RFP to seek an improved understanding of the responses to this RFP.
- .10 The right to seek or obtain data from any source that has the potential to improve the understanding and evaluation of the responses to the RFP, including the right to seek clarifications from Offerors.
- .11 The right to permit Offerors to add or delete firms and/or key personnel until such time as VDOT declares in writing that a particular stage or phase of its review has been completed and closed.
- .12 The right to add or delete Offeror responsibilities from the information contained in this RFP.

- .13 The right to waive deficiencies, informalities and irregularities in a Proposal, accept and review a non-conforming Proposal or seek clarifications or supplements to a Proposal.
- .14 The right to disqualify any Offeror that changes its submittal without VDOT approval.
- .15 The right to change the method of award at any time prior to submission of the Proposals.
- .16 The right to respond to all, some, or none of the inquiries, questions and/or request for clarifications received relative to the RFP.
- .17 The right to negotiate the allocation of prices identified for specific portions of the work depicted within a Price Proposal.
- .18 The right to disqualify and/or cease negotiations with an Offeror if VDOT, in its sole discretion, determines that the Offeror's Post Notice of Intent to Award Submittals are not acceptable or its Price Proposal contains unbalanced pricing among the specific portions of work identified therein.

9.2 No Assumption of Liability

9.2.1 VDOT assumes no obligations, responsibilities, and liabilities, fiscal or otherwise, to reimburse all or part of the costs incurred or alleged to have been incurred by parties considering a response to and/or responding to this RFP. All of such costs shall be borne solely by each Offeror and its team members.

9.2.2 In no event shall VDOT be bound by, or liable for, any obligations with respect to the Project until such time (if at all) a contract, in form and substance satisfactory to VDOT, has been executed and authorized by VDOT and, then, only to the extent set forth therein.

10.0 PROTESTS

This Section simply summarizes protest remedies available with respect to the provisions of the Code of Virginia that are relevant to protests of awards or decisions to award Design-Build Contracts by VDOT. This section does not purport to be a complete statement of those provisions and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual provisions themselves.

In accordance with §2.2-4360, of the *Code of Virginia*, if an unsuccessful Offeror wishes to protest the award or decision to award a contract, such Offeror must submit a protest in writing to VDOT's POC no later than ten (10) calendar days after the award or the announcement posting the decision to award, whichever occurs first. The written protest shall

include the basis for the protest and the relief sought. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected Offeror is not a responsible bidder.

Public notice of the award or the announcement of the decision to award shall be given by the public body in the manner prescribed in the terms or conditions of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal. However, if the protest of any Offeror depends in whole or in part upon information contained in public records pertaining to the procurement transaction that are subject to inspection under § 2.2-4342, of the *Code of Virginia*, then the time within which the protest must be submitted shall expire ten (10) calendar days after those records are available for inspection by such Offeror under § 2.2-4342, of the *Code of Virginia*.

VDOT shall issue a decision in writing within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of any protest stating the reasons for the action taken. This decision shall be final unless the Offeror appeals within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the written decision, by instituting legal action in accordance with § 2.2-4364, of the *Code of Virginia*.

Pursuant to § 2.2-4362, of the *Code of Virginia*, an award need not be delayed for the period allowed a bidder or Offeror to protest, but in the event of a timely protest, no further action to award the Contract will be taken unless there is a written determination by the Commissioner, or his designee, that proceeding without delay is necessary to protect the public interest or unless the Design-Build Proposal would expire. Further, pursuant to § 2.2-4361, of the *Code of Virginia*, pending a final determination of a protest or appeal, the validity of the contract awarded and accepted in good faith shall not be affected by the fact that a protest or appeal has been filed.

11.0 MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 Virginia Freedom of Information Act

11.1.1 All Proposals submitted to VDOT become the property of VDOT and are subject to the disclosure requirements of Section 2.2-4342 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Section 2.2—3700 et seq.). Offerors are advised to familiarize themselves with the provisions of each Act referenced herein to ensure that documents identified as confidential will not be subject to disclosure under FOIA. In no event shall the Commonwealth, the Commissioner of Highways, or VDOT be liable to an Offeror for the disclosure of all or a portion of a Proposal submitted pursuant to this request.

