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Future Interstate Support Project

Pre-Bidder's Web Conference

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Webinar Objective

- After participating in this session, the audience will be more knowledgeable about
 - the Future Interstate Study and its support project,
 - be able to decide whether they want to prepare a proposal in response to the Support Project RFP, and
 - be able to prepare better proposals.
- Allow participants to ask questions about the RFPs and have them answered

Attendance Poll Question

- How many people are watching this webinar from your computer?

Overview of the Future Interstate Study

- Required in Section 6021 of the FAST Act
- Will address the actions needed to upgrade and restore the IHS as a premier systems that meets the demands of the 21st century.
- TRB Policy Study – Appointed committee to guide and author the report

Overview of the Future Interstate Support Project

- This project is intended to provide support to the work of the TRB Study Committee and staff.
- Support Project activities will consist of a series of work assignments requested by the TRB study committee and staff. The timing of assignments will be variable and often require rapid responses by the contractor.

Overview of the Future Intestate Support Project

- Activities will involve information gathering, case study evaluations, and modeling.
- It is important for teams preparing proposals to be very familiar with the evaluation of long-range highway plans, with HERS and NBIAS modeling, and to communicate those expertise in their proposals.

Statement of Work

- Develop a Work Plan (5%)
 - **Deliverable:** An amplified work plan of support activities
- Conduct Case Studies (30%)
 - **Deliverable:** Technical memos describing/documenting selection process, assumptions, input data, analysis, and findings.
- Modeling (65%)
 - **Deliverable:** Technical memoranda detailing the assumptions, input data, documentation of the version(s) of the modelling software used, analyses and findings for the model.

Evaluation Criteria

- the proposer's demonstrated understanding of the subject matter
- the merit of the proposed research approach and methodology
- qualifications and objectivity of the research team in the same or closely related topic area and proven experience with key analysis tools and modeling software
- team resources available to respond to work assignments within the contract and history of delivering on time and within budget.

Due Date and Budget Notes

- Proposals are due at TRB by 4:30PM eastern Time on Friday, August 12, 2016
- Funds available: \$1,838,000
- Contract time: 16 months

Some questions received

- Can you share the composition of the panel associated with this RFP?
 - Since this work will support a policy study, the process is different to typical Cooperative Research Program projects and their RFPs. This RFP does not have a panel associated with it at this point.
 - The Future Interstate Study will have a study committee that is now undergoing review and approval by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.
 - We will make public the composition of the Study Committee once the approval process is complete.
 - Who will review the proposals will be decided once the Study Committee is appointed.

Some questions received

- Will you consider involvement by DBE's?
 - Yes, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine support and encourage Disadvantaged Business Entities to apply

Best Luck to Bidders

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Question and Answer Session

- Please ask any questions you would like answered via the chat box function in the webinar software.