

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING INSPECTION**

**SERVICES**

**FOR**

**STATEWIDE**

**FINAL ESTIMATES CONTRACTS I, II, III**



## GENERAL

The Virginia Department of Transportation is seeking expressions of interest from consulting engineering firms who wish to be considered to provide professional engineering services for:

Statewide Final Estimate Contracts I, II, & III providing services under a Fixed Billable Rate Contract. The statewide contracts awarded from the RFP may be assigned by regions: Region 1 – Bristol, Staunton & Salem Districts; Region 2 – Northern Virginia, Culpeper & Fredericksburg Districts; Region 3 – Hampton Roads, Richmond & Lynchburg Districts. All contracts will be monitored by the Construction Division's CEI Coordinator, with consideration of factors including the Department's business needs and fair distribution of assignments among all the contracts. The Department reserves the right to assign the Consultants under these contracts to provide these same services in other Regions and/or Districts. The services shall require the preparation of regional final estimates to determine that the records present an actual representation of the work done by the contractor on a project. Each contract will be for a two (2) year contract period with two (2) optional one-year renewable terms. The proposed two-year contract will have a maximum compensation not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 and each one-year renewable term will have a maximum compensation not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 per term.

This Request for Proposal does not commit the Department to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal for this request, or to procure or contract for services.

The Department reserves the right to award multiple contracts to more than one qualified offeror as a result of this Request for Proposal. The contracts will be negotiated and awarded in accordance with the procedure set forth in the current Manual for the Procurement & Management of Professional Services at the time of advertisement.

The Department reserves the right to alter the project delivery method at any time during the contract period. The Department will notify the consultant of such decision, revise the scope of services, and negotiate a fair and reasonable fee as appropriate. The change will be implemented utilizing an additional task order or supplemental agreement based on the contract type.

The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with any qualified firm or to modify or cancel in part or in its entirety the Request for Proposal if it is in the best interest of the Department to do so.

## SCOPE

The scope of work shall consist of assuring general conformance with the Department's Post Construction Manual; determining that all work was done in accordance with the plans and specifications (including authorized changes); and determining that all required documentation of records is available and included in the final assembly.

Personnel required shall include one (1) Construction Project Manager, three (3) Senior Engineers, five (5) Engineers, two (2) Construction Managers, six (6) Construction Inspector Seniors, and one (1) Administrative Assistant.

All personnel shall be knowledgeable of the Department's Post Construction Manual, roadway and bridge construction, road and bridge specifications and standards and computer based construction management systems.

The Department reserves the right to assign work from one district and/or region to other districts and/or regions on a temporary basis, when there is a need for the same services in the second district and/or region.

All procurement related questions or information should be directed to W. Ashby Hudson at (804) 786-1179 or email [william.hudson@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:william.hudson@vdot.virginia.gov).

## **STAFF EXPERIENCE IN FUNCTIONS, FEATURES OF WORK and KNOWLEDGE SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

The personnel provided in the each proposal shall have the following described experience in the Functions, Features of Work, and Knowledge gained from working on the Department's construction contracts. This experience is required to ensure the proposed personnel have adequate experience in and exposure to the work to understand what constitutes an accurate and complete set of final contract documents at project close out.

### **Construction Project Manager**

Construction Project Manager Functions: To manage an assigned construction project to assure quality of the contractor's compliance with the contract documents, manage project personnel staffing, project inspection, and contract administration, under the direction of an Area Construction Engineer or Construction Manager.

Construction Project Manager Features of Work: Manages an assigned project that involves structures, roadways, and other transportation facilities. Duties include analyzing and interpreting project plans and specifications to ensure project constructability; identifies design errors and determines the impact of such errors on both the Department and contractor; interprets unclear contract language; supervises and manages assigned staff and makes recommendations on project staffing. Conduct pre-construction conference, utility coordination meetings, construction progress meetings, and other types of conferences; assures proper administration of all project payments; writes project management correspondence, and approves or rejects recommendations made by project personnel. Resolves or recommends resolution of field construction problems and recommends design changes; works with the project design group, materials, environmental, traffic engineering, Right of Way, public, or all other parties necessary to meet contract schedules and requirements. Must possess knowledge of project control practices. Actions and management decisions required by this position determine; to be efficient and effective building of the assigned project, safety of employees and the contractor personnel, the traveling public, meeting established schedules, legal requirements, and contract specifications for project completion. This position also requires frequent internal and external contact with all divisions of the agency, contractors, subcontractors, city, county, state, and federal officials, designers, the general public, utility companies, other consultants, landowners, commercial businesses, news media, manufacturers, suppliers, and railroads.

