

January 10, 2005

Daniele J. Noland, Project Manager  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Subject: Midtown Tunnel Corridor Project (MTCP), Statement of Interest (SOI)  
Request



Dear Ms. Noland:

Tidewater Skanska Inc. (Tidewater Skanska) submits the following response to the subject SOI request. Tidewater Skanska is interested in pursuing the MTCP as a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) solicited PPTA project.

Tidewater Skanska is intimately familiar with the project by virtue of their current work on the VDOT's Pinnars Point Connector Project and the detailed technical proposal submitted on October 2, 1998 by a Tidewater Skanska led joint venture. Based upon this familiarity, familiarity with the PPTA process and thorough knowledge of Tidewater area construction, Tidewater Skanska offers the following items for consideration in the RFP which may result from the November 1, 2004 SOI request:

1. The original project included the Martin Luther King Freeway extension from just south of London Blvd to I-264. This portion of the work was intended to provide a direct route between the Midtown Tunnel and the Downtown tunnel. This linkage is vital to the highway transportation system between Norfolk and Portsmouth. Consideration should be given to include this vital artery.
2. With the linkage outlined above Tidewater Skanska believes that the road system will be financially feasible by using a very modest toll on both facilities. In order to pursue the toll alternative involving the Downtown Tunnel, federal law needs to be modified and/or the Commonwealth needs to pursue a special program that may be available through FHWA. VDOT should begin to pursue tolling the existing Interstate roads now to take

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advantage of a user funded transportation link. The RFP should address this issue.

Tidewater Skanska has established a consortium of several firms to pursue the Midtown Tunnel Corridor Tunnel Project. Tidewater Skanska has partnered with the VDOT on many projects and is willing to participate in any forum which advances this project. The Tidewater Skanska point of contact for this project is Mr. Francis X. (Buddy) Watson PE. Please do not hesitate to contact him directly at 757-420-4140 with any questions or further information pertaining to the MTCP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.W. McLaughlin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

E.W. McLaughlin