

LEGAL NOTICE
MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
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**Public Announcement of Request for Letters of Interest
for Design Build Services for the Green Line Extension Project**

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the “MBTA”) hereby solicits Letters of Interest (LOI) from firms or teams (the “Design Build Entities”) interested in providing Design Build (DB) services for the Green Line Extension Project (the “Project”) in Somerville, Cambridge, and Medford, Massachusetts under MBTA Contract No. E22CN07. The MBTA is using the DB contract delivery method for the Project, seeking innovative solutions for the constructability complexities and limitations of working in an active rail right-of-way environment. The Project is being procured using a two-phase best-value DB procurement process pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149A, s. 14, et seq. and consistent with the MBTA’s Design Build Procurement Procedures. As provided for in the procedures, the MBTA expects that the procurement will involve the use of national best procurement practices, including a Base Technical Concept definition intended to foster DB creativity, the use of a robust alternative technical concept process, one-on-one meetings with Design Build Entities or firms capable of leading a Design Build Entity, an affordability limit, and the payment of a commercially competitive stipend (payment for work product).

The MBTA intends to enter into a DB contract with the best-value Design Build Entity identified through a two-phase selection process including a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFQ will be utilized to identify qualified Design Build Entities to submit a proposal pursuant to Section 19 of M.G.L. c. 149A. The best-value selection criteria detail will be provided in the RFP, with consideration for ranking Design Build Entities based on the Design Build Entity’s Price Proposal along with its Technical Score. Respondents to this request for LOI will receive future notifications of the RFQ’s availability and its amendments.

Criteria for qualification are expected to include key personnel, team experience, safety record, experience in implementing FTA Civil Rights provisions including EEO, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE), Labor Work Force, and Title VI, financial capability, bonding capacity, legal and past performance, and other criteria deemed appropriate for evaluation, selection, and award by the MBTA’s Fiscal and Management Control Board. Complete instructions for the submission of the Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) shall be set forth in the RFQ.

All Design Build Entities must satisfy the MBTA Construction Contractor Prequalification requirements for construction work in the relevant classifications and limits noted below prior to the due date noted in the RFQ.

- a. Class 1: General Transit Construction - single project rating of at least \$350 Million
- b. Class 3: Trackwork - single project rating of at least \$40 Million
- c. Class 5: Electrical - single project rating of at least \$60 Million
- d. Class 6A1: Transit Signals & Communications - single project rating of at least \$65 Million.

Entities may refer to the MBTA website to obtain the Prequalification Statement requirements (http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/design_and_construction/?id=8612&title=MBTA%20Contract%20Guidlines).

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goals are 7% for design services and 14% for construction services. Design Build Entities shall affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin in consideration for award. Design Build Entities will also be required to comply with FTA Civil Rights Provisions including EEO, DBE, Labor Work Force and Title VI.

The RFQ and its addenda will only be issued electronically on the MBTA solicitation website. The MBTA expects to respond to all LOI submissions with an RFQ by December 31, 2016. The MBTA plans to award the DB contract in the first quarter of 2018, with construction completed by end of 2021.

Project Description: The Project includes the design and construction of two distinct branches that will serve as an extension to the MBTA's Green Line: a "mainline" branch which will operate within the existing right-of-way of the MBTA Lowell Line, beginning just south of a relocated Lechmere Station in Cambridge and traveling north to Medford, and a branch line operating within the existing right-of-way of the MBTA Fitchburg Line to Union Square in Somerville. There will be seven new stations constructed as part of the Project, including the relocated Lechmere Station, as well as associated electrical and signal systems. A vehicle storage and maintenance facility will also be constructed.

Scope of Work: The scope of work is anticipated to include the design and construction of stations, bridges, retaining walls, a community path, a vehicle maintenance facility, tracks, signals, power and other rail facilities. The scope of work will also include a rigorous start-up and testing program.

Project Funding: The Project is funded with local, state and federal funds. The contract value is estimated at approximately \$1 billion.

Conflict of Interest: Design Build Entities are directed to review the MBTA Conflict of Interest Guidance and list of entities precluded from the Project, which is available on the MBTA website http://www.mbta.com/uploadedfiles/Business_Center/Bidding_and_Solicitations/Design_and_Construction/160421_MBTAGLXConflictofInterestGuidanceAccessible.pdf. Additional submission requirements will be provided in the RFQ.

Pre-Procurement Forum and Related Activities: The MBTA will host a pre-procurement forum November 16, 2016 at 10 Park Plaza, Boston MA 02116. The forum will introduce the Project scope of work and offer DBE networking opportunities. In addition, the MBTA anticipates inviting firms capable of leading Design Build teams for the project to participate in one-on-one meetings. Any Design Build entity seeking a one-on-one meeting must include a request in its LOI. The MBTA, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to limit the number of firms or entities granted a one-on-one meeting based on the time available, likelihood that the firm(s) could serve as a Design Build Entity and other appropriate factors. The LOI requesting a one-on-one meeting must indicate if the firm intends to submit a SOQ as a Design Build Entity. Pre-procurement forum details will be available on the MBTA website at a later date. http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

Request for Information: The MBTA may issue a request for information prior to the issuance of the RFQ to enable the MBTA to obtain more detailed feedback regarding the upcoming procurement.

Submittal: One electronic copy of an LOI from Design Build Entities or firms interested in receiving a notice of the availability of the RFQ should be received by the MBTA by November 3, 2016. All responses must be submitted via email to MHinkleGLX@MBTA.com with the subject line labeled "Letter of Interest – Green Line Extension Project".

LOIs must provide a mailing address, telephone number, and email address for each Design Build Entity's designated primary contact in order to ensure that a notice of the RFQ's availability will be received by the interested Design Build Entity. Design Build Entities are advised to provide an email address for a secondary contact, in case the primary contact is inaccessible.

This is not an RFQ or RFP. The MBTA reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, to waive informalities, to advertise for new LOIs or proceed to do the work otherwise, or to cancel this procurement, as may be deemed in the best interest of the MBTA.

Project documentation is available on the MBTA website. In order to receive the most up-to-date information relating to the Green Line Extension Design Build procurement, the MBTA encourages interested firms to periodically visit the MBTA website: http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

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