Construction Project Manager Knowledge Skills and Abilities: The Construction Project Manager shall be a Virginia licensed P. E. having 10 years of experience in the management of roadway and bridge construction projects. Considerable knowledge of roadway, structure, traffic engineering,

construction methods, project controls techniques, procedures, practices, plans, specifications, and contracts; materials use and performance, environmental, legal, and safety responsibilities related to construction of transportation facilities; and knowledge in the use of scheduling software, electronic data processing equipment for contract management, construction project organizational structure and document control methods. Working skill in the use of survey, nuclear density, and materials testing equipment. Ability to supervise and manage employee groups. Ability to interpret roadway plans, specifications, and contracts. Ability to meet with a variety of groups and make verbal presentations. Ability to prepare technical, financial, administrative, and explanatory correspondence.

### **Senior Engineer**

Minimum Experience: Significant high-level, analytical experience or a functional / technical expert with 8 years of relevant experience.

Functional responsibility: Responsible for delegating project tasks to subordinate engineers and supervising their work . Provides consultation in specialized areas. Makes decisions and solve problems. Lead project team in planning and/or designing a major engineering projects and coordinate special planning, economic, and engineering studies.

Minimum Education: Bachelor of Science in engineering, architecture, applied science technology from an ABET accredited program

Professional Registration: Professional Engineering Licensure

Degree/Experience/Registration substitution : Masters Degree and five (5) years experience with Professional Engineering Licensure

### **Engineer**

Minimum Experience: Previous experience with the implementation of construction services including engineering designs, report preparation, construction plans, creating specifications, cost estimates for various projects and alternative analysis. Check performance or conformity with plans and specifications through field inspection and testing. With a special functional or technical expertise including 1-4 years of relevant experience.

Functional responsibility: Responsible for performing entry and mid-level analytical/operation, analysis, estimating and scheduling as well as on-site construction management as a member of an implementation team. Responsible for providing regular reporting of progress of work.

Minimum Education: Bachelor of Science in engineering, architecture, applied science technology from an ABET accredited program

Professional Registration: Professional Engineering Licensure

Degree/Experience/Registration substitution : No degree/no certification, with eight (8) years relevant experience.

## **Construction Manager**

**Construction Manager Function:** To manage the assigned elements of a construction project to assure quality of the contractor's compliance with the plans and contract documents, manage project personnel staffing, project inspection, and contract administration under the direction of the Area Construction Engineers.

**Construction Manager Features of the Work:** Manages assigned project elements which may involve structures, roadways, and other transportation facilities. Duties include analyzing and interpreting project plans and specifications to ensure project constructability; identifies design errors for the Department; determines impact for both the Department and contractor; interprets unclear contract language; work order time impact analysis, maintain and report contractor's daily production rates, prepare independent detailed construction estimates; makes recommendations for partial and final contractor payments, monitors project budgets and recommends any needed adjustments to the Area Construction Engineer; supervises and manages inspection personnel and makes recommendations on project staffing. Conduct pre-construction conference, utility coordination meetings, construction progress meetings and other types of conferences; writes project management correspondence, and approves or rejects recommendations made by project inspectors. Recommends resolution of field construction problems; recommends design changes; performs analysis and prepares work orders, seeks input from the project controls group regarding the schedule/cost impact and works with the project design group, materials, environmental, traffic engineering right of way, the public and all other parties necessary to meet contract schedules and requirements.

**Construction Manager Knowledge Skills and Abilities:** Construction Manager is expected to have 10years of experience in the management of roadway construction projects. Considerable knowledge of roadway, structure, traffic engineering, construction methods, procedures, practices, plans, specifications, and contracts; materials used and performance, environmental, legal, and safety responsibilities related to construction of transportation facilities; working knowledge of the VDOT Road and Bridge Specifications, Road and Bridge Standards, Construction Manual, and Inspector Manual; and knowledge in the use of electronic data processing equipment and contract management software. Skill in the use of survey, nuclear density, and materials testing equipment. Ability to supervise and manage employee work groups. Ability to interpret roadway plans, specifications, and contracts. Ability to prepare technical, financial, administrative, and explanatory correspondence. Recognition as a Certified Construction Manager through the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) or similar Construction Manager Certification is preferred.

## **Construction Inspector Senior**

### **Construction Inspector Senior Functions:**

The inspector senior monitors and performs all types of inspection work on complex and routine highway projects or acts as a specialist and advisor to other inspectors on certain phases of work requiring specialized talent and experience. Assignments are of an independent nature and include responsibility for inspecting and monitoring the inspection work of any type and size of projects. The inspector senior is responsible for assigning and assisting inspectors in a manner that all phases of work will be given adequate inspection. Supervision is received from the Construction Manager or Area Construction Engineer by periodic visits and review of records and reports. The inspector's authority is limited in that changes to the plans and specifications requested or recommended must be reviewed and approved by a responsible charge engineer to whom the authority has been delegated.