11.1.2 If a responding Offeror has special concerns about information which it desires to make available to VDOT but which it believes constitutes a trade secret, proprietary information, or other confidential information exempted from disclosure, such responding Offeror should specifically and conspicuously designate that information as such in its Proposal and state in writing why protection of that information is needed. The Offeror should make a written request to the Alternate Project Delivery Office. The written request shall:

- .1 Invoke such exemption upon the submission of the materials for which protection is sought.
- .2 Identify the specific data or other materials for which the protection is sought.
- .3 State the reasons why the protection is necessary.
- .4 Indicate that a similar process with the appropriate officials of the affected local jurisdictions is or will be conducted. Failure to take such precautions prior to submission of a Proposal may subject confidential information to disclosure under the Virginia FOIA.

11.1.3 Blanket designations that do not identify the specific information shall not be acceptable and may be cause for VDOT to treat the entire Proposal as public information. Nothing contained in this provision shall modify or amend requirements and obligations imposed on VDOT by applicable law, and the applicable law(s) shall control in the event of a conflict between the procedures described above and any applicable law(s).

11.1.4 In the event VDOT receives a request for public disclosure of all or any portion of a Proposal identified as confidential, VDOT will attempt to notify the Offeror of the request, providing an opportunity for such Offeror to assert, in writing, claimed exemptions under the FOIA or other Commonwealth law. VDOT will come to its own determination whether or not the requested materials are exempt from disclosure. In the event VDOT elects to disclose the requested materials, it will provide the Offeror advance notice of its intent to disclose.

11.1.5 Because of the confidential nature of the negotiation process associated with this Project, and to preserve the propriety of each Offeror’s Proposal, it is VDOT’s intention, subject to applicable law, not to consider a request for disclosure until after VDOT’s issuance of a Notice of Intent to Award. Offerors are on notice that once a Design-Build Contract is executed, some or all of the information submitted in the Proposal may lose its protection under the applicable laws of the Commonwealth.

11.2 Conflict of Interest

11.2.1 Implementation guidelines for VDOT’s policy on organizational conflicts of interest relating to Design-Build procurement are documented in the Alternate Project Delivery Office Memorandum IIM-APD-2.

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/LocDes/IIM-APD-2.pdf>

Each Offeror shall require its proposed team members to identify potential conflicts of interest of a real or perceived competitive advantage relative to this procurement. Offerors are notified that prior or existing contractual obligations between a company and a federal or state agency relative to the Project or VDOT’s design build program may present a conflict of interest or a

competitive advantage. If a potential conflict of interest or competitive advantage is identified, the Offeror shall submit in writing the pertinent information to VDOT's POC.

VDOT, in its sole discretion, will make a determination relative to potential organizational conflicts of interest or a real or perceived competitive advantage, and its ability to mitigate such a conflict. An organization determined to have a conflict of interest or competitive advantage relative to this procurement that cannot be mitigated, shall not be allowed to participate as a Design-Build team member for the Project. Failure to abide by VDOT's determination in this matter may result in a Proposal being declared non-responsive.

11.2.2 Conflicts of interest and a real or perceived competitive advantage are described in state and federal law, and, for example, may include, but are not limited to the following situations:

1. An organization or individual hired by VDOT to provide assistance in development of instructions to Offerors or evaluation criteria for the Project.
2. An organization or individual hired by VDOT to provide assistance in development of instructions to Offerors or evaluation criteria as part of the programmatic guidance or procurement documents for VDOT's Design-Build program, and as a result has a unique competitive advantage relative to the Project.
3. An organization or individual with a present or former contract with VDOT to prepare planning, environmental, engineering, or technical work product for the Project, and has a potential competitive advantage because such work product is not available to all potential Offerors in a timely manner prior to the procurement process.
4. An organization or individual with a present contract with VDOT to provide assistance in Design-Build contract administration for the Project.

11.2.3 VDOT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to make determinations relative to potential conflicts of interest on a Project specific basis.

11.2.4 VDOT may, in its sole discretion, determine that a conflict of interest or a real or perceived competitive advantage may be mitigated by disclosing all or a portion of the work product produced by the organization or individual subject to review under this section. If documents have been designated as proprietary by Virginia law, the Offeror will be given the opportunity to waive this protection from disclosure. If Offeror elects not to disclose, Offeror may be declared non-responsive.

11.2.5 VDOT has not identified any firms that would not be allowed to participate as a Design-Build team member due to a conflict of interest.

