

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

REQUEST FOR CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

For

**(FO)0670-095-304, C501, B658
UPC 82360
Route 670
Avens Bridge
Washington County, VA**

Submittals due by 4:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, March 21th, 2013.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is requesting qualification package submittal from Contractor's wishing to bid on (FO)0670-095-304, C501, B658 the Route 670: Avens Bridge Project in Washington County, VA, which is scheduled for advertisement on April 9, 2013 with bids due the June 26, 2013.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (See attached project location map)

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing truss bridge over the South Fork Holston River/Lake with a new two lane structure constructed on the upstream side of the existing bridge. The existing truss bridge is very narrow, which does not allow for wide loads to cross easily or safely. The proposed bridge will be constructed just upstream of the existing and will use drilled shaft piers since the water depth at full pool is approximately 80 feet deep. The proposed bridge substructure will include concrete piers founded on 8 foot diameter drilled shafts. It is anticipated that much of the construction of the proposed bridge and demolition of the existing piers will be completed from barges. The existing 8 inch water line located on the existing bridge will be relocated to the proposed bridge and will require no instream work. The power and telephone lines will be relocated up reservoir of the proposed bridge and will be permitted and moved by others before bridge construction begins. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained through most of the project duration. Temporary signals will be used for one lane traffic control during the last construction phase of the new structure.

QUALIFICATION SUBMITTALS

The following items are considered the minimum qualifications for the Prime Contractor and/or subcontractor that will be required for the project in order to be considered by the Virginia Department of Transportation as a qualified bidder.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

1. Project Job Superintendant – Must have the following safety certifications and experience in order to be a competent person for the project.
 - a. OSHA 10 Hour General Industry Course
 - b. OSHA 30 hour Construction Industry Course
 - c. For tasks that require additional training/certification that they have received the training to be a competent person.

Additionally the project superintendant must submit examples of relevant job experience for a minimum of three (3) projects in the recent ten (10) year period.

2. The contractor and subcontractor(s) must submit their safety history including their EMR rating for the past five (5) years of operation, or may submit the VDOT Safety Index Rating Form with form number C-38 located on our webpage at www.VirginiaDOT.org. In addition the contractor and subcontractor must submit a copy of their safety manual and policy.
3. The contractor or subcontractor(s) performing the drilled shaft work shall submit their experience with drilled shaft of diameter of 8 foot or larger with a minimum of five (5) years experience on projects of similar type of large drilled shaft in water depths greater than 50 feet.
4. The contractor and subcontractor(s) shall submit three (3) previous projects that have been undertaken within the last ten (10) years that are similar in scope and size and highlight the similarities and describe their approach to the work. Additionally the contractor must submit project details of the original and final construction contract cost along with original completion date and final completion date highlighting techniques and practices utilized that assisted with the completion of the project on time and within budget. Furthermore, the contractor will provide relevant and verifiable evidence of good performance or lesson learned from previous experience and give convincing ways in which lessons learned or past good performance will be used for the benefit of the project.
5. The contractor or subcontractor(s) performing the barge work must have three (3) years of experience in working with barges on construction projects.
6. The contractor or subcontractor(s) must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience working in deep water bridge construction with water levels exceeding 50 feet in depth.
7. The contractor or subcontractor(s) performing the crane operation must have a minimum of five (5) years of crane operations in highway bridge construction of similar scope.

Bids will only be accepted from Contractors who have received written notification that they have met the minimum qualifications for bidding. Contractors passing the Contractor Special Prequalification will also be required to prequalify under the VDOT Contractor Prequalification process.

The Contractor's qualifications package submittal must be received at the address below at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Thursday, March 21, 2013. Project plans can be found at <http://falcon.virginiadot.org/falcon/> and UPC 82360

Submittals must be addressed to: Virginia

Department of Transportation

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