### Construction Inspection Senior Features of Work:

- Inspects all phases of work on a project and advises the contractor superintendent or other representatives of necessary action to ensure conformance with plans, specifications, and the contract.
- Inspects grading projects, paving projects, demolitions projects, special design bridge projects, signal projects, signing projects, coating projects, utility projects, other special projects as assigned.
- Reviews the performance of assistant inspectors daily advising of necessary corrective actions to ensure teamwork, partnering and project success. Answers questions from assistant inspectors and the contractor concerning contract requirements and application. Reviews and/or prepares daily reports for preparation of entries to the project diary, as-built plans, materials books, and work books. Prepares and checks construction project construction reports and monthly project estimates. Makes necessary correction and forwards them to the Construction Project Manager and Area Construction Engineer.
- Performs occasionally any and all duties of an assistant inspector when required by volume of work.
- Is proficient in the use of routine survey equipment and is able to check grades, verify stakeouts (grading, and bridge stakeouts). Is able to read and interpret highway construction plans and specifications.
- Performs detailed constructability and bidability reviews.

In addition to the duties noted for Construction Inspector, the Construction Inspector Senior monitors contractor's operations to ensure compliance with contract terms and specifications. Independently coordinates and directs all phases of construction inspection of projects, which are typically complicated by extensive traffic control, sensitive to the public or environmentally challenging, or require significant project coordination with property owners, utility companies, or local/federal government representatives. Verifies lines, grades dimensions, and elevations using survey and field engineering equipment. Coordinates and schedules various phases of construction with the prime contractor and agency personnel; reviews and monitors contractors' plan of operation; and advises contractors of violations and recommends adjustments to operations. Recommends changes to construction plans to meet field condition; makes field measurements of pay items and conducts materials testing; checks equipment; maintains and review comprehensive project records including daily diaries, materials notebooks, as-built plans, pay quantity records, progress schedules, work orders and monthly estimates; and is aware of Civil Rights requirements. The Construction Inspector Senior aids in the development of work orders, investigations and analysis of Notices of Intent, and provides On the Job Training for Construction Inspectors and Construction Inspector Trainees. Proven ability to work at heights, and within confined spaces with the required training for these activities.

This position requires frequent contact with engineers and agency personnel to discuss and resolve field construction issues and to obtain technical guidance in specialty areas of engineering and inspections. These positions also require frequent external contact with contractor personnel to schedule and coordinate project inspection and resolve problems; with local government and law enforcement agencies to explain work under construction and coordinate traffic control; with suppliers to monitor receipt of materials; with utility companies to coordinate relocation and installation; and with the public to provide information and resolve issues.

### Construction Inspector Senior Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

The Construction Inspector Senior is expected to have six years of experience including knowledge of roadway, structure, and bridge construction methods, materials, standards and specifications. Working knowledge of state and federal safety, environment, and EEO/DBE guidelines and regulations; and of mathematics including algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. Working skill in operating computer equipment, software programs (including but not limited to working in a Microsoft Windows environment, Microsoft Office, and SiteManager, or other currently utilized project management software) and read and interpret roadway, bridge, and structure plans and contract specifications; apply mathematical formulas and engineering principles to determine field adjustments; maintain detailed reports; perform required materials testing; and communicate effectively with agency and contractor personnel and the general public.

It is anticipated that the Department will require Inspector Senior positions with various combinations of the following certifications throughout the life of this contract. The specific certifications required for a given task order will be identified by the Department at the time the task order is assigned.

<b>Certification</b>	<b>Issuing Agency</b>
Soil and Aggregate Compaction	VDOT or NICET LEVEL II*
Asphalt Field Level I & II	VDOT
Hydraulic Cement Concrete Field	VDOT or NICET LEVEL II*
Pavement Marking	VDOT
Slurry Surfacing	VDOT
Surface Treatment	VDOT
Flagger Certification	VDOT
Certification for Erosion and Sediment Control Inspection	Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR)
Nuclear Gauge Safety Training	NRC***Recognized Provider
Intermediate Work Zone Traffic Control	VDOT Approved Provider
10 Hour OSHA Safety Training	OSHA
GRIT (Guardrail Certification)	VDOT

\*Beginning in 2013, VDOT Materials Division will no longer be recognizing MidAtlantic Regional Technician Certification Program (MARTCP) certifications; current VDOT Letters of Reciprocity will remain valid until the expiration of the MARTCP or state DOT certification that the letter is based on. VDOT Materials Division will start recognizing NICET Level II Certifications in Soils and Concrete.

\*\*\* Nuclear Regulatory Commission

## **Administrative Assistant**

Administrative Assistant Functions: To provide administrative support to the members of the Construction Team.