11.3 Ethics in Public Contracting Act

VDOT may, in its sole discretion, disqualify the Offeror from further consideration for the award of the Design-Build Contract if it is found after due notice and examination by VDOT that there is a violation of the Ethics in Public Contracting Act, § 2.2-4367 of the *Code of Virginia*, or any similar statute involving the Offeror in the procurement of the contract.

11.4 Requirement to Keep Team Intact

The team proposed by Offeror, including but not limited to the Offeror’s organizational structure, the lead contractor, the lead designer, Key Personnel, and other individuals identified pursuant to Part 1, Section 4.4, shall remain on Offeror’s team for the duration of the procurement process and, if the Offeror is awarded the Design-Build Contract, the duration of the Design-Build Contract. The Offeror shall not change or substitute any Key Personnel except due to voluntary or involuntary termination of employment, retirement, death, disability, incapacity, or as otherwise approved by the Department. Any proposed change of Key Personnel must be submitted in writing to VDOT’s POC, who, in his sole discretion, will determine whether to authorize a change. Unauthorized changes to the Offeror’s team at any time during the procurement process may result in the elimination of the Offeror from further consideration. Job duties and responsibilities of Key Personnel shall not be delegated to others for the duration of the Design-Build Contract.

11.5 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

11.5.1 Any Design-Builder, subcontractor, supplier, DBE firm, and contract surety involved in the performance of work on a federal-aid contract shall comply with the terms and conditions of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) DBE Program as the terms appear in Part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR as amended), the USDOT DBE Program regulations; VDOT’s DBE Program rules and regulations, VDOT’s Road and Bridge Specifications and Part 5 Exhibit 107.15 (Special Provision for Use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise for Design-Build Projects).

11.5.2 It is the policy of VDOT that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have every opportunity to participate in the performance of construction/consultant contracts. The DBE contract goal for this procurement is identified in Part 1, Section 4.1.9. Offerors are encouraged to take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBEs have every opportunity to compete for and perform services on contracts, including participation in any subsequent supplemental contracts. If a portion of the work on the Project is to be subcontracted out, Offerors must seek out and consider DBEs as potential subcontractors. DBEs must be contacted to solicit their interest, capability and qualifications. Any agreement between an Offeror and a DBE whereby the DBE promises not to provide services to any other Offeror or other contractors/consultants is prohibited.

11.5.3 After Award of the Contract the Design-Builder shall submit documentation related to the use of DBEs for the Project in accordance with the procedures set for in Part 5 Exhibit 107.15 (Special Provision for Use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise for Design-Build Projects). The DBE must become certified with the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD) prior to the performance of any work for the Project. In the case where the DBE is to be utilized to achieve the DBE participation goal, the DBE must be certified prior to the submission to VDOT of Forms C-111 (Minimum DBE Requirements), C-112 (Certification of Binding Agreement with DBE Firms) and Form C-48 (Subcontractor/Supplier Solicitation and Utilization). If the DBE is a prime, the firm will receive full credit for the planned involvement of their own workforce, as well as the work they commit to be performed by DBE subcontractors. DBE primes are encouraged to make the same outreach. DBE credit will be awarded only for work actually performed by DBEs themselves. When a DBE prime or subcontractor subcontracts work to another firm, the work counts toward the DBE goals only if the other firm itself is a DBE. A DBE must perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30% of the total cost of its contract with its own workforce.

11.5.4 DBE certification entitles a firm to participate in VDOT’s DBE Program. However, it does not guarantee that the firm will obtain VDOT work nor does it attest to the firm’s abilities to perform any particular type of work.

11.5.5 When preparing bids for projects with DBE goals, VDOT encourages prospective bidders to seek the assistance of the following offices:

Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity
101 N. 14th Street
11th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
Phone: (804) 786-6585
<http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/>

Department of Supplier Diversity
Equal Opportunity Programs Department
1 Aviation Circle
Washington, DC 20001
Phone: (703) 417-8625
www.metwashairports.com

Contractors are also encouraged to seek help from the VDOT Districts Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Offices, Central Office Civil Rights Office and the VDOT Business Opportunity and Workforce Development (BOWD) Center as listed below:

VDOT Central Office
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Lynchburg District
4219 Campbell Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24506

(804) 786-2085

(434) 856-8169

Bristol District
870 Bonham Drive
Bristol, VA 24203
(276) 669-9907

Northern Virginia District
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703) 259-1775

