

Questions from DBE Workshop

1. Question - Can a list of interested small businesses be placed on the CCRMA website?

Response – The list of attendees to the workshop is posted on the CCRMA website

http://cameroncountyrma.org/docs/SH550CDA_DBE%20WorkshopSign-InSheet.PDF

2. Question – If HNTB is currently preparing the design plans for SH 550, what design will be left for the developer team?

Response – HNTB and its subconsultants are preparing 100% design plans for the CCRMA. These plans will be based on the TxDOT schematic for SH 550. Any modifications to those plans through Alternative Technical Concepts (ATCs) or Value Added Concepts (VACs) will be the responsibility of the developer team.

3. Question – Will signed and sealed plans be available?

Response – HNTB and its subconsultants are preparing 100% design plans for the CCRMA. These plans will be based on the TxDOT schematic for SH 550. These will be available upon completion. Developers will not be required to adopt the 100% plans in their entirety.

4. Question – Are the existing SH 550 subconsultants eligible to participate on developer teams?

Response – Please refer to the language in Section 6.3 of the Request for Qualifications.

5. Question – Who owns the intellectual property contained within a developer team's proposal?

Response – If a proposal is unsuccessful, ownership of the intellectual property will remain with the developer. This assumes no stipend will be provided to an unsuccessful proposer.

6. Question – Is there a stated DBE percentage for the contract?

Response – The RFDP will state the DBE requirement which will correspond with FHWA and TxDOT DBE requirements.

Questions from Pre-Qualifications Statement Workshop

1. Question – How will approved ATCs be incorporated into the 100% plans being produced by HNTB?

Response - HNTB and its subconsultants are preparing 100% design plans for the CCRMA. These plans will be based on the TxDOT schematic for SH 550. Any modifications to those plans through Alternative Technical Concepts (ATCs) or Value Added Concepts (VACs) will be the responsibility of the developer team.

2. Question – With HNTB preparing the design plans, is this truly a design-build project?

Response – Any modifications to the design plans produced by HNTB will be the responsibility of the developer team. The remaining projects are yet to be designed.

3. Question – Can a firm submit on just one of the projects in the Program?

Response – No

4. Question – Would a 50% toll equity proposal be accepted?

Response – The RFDP is anticipated to ask the developer teams on how they plan to finance SH 550 and will also ask for a conceptual financial plan for the other projects. It will be at the developer's discretion to determine the toll equity component of the proposal.

5. Question – Will you pay for the development of the master development plans for the five future projects?

Response – No

6. Question – Will there be a stipend for unsuccessful proposers?

Response – At this time there are no plans to provide a stipend to unsuccessful proposers.

7. Question – Are the odds good for the operation and maintenance of the other five facilities?

Response – CCRMA intends, as part of this process, to enter into an agreement with the winning proposer to develop, design, construct, finance and operate the initial SH 550 project through a concession and to enter into an agreement to provide pre-development activities on the remaining five projects. To the extent permitted by law, CCRMA intends to grant to the winning proposer the right of first negotiation with respect to the design, construction and operation of any of the remaining projects that are determined to be best developed through a concession following the Developer's completion of conceptual development and financial plans.

8. Question – What requests for public funds have been made?

Response – The CCRMA has been aggressive in pursuing all available public funds, grants, loans, and available financing mechanisms, including a transportation reinvestment zone.

9. Question – What funds will be available?

Response – What funds will be available for the Program are unknown at this time.

10. Question – How many teams will be short-listed?

Response – The number of qualified developer teams that will be short-listed has not been determined.

11. Question – Whose design standards are to be followed?

Response – FHWA and TxDOT

12. Question – Who is the ultimately owner of the right-of-way on the projects where right-of-way will be required?

Response – Cameron County

13. Question – Which projects do you consider to be the revenue anchors?

Response – *Opinion – SH 550, West Parkway, and Outer Parkway.*

14. Question – What information will be available for SH 550?

Response – It is anticipated that survey, geotechnical, utility, and topographic information will be available as it is finalized during HNTB's development of the PS&E plans for SH 550.

15. Question – Is utility information available now?

Response – Utility information for SH 550 is not available now.

16. Question – What was the difference in the SH 550 project that necessitated the second environmental clearance?

Response – The original environmental assessment did not consider tolling. The re-evaluation was completed to incorporate potential tolling impacts

17. Question – Will the projects not on the TxDOT system require NEPA environmental clearance?

Response – The projects not on the TxDOT system will still require documentation establishing adherence to Federal environmental laws and permits. A document prepared according to NEPA will not be required on projects not involving federal or state funds.

As additional questions are received, responses will be posted on the CCRMA website. Please check the website periodically for updates.

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