Administrative Assistant Features of the Work: Provides overall management of a timely project filing system to include setup, maintenance, and close-out, receiving, recording and distributing all incoming mail and correspondence, submittals, RFI's, etc. Prepares reports and other correspondence in an accurate and timely manner. Takes pre-construction meeting minutes and distributes them in a timely manner as well as takes minutes of other project meetings. Assists Inspectors with timesheets, construction management computer systems, office supplies and administrative support. Maintains a status log for time sensitive materials assuring that deadlines are met. Manages office to ensure adequate office supplies are in stock, answers phones, and directs calls to the appropriate person. Assists with Invoice preparation and assembly. Responsible for processing C-31s (Sublet Requests).

Utilizing VDOT's Portal (Sharepoint) for record management.

Administrative Assistant Knowledge Skills and Abilities: The Administrative Assistant is expected to have a basic knowledge of the construction submittal process and skill in the use of computers to include word processing, spreadsheet, and construction management software. Ability to keep meeting minutes and action logs, distribute minutes and request feedback. Ability to track items requiring action and maintain status logs of these items. Ability to multitask and manage administrative duties in a professional, timely and accurate manner.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The change in a project delivery method for this contract may result in a potential conflict of interests for the consultant and any of its team members. As such, the scope of services and their role may be revised and redefined to meet the project need as identified by the Department. The consultant and its team members may not be allowed to participate in ANY subsequent contracts (design and/or construction) related to this project. The Conflict of Interest determination will be made in accordance with the department policy. The policy is available at:

<http://www.virginia.gov/business/resources/LocDes/IIM-APD-2.pdf>

#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

1. The Expression of Interest shall be organized in the following order:
  - Transmittal letter
  - Table of Contents
  - Understanding of Scope of Work
  - Response to RFP Expression of Interest Items 2-14
  - Present Workload with Department form
  - Team Organization Chart
  - GSA Form 255 – one combined for the project team
  - GSA Form 254 – one for each firm
  - A table or matrix containing the requested information in item 14
  - Full size copies of SCC and DPOR supporting registration/licensing documentation for each firm (including that of each pertinent branch office)
  - Full size copies of DPOR registration certificate for the Key Personnel
  - Firm Data Sheet
  - Certification Regarding Debarment form
  - DBE Commitment and Confirmation Letter (if applicable)
  
2. Furnish four copies of current GSA Forms 254 for each firm involved and four copies of one combined GSA Form 255 for the project team. The GSA Form 255 must specify the number of personnel by discipline for each office where the work is to be performed. In Section 4 of GSA Form 255, list only the full time employees assigned to the office(s) at the time of this submission. Section 8 of GSA Form 255 is limited to one page with not more than 10 projects total (prime and subconsultants combined) on the one page and should primarily list experience of offices where the work will be performed and of the people shown in the organizational chart. If the experience shown is for a branch office other than where the work will be performed, it should be clearly indicated as such. More detailed descriptions for Section 8b may be expanded

into Section 10. In Section 9 of GSA Form 255, references to “Federal agencies” are to be replaced by “Virginia Department of Transportation or transportation agencies of other states.”

3. If more than one firm will participate in the contract, state the type of arrangement between the firms, the names and addresses of all firms, description of the work that each firm will perform, and the percentage of work to be performed by each in Section 5 and 6 of GSA Form 255. Indicate office locations at which the work will be performed. A one page organizational chart showing all firms involved and key personnel assignments and responsibilities is required to be included.
4. Indicate in Section 7 of GSA Form 255, personnel who will be assigned to this project, their proposed assignment and give the experience record of each. Team members who are not currently employed by the firm under which they are proposed shall have a signed commitment letter (See Attachment “A”) attached to their resume, demonstrating their commitment to the firm under which they are proposed should the team be awarded the inspection contract. The project manager shall have a minimum of five years experience in managing similar type and size projects. Other pertinent certifications should also be listed. Each Resume shall be limited to one page per person with a font no less than 10 point. This information should be provided in the introduction or opening information found on the first page of Section 10.

Furthermore, all individuals identified as Key Personnel in the EOI shall remain on the Consultant’s Team for the duration of the procurement process and, if the consultant is awarded a contract, the duration of the contract. If extraordinary circumstances require a proposed change, it must be submitted in writing to the Department’s Project Manager for approval, who, at his/her sole discretion, will determine whether to authorize a change. Unauthorized changes to the Consultant’s Team at any time during the procurement process may result in elimination of the Consultant’s Team from further consideration.