Culpeper District
1601 Orange Road
Culpeper, VA 22701
(540) 829-7523

Richmond District
2430 Pineforest Drive
Colonial Heights, VA 23834
(804) 524-6091

Fredericksburg District
87 Deacon Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22405
(540) 899-4562

Salem District
731 Harrison Avenue
Salem, VA 24153
(540) 387-5453

Hampton Roads District
1700 N. Main Street
Suffolk, VA 23434
(757) 925-2519

Staunton District
811 Commerce Road
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 332-7888

BOWD
1602 Rolling Hills Drive
Suite 110
Richmond, VA 23229
Phone: (804) 662-9555

The following informational websites may also be of assistance:

www.virginiadot.org/business/bu_bizDev.asp

www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-civil-rights-home.asp

11.5.6 This Project has federal funding. In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20, VDOT requires utilization of Small, Women and Minority (SWaM) Businesses to participate in the performance of state funded projects. A list of Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD) certified SWaM firms is maintained on the SBSBD web site (www.sbsd.virginia.gov) under the SWaM Vendor Directory link. Offerors are encouraged to take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that SWaM firms have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform services in the design-build contract. If the Offeror intends to subcontract a portion of the services on the Project, the Offeror is encouraged to seek out and consider SWaM firms as potential subconsultants. The Offeror is encouraged to contact SWaM firms to solicit their interest, capability and qualifications. Any agreement between an

Offeror and a SWaM firm whereby the SWaM firm promises not to provide services to other Offerors is prohibited.

11.6 Trainee and Apprenticeship Participation

11.6.1 VDOT will require trainee and apprenticeship participation for this Project. The on-the-job trainee goal for this Project is three (3) individuals.

11.7 Escrow Proposal Documents

11.7.1 Scope

Pursuant to Part 1, Section 11.7.5.1 below, the Successful Offeror shall submit to the individual set forth in Part 1, Section 6.1.1, one copy of all documentary information generated in preparation of its Proposal within three (3) calendar days of Notice of Intent to Award. This material is hereinafter referred to as Escrow Proposal Documents (EPDs). **Separate EPDs shall be provided for the Work associated with the Base Scope and Option 1. The individual total cost for the Base Scope and Option 1 shall be included with the submission of the EPDs.** The EPDs will be held in a secure location at the VDOT Central Office until immediately prior to award of the Project. The EPDs of the Successful Offeror will be transferred to and then held in escrow at the banking institution specified in Part 1, Section 11.7.6.

An Escrow Proposal Documents Checklist has been provided for reference in Attachment 11.7.1

11.7.2 Ownership

- .1 The EPDs are, and shall always remain, the property of the Successful Offeror, subject to joint review by VDOT and the Successful Offeror, as provided herein.
- .2 VDOT stipulates and expressly acknowledges that the EPDs constitute trade secrets. This acknowledgement is based on VDOT's express understanding that the information contained in the EPDs is not known outside Successful Offeror's business, is known only to a limited extent and only by a limited number of employees of the Successful Offeror, is safeguarded while in Successful Offeror's possession, is extremely valuable to Successful Offeror and could be extremely valuable to Successful Offeror's competitors by virtue of its reflecting Successful Offeror's contemplated techniques of design and construction. VDOT further acknowledges that Successful Offeror expended substantial sums of money in developing the information included in the EPDs and further acknowledges that it would be difficult for a competitor to replicate the information contained therein. VDOT further acknowledges that the EPDs and the information contained therein are made available to VDOT only because such action is an express prerequisite to Award of Contract. VDOT further acknowledges that the EPDs include a compilation

of the information used in Successful Offeror's business, intended to give Successful Offeror an opportunity to obtain an advantage over competitors who do not know of or use the contents of the documentation.

11.7.3 Purpose

EPDs may be used to assist in the negotiation of price adjustments and change orders and in the settlement of disputes and claims.

