

*Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority*

**DESIGN-BUILD  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
for  
East Selmon Expressway (SR 618) Slip Ramps  
Hillsborough County**

**THEA Project Number: O-02520**

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**ATTACHMENTS (Attachment documents & Reference documents are located at THEA's website  
Procurement page: <https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/#> )**

The Attachments listed below are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Request for Proposal (RFP) as though fully set forth herein.

- A\_001 - Project Advertisement
- A\_002 - Division I Design-Build Specifications
- Division I Special Provisions identified by the Authority for this Project:
  - A\_003.01 - Award and Execution of Contract (SP0030200)
  - A\_003.02 - Public Records (SP0030900)
  - A\_003.03 - Permits and Licenses (No free passes will be issued to the Contractor for use on the Toll Facility) (SP0070201)
  - A\_003.04 - Preservation of Property for Toll Facilities (SP0071101-tolls)
  - A\_003.05 - Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements (SP0072700)
  - A\_003.06 - Preference to State Residents (SP0072800)
  - A\_003.07 - Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public - E-Verify (SP0072900)
  - A\_003.08 - Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public - Scrutinized Companies (SP0073000)
  - A\_003.09 - Contaminated Material – Mercury-Containing Devices and Lamps (SP0080409)
  - A\_003.10 - Prosecution and Progress - Damage Recovery (SP0081200)
- FDOT Divisions II and III Special Provisions identified by the Authority for this Project:
  - A\_004.01 - Mobilization (SP1010000DB)
  - A\_004.02 - Contractor Quality Control General Requirements (SP1050813DB)
  - A\_004.03 - Structures Foundations (SP4550000DB)
  - A\_004.04 – Value Added Bridge Components (Dev475)
- A\_005 - City of Tampa Truck Routes
- A\_006 – THEA General Tolling Requirements
- A\_007 – Letters of Clarification (pending)
- THEA Forms
  - A\_008.01 - Bid Blank, Design Build Major
  - A\_008.02 - Dispute Review Board Three Party Agreement
- Conceptual Typical Sections
  - A\_009.01 – Conceptual Typical Sections
  - A\_009.02 – Conceptual Slip Ramp Typical Sections
- A\_010 – Pipe Lining Locations

Bid Price Proposal Forms:

1. Bid Blank (THEA modified 375-020-17)
2. Design Build Proposal of Proposer (375-020-12)
3. Design Build Bid Proposal Form (700-010-65)
4. Certificate of Insurance
5. SBE Forms

## **REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are being provided with this RFP. Except as specifically set forth in the body of this RFP, these documents are being provided for reference and general information only. They are not being incorporated into and are not being made part of the RFP, the contract documents or any other document that is connected or related to this Project except as otherwise specifically stated herein. No information contained in these documents shall be construed as a representation of any field condition or any statement of facts upon which the Design-Build Firm can rely upon in performance of this contract. All information contained in these reference documents must be verified by a proper factual investigation. The bidder agrees that by accepting copies of the documents, any and all claims for damages, time or any other impacts based on the documents are expressly waived.

- R\_01 - Historic Plans
- R\_02 - Concept Plans
- R\_03 - Bridge Inspection Reports
- R\_04 - Existing Bridge Plans
- R\_05 - East Selmon Planning and Feasibility Study
- R\_06 - Geotechnical Data
- R\_07 - Type 1 Categorical Exclusion (Ramp 3) (PENDING)
- R\_08 - Non Major State Action (Ramp 2) (PENDING)
- R\_09 - Survey Data
- R\_10 – Selmon Expressway Connector MOU

## **I. Introduction.**

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority (Authority) has issued this Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit competitive bids and proposals from design-build proposers (the “Design-Build Firm(s)”) for the East Selmon Expressway (SR 618) Slip Ramps (the “Project”).

It is the Authority’s intent to promote the use of innovative design concepts, components, details, and construction techniques for bridge structures as discussed in Part 1, Chapter 121 of the FDOT Design Manual (FDM). The Design-Build Firm may submit a Technical Proposal that includes innovative concepts if they are discussed with the Authority and approved in accordance with Part 1, Chapter 121 of the FDM using the Alternative Technical Concept (ATC) process.

It is the Authority’s intent that all Project construction activities be conducted within the existing Right of Way. The Design-Build Firm may submit a Technical Proposal that requires the acquisition of additional Right of Way if the subject acquisition was approved during the Alternative Technical Concept (ATC) process. Any Technical Proposal that requires the acquisition of additional Right of Way will not extend the contract duration as set forth in the Request for Proposal under any circumstances. The Authority will have sole authority to determine whether the acquisition of additional Right of Way on the Project is in the Authority’s best interest, and the Authority reserves the right to reject the acquisition of additional Right of Way.