5. Section 10 of GSA Form 255 is limited to a maximum of ten pages. This section should describe the organization of the proposed project staff indicating the role of each by individual. If subconsultants are proposed, the role of each subconsultant should be discussed. It should also include statements that are responsive to the attached Consultant Short List Score Sheet that will be used to evaluate your submission. This is the ONLY section of the submission which may include pictures or graphics (included in the ten page limit). List any computer and CADD equipment and any specialized computer software packages that you will use on this VDOT project.
6. It is the policy of the Virginia Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of federally funded consultant contracts. A list of Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise certified DBE firms is maintained on their web site (<http://www.dmb.state.va.us/>) under the **DBE Directory of Certified Vendors**. Consultants are encouraged to take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that DBE firms have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform services on the contract, including participation in any subsequent supplemental contracts. If the consultant intends to subcontract a portion of the services on the project, the consultant is encouraged to seek out and consider DBE firms as potential subconsultants. The consultant is encouraged to contact DBE firms to solicit their interest, capability and qualifications. Any agreement between a consultant and a DBE firm whereby the DBE firm promises not to provide services to other consultants is prohibited. The Department believes that these services support 10% DBE participation.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 33, the Virginia Department of Transportation also requires a utilization of Small, Women and Minority (SWaM) Businesses to participate in the performance of state funded consultant contracts. A list of Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise (DMBE) certified SWaM firms is maintained on the DMBE web site (<http://www.dmb.state.va.us/>) under the **SWaM Vendor Directory** link. Consultants are encouraged to take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that SWaM firms have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform services on the contract, including participation in any subsequent supplemental contracts. If the consultant intends to subcontract a portion of the services on the project, the consultant is encouraged to seek out and consider SWaM firms as potential subconsultants. The consultant is encouraged to contact SWaM firms to solicit their interest, capability and qualifications. Any agreement between a consultant and a SWaM firm whereby the SWaM firm promises not to provide services to other consultants is prohibited.

49 CFR Part 26 requires VDOT to collect certain data about firms attempting to participate in VDOT contracts. This data must be provided on the enclosed Firm Data Sheet.

VDOT is also required to capture DBE and SWaM payment information on all professional services contracts. The successful prime consultant will be required to complete C- 63 form for both state and federally funded projects on quarterly basis.

Any DBE or SWaM firm must become certified (with the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise) prior to your response being submitted. If DBE or SWaM firm is the prime consultant, the firm will receive full credit for planned involvement of their own forces, as well as the work that they commit to be performed by DBE or SWaM subconsultants. DBE or SWaM prime consultants are encouraged to make the same outreach efforts as other consultants. DBE or SWaM credit will be awarded only for work actually being performed by them. When a DBE or SWaM prime consultant subcontracts work to another firm, the work counts toward DBE or SWaM goals only if the other firm is itself a DBE or SWaM. A DBE or SWaM prime consultant must perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30% of the total cost of its contract with its own force.

DBE or SWaM certification entitles consultants to participate in VDOT's DBE and SWaM programs. However, this certification does not guarantee that the firm will obtain VDOT work nor does it attest to the firm's abilities to perform any particular work.

Business Opportunity and Workforce Development (BOWD) Center - The BOWD Center is a VDOT developmental supportive services program and partnering initiative funded by FHWA for selected DBE firms of various skill and competence levels interested in entering, enhancing or expanding highway contracting opportunities with prime consultants. The partnering initiative between prime consultants and BOWD DBE firms provides the opportunity for the further development of DBE firms through performance on contracts and guidance from prime consultants. The intent of this partnering initiative is to increase capacity by perfecting existing skills and knowledge, expanding into new work areas, and prime consultant joint venturing with DBE firms.

The prime consultants are encouraged to achieve all or a percentage of the required DBE participation/goals determined for this project by the utilization of BOWD approved firms. To assist consultants in taking advantage of this opportunity for utilization of approved BOWD firms, please contact the BOWD Center for additional information, details, resources and support. For further information on the BOWD Center and to view the DBE profiles, go to [www.virginiadot.org/business/BOWD.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/BOWD.asp). The BOWD Center can be contacted at (804) 662-

7. If any firms involved with this submission currently have work with the Department, indicate the projects, the division managing the projects, the amount of outstanding fee remaining, and the estimated date of completion. For limited services term contracts, include only the amount of all tasks orders executed or under negotiation. Also, include your estimated fees for pending supplemental agreements and any projects for which the firms have been selected, but have not executed an agreement. Work of affiliated and/or subsidiary companies is to be included. The outstanding workload of any Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise certified DBE or SWaM prime or subconsultant may be reduced up to \$4 million and the remainder (>\$0) shall be added to the team's total workload. When a DBE or SWaM firm graduates from the program, their workload incurred while a DBE or SWaM may be reduced up to \$4 million for the next three years. Any new work obtained after graduating from the program will be counted. Work being performed under the Public Private Transportation Act (PPTA) shall not be included.. Work being performed as a prime, joint venture, or subconsultant on a Design-Build project shall be included. The outstanding fee remaining is the maximum total compensation payable less the amount previously paid to date. Only Category C work will be counted in the scoring criteria. This information shall be submitted using the attached Present Workload with Department form. Please carefully read the instructions on the Present Workload with Department form.
8. Give names and detailed addresses of all affiliated and/or subsidiary companies. Indicate which companies are subsidiaries. If a situation arises in responding to this questionnaire where you are unsure whether another firm is or is not an affiliate, doubt should be resolved in favor of affiliation and the firm should be listed accordingly.