11.7.4 Format and Contents

- .1 Successful Offerors may submit EPDs in their usual cost estimating format provided that all information is clearly presented and ascertainable. It is not the intention of Part 1, Section 11.7 to cause the Successful Offeror extra work during the preparation of the Proposal, but to ensure that the EPDs will be adequate to enable complete understanding and proper interpretation for their intended use. The EPDs shall be submitted in the language (i.e., English) of the Specifications.
- .2 It is required that the EPDs clearly itemize the estimated costs of performing the work of each item contained in Successful Offeror's schedule of items for the Base Scope and Option 1. Cost items shall be separated into sub-items as required to present a detailed cost estimate and allow a detailed cost review. A hard copy of the quotes for the Lead Contractor, Lead Designer and for all subcontractors and subconsultants in the Offeror's Organization Chart shall be provided. The EPDs shall include: estimates for costs of the design professionals and consultants itemized by discipline both for development of the design, all quantity take-offs, crew size and shifts, equipment, calculations of rates of production and progress, copies of quotes from subcontractors and suppliers, and memoranda, narratives, drawings and sketches showing site or work area layouts and equipment, add/deduct sheets, geotechnical reviews and consultant reports, and all other information used by the Successful Offeror to arrive at the prices contained in the Proposal. Estimated costs shall be broken down into estimate categories for each bid items such as direct labor, repair labor, equipment ownership and operation, expendable materials, permanent materials and subcontract costs as appropriate. Plant and equipment, indirect costs, bond rates and calculations, insurance costs and financing should be detailed. The Successful Offeror's allocation of indirect costs, contingencies, and mark-up shall be identified.
- .3 All costs shall be identified. For bid items amounting to less than \$10,000, estimated unit costs are acceptable without a detailed cost estimate, provided that labor, equipment, materials and subcontracts, as applicable, are included, and provided that indirect costs, contingencies, and mark-up, as applicable, are allocated.
- .4 RFP Documents provided by VDOT should not be included in the EPDs unless needed to comply with these requirements.

11.7.5 Submittal

- .1 The EPDs shall be submitted in a sealed container to the individual set forth in Part 1, Section 6.1.1 above, which container shall be clearly marked on the outside with the Offeror's name, date of submittal, Project name, and the words "Escrow Proposal Documents."
- .2 Prior to Award of Contract, EPDs of the Successful Offeror will be transferred to the banking institution referenced in Part 1, Section 11.7.6 and will be examined, organized, and inventoried by representatives of VDOT, together with members of the Successful Offeror's staff who are knowledgeable in how the Proposal was prepared. This examination is to ensure that the EPDs are legible and complete. It will not include review of, and will not constitute approval of proposed construction methods, estimating assumptions, or interpretations of any RFP Documents or the Design-Build Contract. Examination will not alter any condition or term of the Design-Build Contract.
- .3 If all the documents required by this section, Part 1, Section 11.7, have not been included in the original submittal, additional documentation may be submitted, at VDOT's discretion, prior to Award of Contract.
- .4 If the Design-Build Contract is not awarded to the Successful Offeror, the EPDs of the next Offeror to be considered for award shall be processed as described above.
- .5 Timely submission of complete EPDs is an essential element of the Successful Offeror's responsibility and a prerequisite to Award of Contract.
- .6 If Successful Offeror's Proposal is based upon subcontracting any part of the work, each subcontractor whose total subcontract price exceeds ten percent (10%) of the Total Proposal Price proposed by the Successful Offeror, shall provide separate Escrow Documents to be included with those of the Successful Offeror. Such documents shall be opened and examined in the same manner and at the same time as the examination described above for the Successful Offeror.
- .7 If the Design-Builder wishes to subcontract any portion of the work after Award of Contract, VDOT retains the right to require the Design-Builder to submit Escrow Documents from the subcontractor before the subcontract is approved.

11.7.6 Storage

The Successful Offeror's EPDs shall be stored at SunTrust Bank (Escrow Agent) at the following address:

SunTrust Bank
ATTN: Charles Henderson
919 East Main Street, 7th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 782-7087

Generally, the EPDs will be delivered to the Escrow Agent after the Escrow Review Meeting with VDOT. The Successful Offeror shall provide or have on file with the Escrow Agent a copy of the firm's current Tax Form W-9, Certificate of Incumbency, and Articles of Incorporation. The cost for storing the EPDs will be paid by the Successful Offeror to the Escrow Agent. This annual fee is currently \$2,500 with initial payment due at the time of document delivery to the Escrow Agent.

11.7.7 Examination

- .1 The EPDs shall be examined by VDOT and the Design-Builder, at any time deemed necessary by VDOT.
- .2 VDOT may delegate review of EPDs to members of VDOT's staff or consultants. The foregoing notwithstanding, the EPDs and information contained therein may be used in the resolution of any claim or dispute before any entity selected to resolve disputes and in any litigation or arbitration commenced hereunder. No other person shall have access to the EPDs.
- .3 Access to the documents will take place in the presence of duly designated representatives of both VDOT and the Design-Builder, except that, if the Design-Builder refuses to be present or to cooperate in any other way in the review of the documents, VDOT may upon notice to the Design-Builder, review such documents without the Design-Builder being present.

