

I-81 STAUNTON TRUCK CLIMBING LANE PROJECT

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Project:	I-81 Staunton TCL Project
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1. What is the status of the preliminary plans?

The preliminary design plans for the I-81 Staunton Truck Climbing Lane project are currently being developed by VDOT. The preliminary plans will be issued with the RFP on May 5, 2008.

The plans presented at the Public Hearing held on November 8, 2007, are currently available at VDOT's Staunton District office. Please note however that the public hearing plans do not reflect the current design on the preliminary plans to be issued with the RFP. Please contact Mike Branscome Michael.Branscome@vdot.virginia.gov to obtain a copy of the public hearing plans.

2. What type of Bridge Design and Construction is included with this project?

The project includes three bridge replacements, two mainline I-81 structures and one overpass structure. The preliminary plans for the bridges will be distributed with the RFP.

3. What is the status of the ROW?

As stated in Section 2.2 of the RFQ, it will be the responsibility of the Offeror to perform all work necessary to acquire the right-of-way and to perform the relocations, adjustments and coordination of utilities as detailed by VDOT in the RFP.

4. For the construction phase of the project, will a full-time QAM be required?

Yes, the QAM position is a full-time position for the construction phase of the project.

5. Can the QAM be employed by the same firm that is providing QC?

No, the QAM must be independent from construction operations. The QAM may not be employed by the firm providing QC. The Offeror shall be responsible for providing quality assurance and quality control in accordance with VDOT's Minimum Quality Control and Quality Assurance for Design-Build and Public-Private Partnership Projects dated August 2007.

6. Will there be a stipend for those short listed firms who submit a technical proposal?

There will be a proposal payment (stipend) of \$100,000 for the short listed Offerors who submit a responsive technical and price proposal but are not awarded the contract. The proposal payment is also conditioned upon such Offeror completing the Proposal Payment Agreement form which will be issued with the RFP.

7. Can VDOT provide the names and contact information of the utility or telecommunications companies that have longitudinal lines along the northbound lanes that will require relocation?

The names of all known utility companies with assets within the project limits will be identified and provided to the short listed Offerors during the RFP phase of the procurement.

8. In your RFQ information meeting presentation, you stated that the SOQ can have “lower tiers.” Can you please clarify this?

A lower tier firm is any specific subconsultant or major subcontractor that the Offeror has named and considers critical to the success of the Project. The Offeror shall identify such entity by name in the organizational chart and complete the Certification Regarding Debarment Lower Tier Covered Transactions. See Sections 3.4.2 and 3.5.2 and Attachment 6 of the RFQ.

9. Several questions were raised related to the requirements for the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA).

Please note: An addendum to the RFQ was issued on February 6, 2008 indicating that ATSSA Traffic Control Training WILL NOT BE REQUIRED at this time for the Design-Build Key Personnel cited in Section 3.5.3