Affiliate - Any business entity which is closely associated to another business entity so that one entity controls or has the 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 affiliates.

9. In 2 page(s) or less, provide information that will indicate your firm's ability to respond quickly to task assignments, be able to handle multiple tasks concurrently, and be able to complete task on accelerated schedules. The schedule will be identified when the task is assigned.
10. In 2 page(s) or less, please emphasize your qualifications in the following areas: Experience in assisting the District Contract Managers with the review and estimate preparation procedures for final payment to Contractors in general conformance with the Department's Post Construction Manual, and experience in Construction Engineering Inspection Services.
11. A project approach discussion is neither required nor desired for this project.
12. Please indicate, by executing and returning the attached Certification Regarding Debarment forms, if your firm, subconsultant, subcontractor, or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer or any position involving the administration of Federal or State funds:

- Is currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency.
- Has been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any federal agency within the past 3 years.
- Does have a proposed debarment pending; or has been indicted, convicted, or had a civil judgment rendered against it or them by a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter involving fraud or official misconduct within the past 3 years.

Any of the above conditions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but it will be considered in determining offeror responsibility. For any condition noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency, and dates of action. Providing false information may result in Federal criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

13. If the prime consultant or subconsultant does not have the in-house capability to provide non-professional services, each with an estimated cost of \$5,000 or greater, such as diving services, soil drilling, sampling services or laboratory testing, these services must be subcontracted in accordance with State procurement procedures once a contract is executed, with no DBE or SWaM credit in the selection of the most qualified firm or team. Clearly indicate these services in the EOI.
14. Each business entity (prime and subconsultants) on the proposed team who is practicing or offering to practice professional services in Virginia, including, but not limited to, those practicing or offering to practice engineering, surveying, hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, geotechnical analysis and landscape architecture, should provide evidence including full size copies of appropriate commercial professional registrations and licenses for all main and branch offices proposed for this Project, as well as providing full size copies of appropriate individual registrations/licenses for those professional occupations per the requirements listed below. The EOI should convey the requested information for each regulant by the use of a concise table or matrix. (All full size copies of State Corporation Commission (SCC) and Department of Professional and Regulation (DPOR) supporting registration documentations should be included in the EOI and will not be counted towards page restriction):
  - .1 The SCC registration detailing the name, registration number, type of corporation and status of the business entity.
  - .2 For this Project/Contract, the DPOR registration information for each office practicing or offering to practice any professional services in Virginia: Provide the business name, address, registration type, registration number, expiration date.
  - .3 For this Project/Contract, the DPOR license information for each of your Key Personnel practicing or offering to practice professional services in Virginia: Provide the name, the address, type, the registration number, and the expiration date. Provide the office location where each of the Key Personnel is offering to practice professional services.
  - .4 For this Project/Contract, 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): the business name, the address, the registration type, the registration number, and the expiration date.

Failure to comply with the law with regard to those 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 EOI submittal(s), in the sole and reasonable discretion of the Department, non-responsive and in that event your EOI submittal(s) may be returned without any consideration or evaluation.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

1. All business entities, except for sole proprietorships, are required to register with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (A Business Registration Guide is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.va.us/scc/division/clk/brg.htm>). Foreign Professional corporations and Foreign Professional Limited Liability Companies (i.e., organized or existing under the laws of a state or jurisdiction other than Virginia) 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 proprietorships that do not employ other individuals for which licensing is required must be registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation (<http://www.state.va.us/dpor>), Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects (Board). Board regulations require that all branch offices of professional corporations and business entities located in Virginia, which offer or render any professional services relating to the professions regulated by the Board shall be registered as separate branch office with the Board. All offices, including branches, which offer or render any professional service, must have at least one full-time resident professional in responsible charge who is licensed in the profession offered or rendered at that office. All firms involved that are to provide professional services must meet these criteria prior to submitting an Expression of Interest to the Department. Individual engineers shall meet the requirements of Chapter 4, Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia.
2. The Department will not consider for award any cost proposals submitted by any consultants and will not consent to subcontracting any portions of the 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.
3. The method of payment will be actual costs for each project assignment based on fixed billable rates. For purpose of determining the fixed billable rates, an overhead rate shall be established in compliance with cost principles contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) of Part 31 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The overhead rate shall be established by an audit by a cognizant government agency or independent CPA firm.
4. All firms submitting Expressions of Interest (prime consultants, joint ventures and subconsultants) must have internal control systems in place that meet Federal requirements for accounting. These systems must comply with requirements of 48CFR31, "Federal Acquisition Regulations, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures," and 23CFR172, "Administration of Negotiated Contracts." All architectural or engineering firms selected for a project (prime consultants, joint ventures and subconsultants) must submit their FAR audit data along with a Contractor Cost Certification for indirect cost rates required by FHWA order 4470.1A dated October 27, 2010 to the Department within 10 work days of being notified of their selection, whereby an official of an architectural or engineering firm shall certify that the indirect cost rate