11.7.8 Final Disposition and Return of EPDs

The EPDs of the Successful Offeror will be returned once the work has been determined to be finally complete and the Successful Offeror has been notified in writing of the determination of Final Acceptance in accordance with RFP Part 4, Section 6.6. This release is contingent upon notification from the Department's Project Manager to the Department's Alternative Project Delivery (APD) Division that the Final Application for payment has been submitted by the Successful Offeror in accordance with RFP Part 4, Section 6.6.3. Upon receipt of this notification, APD Division shall contact the Escrow Agent and authorize release of the EPDs. The Escrow Agent shall then contact and coordinate with the Successful Offeror for the transfer of the EPDs at a mutually convenient time at the expense of the Successful Offeror, as applicable.

11.7.9 Execution of Escrow Agreement

The Successful Offeror, as a condition of Award of Contract, agrees to execute the Escrow Agreement in the form set forth in Attachment 11.7.9.

11.8 Administrative Requirements

In addition to the specific submittal requirements set forth in Part 1, Sections 3.0 and 4.0 above, all Offerors shall comply with the following:

11.8.1 All business entities, except for sole proprietorships, are required to be registered with the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Foreign Professional Corporations and Foreign Professional Limited Liability Companies must possess a Commonwealth of Virginia Certificate of Authority from the State Corporation Commission to render professional services. Any business entity other than a professional corporation, professional limited liability company or sole proprietorship must be registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation, Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Decorators and Landscape Architects. Board regulations require that all professional corporations and business entities that have branch offices located in Virginia which offer or render any professional services relating to the professions regulated by the Board be registered with the Board. Registration involves completing the required application and submitting the required registration fee for each and every branch office location in the Commonwealth. All branch offices that offer or render any professional service must have at least one full-time resident professional in responsible charge that is licensed in the profession offered or rendered at each branch. All firms involved that are to provide professional services must meet this criteria prior to a contract being executed by VDOT.

11.8.2 VDOT will not consider for award any Proposals submitted by any Offerors and will not consent to subcontracting any portions of the proposed Design-Build Contract to any subconsultants in violation of the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which prohibits employment of illegal aliens.

11.8.3 All Offerors must have internal control systems in place that meet federal requirements for accounting. These systems must comply with requirements of 48 CFR 31, “Federal Acquisition Regulations, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures,” and 23 CFR 172, “Administration of Engineering and Design Related Service Contracts.”

11.8.4 VDOT assures compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. The consultant and all subconsultants selected for this Project will be required to submit a Title VI Evaluation Report (EEO-D2) when requested by VDOT to respond to the RFP. This requirement applies to all consulting firms with fifteen (15) or more employees.

11.8.5 VDOT does not discriminate against an Offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

11.8.6 Offerors shall note and comply with the requirements relative to the eVA Business-to-Government Vendor system. The eVA Internet electronic procurement solution, web site portal (<http://www.eva.state.va.us>), streamlines and automates government purchasing activities in the Commonwealth. The portal is the gateway for vendors to conduct business with state agencies and public bodies. All vendors desiring to provide goods and/or services to the Commonwealth shall participate in the eVA Internet e-procurement solution through either eVA Basic Vendor Registration Service or eVA Premium Vendor Registration Service. For more detailed information regarding eVA, registrations, fee schedule, and transaction fee, use the website link: <http://www.eva.state.va.us>. All Offerors must register in eVA; failure to register will result in a Proposal being rejected.

11.8.7 The required services may involve the handling of Critical Infrastructure Information/Sensitive Security Information (CII/SSI) material. Personnel handling CII/SSI material, visiting Critical Infrastructure (CI) facilities or performing bridge/tunnel inspections are required to sign CII/SSI Non-Disclosure Agreements and pass a fingerprint-based Criminal History Background Check (CHBC). An individual employee's failure to successfully pass the fingerprint-based CHBC will not negate the selection and Offerors will be allowed to replace those individuals. VDOT reserves the right to conduct fingerprint-based CHBC on all employees of the Design-Builder's team members, or on any proposed replacements during the term of the contract who will be involved in this Project. All costs associated with the fingerprint-based CHBC are the responsibility of the Offeror or Design-Builder. A VDOT issued photo-identification badge is required for each employee of the Offeror's or Design-Builder's team who will need access to VDOT CI facilities or who will be performing bridge/tunnel inspections. Based upon the results of the fingerprint-based CHBC, VDOT reserves the right to deny access to CII/SSI material and issuance of a VDOT security clearance or a VDOT issued photo-identification badge.

CII/SSI material includes box culvert inspection reports. Inspection reports are not included in the Information Package and CII/SSI Non-Disclosure Agreements are not required to respond to the RFP. VDOT's CII/SSI Policy Guide and the forms necessary to obtain CII/SSI material can be found using the following website link: http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bridge_safety_inspection.asp. A completed CII/SSI form must be submitted to VDOT's Point of Contact provided in Section 2.4 prior to distribution of CII/SSI material.

11.9 Compliance with the Law in Virginia

Failure to comply with the law with regard to those legal requirements in Virginia (whether federal or state) regarding your ability to lawfully offer and perform any services proposed or related to the Project may render your RFP submittal, in the sole and reasonable

discretion of VDOT, non-responsive and/or non-responsible, and in that event your RFP submittal may be returned without any consideration for selection of contract award.

11.10 Attachments

The following attachments are specifically made a part of, and incorporated by reference into, these Instructions for Offerors:

- ATTACHMENT 2.5 -- RFP INFORMATION PACKAGE ORDER FORM
- ATTACHMENT 3.4 -- FORM C-78-RFP (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF RFP, REVISIONS, AND/OR ADDENDA)
- ATTACHMENT 4.0.1.1 -- LETTER OF SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST
- ATTACHMENT 4.0.1.2 -- PRICE PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST
- ATTACHMENT 4.2.1 -- AFFILIATED/ SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES LIST
- ATTACHMENT 4.2.2(a) -- CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT (PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS)
- ATTACHMENT 4.2.2(b) -- CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT (LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS)
- ATTACHMENT 4.2.5 -- LICENSE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION - BUSINESSES
- ATTACHMENT 4.2.6(a) -- LEAD CONTRACTOR WORK HISTORY FORM
- ATTACHMENT 4.2.6(b) -- LEAD DESIGNER WORK HISTORY FORM
- ATTACHMENT 4.3.1 -- PRICE PROPOSAL FORM
- ATTACHMENT 4.3.4(a) -- FORM C-104 (BIDDER'S STATEMENT)
- ATTACHMENT 4.3.4(b) -- FORM C-105 (BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION)
- ATTACHMENT 4.4.2 -- KEY PERSONNEL RESUME FORM
- ATTACHMENT 4.4.3 -- LICENSE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION - INDIVIDUALS
- ATTACHMENT 4.4.5(a) -- SCHEDULE OF ITEMS FORM (BASE SCOPE)
- ATTACHMENT 4.4.5(b) -- SCHEDULE OF ITEMS FORM (OPTION 1)
- ATTACHMENT 11.7.1 -- ESCROW PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST
- ATTACHMENT 11.7.9 -- ESCROW AGREEMENT FORM
- ATTACHMENT 11.8.8 -- CII/SSI NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

END OF PART 1
INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFERORS

ATTACHMENT 3.6**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

RFP NO. C00107715DB91
 PROJECT NO.: 0095-111-278, P101, C201, C501

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RFP, REVISION AND/OR ADDENDA

Acknowledgement shall be made of receipt of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and/or any and all revisions and/or addenda pertaining to the above designated project which are issued by the Department prior to the Letter of Submittal submission date shown herein. Failure to include this acknowledgement in the Letter of Submittal may result in the rejection of your proposal.

By signing this Attachment 3.6, the Offeror acknowledges receipt of the RFP and/or following revisions and/or addenda to the RFP for the above designated project which were issued under cover letter(s) of the date(s) shown hereon:

1. Cover letter of RFP – September 27, 2016
(Date)
2. Cover letter of RFP Addendum #1 – October 14, 2016
(Date)
3. Cover letter of RFP Addendum #2 – November 10, 2016
(Date)
4. Cover letter of RFP Addendum #3 – December 02, 2016
(Date)
5. Cover letter of RFP Addendum #4 – December 05, 2016
(Date)

 SIGNATURE

 DATE

 PRINTED NAME

 TITLE