submitted does not include any costs which are expressly unallowable and that the indirect cost rate was established only with allowable costs in accordance with the applicable cost principles contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) of 48CFR31. An example Contractor Cost Certification is available for architectural or engineering firm's use on VDOT website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/gpmmps.asp>. Should any firm on the consultant team fail to submit the required audit data and certification within the 10 work days, negotiations may be terminated by the Department and the next most qualified team invited to submit a proposal.

5. Records Exclusion from Public Disclosure: Pursuant to the provisions of §2.2-3705.6 (22) of the Code of Virginia, trade secrets, as defined in the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (§ 59.1-336 et seq.), including, but not limited to, financial records, including balance sheets and financial statements, that are not generally available to the public through regulatory disclosure or otherwise, and revenue and cost projections supplied by a private or nongovernmental entity to the Inspector General of the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of an audit, special investigation, or any study requested by the Inspector General's Office in accordance with law may, subject to a determination by the Inspector General as described herein, be withheld from public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). To enable the Inspector General to identify data or records that may be subject to this exclusion from disclosure under FOIA the private or nongovernmental entity shall, in accord with procedures adopted by the Inspector General, make a written request to the Inspector General of the Virginia Department of Transportation:
  - invoking such exclusion upon submission of the data or other materials for which protection is sought;
  - identifying with specificity the data or other materials for which protection is sought; and
  - stating the reasons why protection is necessary.

The Inspector General of the Virginia Department of Transportation shall determine whether the requested exclusion from disclosure is necessary to protect the trade secrets or financial records of the private entity. The Virginia Department of Transportation shall make a written determination of the nature and scope of the protection to be afforded by it. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements stated herein and procedures established by the Inspector General for seeking an exclusion pursuant to §2.2-3705.6 (22) of the Code of Virginia shall result in a denial of the exclusion. Requests for exclusion that are submitted after data or other materials for which protection is sought have been submitted will be denied.

If litigation directly or indirectly results from or arises out of a granted exemption, the contractor will be responsible for all litigation costs incurred by contractor and/or VDOT associated with such litigation. In no event shall the Virginia Department of Transportation or its officers, employees or agents be liable to the contractor as a result of any disclosure of records or data collected by the Department, its officers, employees or agents, pursuant to an audit, special investigation, or any study requested by the Inspector General's Office, whether or not the Inspector General has determined that the requested exclusion from disclosure under FOIA is necessary to protect the trade secrets or financial records of the private entity, and in no event shall the Virginia Department of Transportation, or its officers, employees, or agents be liable to the contractor for any damages or other claims arising directly or indirectly from a determination that the exclusion from public disclosure will not be granted.

6. Submittals shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the firm's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. **Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.** Elaborate brochures and other representations

beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal **are neither required nor desired**. Please **do not duplicate information** furnished in the GSA Form 254 or 255 elsewhere in the submittal. All information must be submitted in QUADRUPLICATE and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 21, 2014. **In addition, one CD-rom containing a single cohesive electronic (Adobe PDF) copy of the EOI shall be submitted with the original, signed EOI.** Responses received after this time will not be considered.

All deliveries shall be made to the following VDOT address:

Commonwealth of Virginia  
Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Central Office Mail Center  
Loading Dock Entrance  
1401 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Attention: Brenda L. Williams

The anticipated short list date is 2/11/14 and the anticipated interview date is 2/20/14 for selected firms.

7. The Department 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) within 10 work days of notification of selection when requested by the Department. This requirement applies to all consulting firms when the contract amount equals or exceeds \$10,000.
8. The Department 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.
9. Any offeror who desires to protest the award of a contract shall submit such protest in writing to the Department no later than ten days after the announcement of the award. Public announcement of the award shall be posted on the Department's Business Center Internet site.
10. eVA Business-to-Government Vendor Registration: 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 detail information regarding eVA, registrations, fee schedule, and transaction fee, use the website link: <http://www.eva.state.va.us>. All bidders or offerors must register in eVA; failure to register may result in the bid/proposal/expression of interest being rejected.
11. The required services will involve the handling of Critical Infrastructure Information/Sensitive Security Information (CII/SSI) material. Firm(s) handling CII/SSI material will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements. Individuals with the firm(s) that handle CII/SSI material will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements. Once negotiations have been completed and prior to executing a contract, personnel handling CII/SSI material, visiting Critical Infrastructure (CI) facilities or performing bridge/tunnel inspections may be required to 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. However, if key personnel fail the fingerprint-based CHBC, the selection may be cancelled and negotiations begun with the next ranked offeror. VDOT reserves the right to conduct fingerprint-based CHBC on all employees of the prime consultant, on any employees of subconsultants 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 prime consultant. A VDOT issued photo-identification badge is required for each employee of the prime consultant or any subconsultant 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 issuance of a VDOT security clearance or a VDOT issued photo-identification badge.



## FIRM DATA SHEET

Funding: F (S=State F=Federal)  
& III

Project No.: STATEWIDE(FINAL) I, II

Division: Construction Division  
EOI Due Date: January 21, 2014

The prime consultant is responsible for submitting the information requested below on all firms on the project team, both prime and all subconsultants. All firms are to be reported on one combined sheet unless the number of firms requires the use of an additional sheet. Failure to submit all of the required data may result in the Expression of Interest not being considered.

Firm's Name, Address and DBE and/or SWAM Certification Number	Firm's DBE or SWaM Status *	Firm's Age	Firm's Annual Gross Receipts

\* YD = DBE Firm Certified by DMBE

N = DBE or SWaM Firm Not Certified by DMBE

NA = Firm Not Claiming DBE or SWaM Status

YS = SWaM Firm Certified by DMBE. Indicate whether small, woman-owned, or small business.

DMBE is the Virginia Department of Minority Business Enterprise



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT**

**LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

(To be completed by a Sub-consultant)

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
  
- 2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

The undersigned makes the foregoing statements to be filed with the proposal submitted on behalf of the offeror for contracts to be let by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Firm

CONSULTANT SHORT LIST SCORE SHEET – FEDERALLY / STATE FUNDED PROJECT  
(FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES)

DIVISION: CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

EOI NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_ STATEWIDE (FINALS) I, II & III \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

		NUMERICAL VALUE				AVG.	WEIGHT	WEIGHTED EVALUATION
FIRM/TEAM'S EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR TYPE OF SERVICES (Expertise, experience and qualifications of team in providing services as related to the scope of services) (1=least, 10=most)		1-10					25%	
PERSONNEL'S EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR TYPE OF SERVICES (Expertise, experience and qualifications of team in providing services as related to the scope of services) (1=least, 10=most)		1-10					40%	
QUALIFICATIONS OF PROJECT MANAGER (Expertise, experience and qualifications in Inspection Coordination as related to the scope of services) (1=least, 10=most)		1-10					5%	
ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY (Ability to complete work in a timely manner, size of firm(s) relative to size of project, proposed project staff resources, proposed use of sub-consultants) (1=least, 10=most)		1-10					20%	
PRESENT WORKLOAD WITH DEPARTMENT (Dollar value of present outstanding fee including estimated pending contracts under negotiation. For limited services term contracts, include the amount of all task orders executed or under negotiation. Work being performed under the Public Private Transportation Act (PPTA) shall not be included. Work being performed as a prime, joint venture or sub-consultant on a Design-Build project shall be included.) † (Only Category C workload is counted on this selection*)	Above \$4,000,000	0					10%	
	3,500,001-4,000,000	1						
	3,000,001-3,500,000	2						
	2,500,001-3,000,000	3						
	2,000,001-2,500,000	4						
	1,500,001-2,000,000	5						
	1,000,001-1,500,000	6						
	750,001-1,000,000	7						
	500,001-750,000	8						
	250,001-500,000	9						
0-250,000	10							
							TOTAL	

\*CATEGORIES OF WORKLOAD:

- A - TERM SURVEYING AND UTILITY DESIGNATION/LOCATION CONTRACTS
- B - PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING CONTRACTS - includes transportation planning and environmental studies, utility relocation and design, and roadway and bridge design.
- C - CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CONTRACTS - includes construction inspection, preparation of final estimates, and bridge and traffic structure safety inspection.
- D - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - includes operation and maintenance of traffic management systems.

† The outstanding workload of any certified DBE or SWaM prime and sub-consultant may be reduced up to \$4M and the remainder (>\$0) added to the team's total workload. When a DBE or SWaM firm graduates from the program, their workload incurred while a DBE or SWaM may be reduced up to \$4M for the next three years. Any new work obtained after graduating from the program will be counted.

In determining the final short list, the top ranked firms and their sub-consultants will have their VDOT Consultant Performance Reports reviewed and/or references checked.

ATTACHMENT "A"  
Employment Commitment Letter

Date:

To:  
Firm Name:  
Address:

Reference – Employment Commitment For

This letter is my commitment to your firm that should your firm become successful in obtaining a contract for construction inspection with the Virginia Department of Transportation I will be available to begin employment upon execution of the referenced inspection services contract.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_