### **Description of Work**

The Authority proposes the addition of two slip ramps:

1. Add a new ingress ramp (15 feet wide lane with 6-foot inside and outside shoulders) onto the westbound Reversible Elevated Lanes (REL) from the westbound Local Lanes west of the I-75/Selmon Expressway Interchange. This work is referred to as Ramp 3.
2. Add a new egress ramp (15 feet wide lane) onto the westbound Local Lanes from the REL east of the I-4 Connector, ending at the CSX overpass bridge (#100447). This work is referred to as Ramp 2.

Remove any conflicting guardrail and barrier wall and furnish and install new guardrail and barrier wall where warranted after the slip ramp widening. Furnish and install new barrier wall to provide separation between slip ramp and local lanes, with appropriate terminal ends.

Replace ground-in rumble strips where warranted.

Remove two (2) existing overhead sign span assemblies impacted by the proposed design. Furnish and install at least seven new overhead sign assemblies to accommodate the proposed design and any additional necessary overhead signage.

Provide barrier transitions at bridge approaches appropriate for the design speed of the facility.

Match existing vertical profile grades and horizontal curvature.

Mill and resurface full width mainline. Extend full width mill and resurface limits to provide for pavement restoration of all areas subjected to striping alterations during construction and within the project limits in order to restore a clean final appearance at project completion.

Install wrong way driving gates and infrastructure at Ramp 3. Provide wrong way infrastructure at Ramp 2 as necessary.

Maintain and Restore ITS/ATMS connectivity during construction. Furnish and install all infrastructure necessary for ITS/ATMS connectivity upon project completion.

Resurface and Restripe the Southbound I-4 Connector off-ramp onto Westbound Selmon Local Lanes (Ramp E). Begin the two-lane to one-lane merge striping immediately at the end of the FDOT maintenance limit (beginning of Authority maintenance limit) located at the bridge joint for Bridge # 100716.

The intent of this Project is to replace, repair or rehabilitate all deficiencies noted in the RFP within the Project limits such that maintenance work required upon Final Acceptance is limited to routine work.

#### **A. Design-Build Responsibility**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for survey, utility coordination, geotechnical investigation, design, preparation of all documentation related to the acquisition of all permits not acquired by the Authority, preparation of any and all information required to modify permits acquired by the Authority if necessary, maintenance of traffic, demolition, and construction on or before the Project completion date indicated in the Proposal. The Design-Build Firm shall coordinate all utility relocations.

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for compliance with Design and Construction Criteria (Section VI) which sets forth requirements regarding survey, design, construction, and maintenance of traffic during construction, requirements relative to Project management, scheduling, and coordination with other agencies and entities such as state and local government, utilities and the public.

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for reviewing the approved Environmental Document of the PD&E Study and the Type I Categorical Exclusion and complying with the requirements and commitments therein.

The Design-Build Firm is responsible for coordinating with the Authority any engineering information related to Environmental Reevaluations. The Design-Build Firm will not be compensated for any additional costs or time associated with Reevaluation(s) resulting from proposed design changes.

The Design-Build Firm may propose changes which differ from the approved Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study. Proposed changes must be coordinated through the Authority. If changes are proposed to the configuration, the Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for preparing the necessary documentation required for the Authority to analyze and satisfy requirements to obtain approval of the Authority, and if applicable, the Office of Environmental Management (OEM) for the NEPA document. The Design-Build Firm shall provide the required documentation for review and processing. Approved revisions to the configuration may also be required to be included in the Reevaluation of the NEPA document or SEIR Reevaluations, per Section O (Environmental Services/Permits/Mitigation) of the RFP. The Design-Build Firm will not be compensated for any additional costs or time resulting from proposed changes.

The Design-Build Firm shall examine the Contract Documents and the site of the proposed work carefully before submitting a Proposal for the work contemplated and shall investigate the conditions to be encountered, as to the character, quality, and quantities of work to be performed and materials to be furnished and as to the requirements of all Contract Documents. Written notification of differing site conditions discovered during the design or construction phase of the Project will be given to the Authority's Project Manager.

The Design-Build Firm shall examine boring data, where available, and make their own interpretation of the subsoil investigations and other preliminary data, and shall base their bid on their own opinion of the conditions likely to be encountered. The submission of a proposal is prima facie evidence that the Design-

Build Firm has made an examination as described in this provision.

The Design-Build Firm shall demonstrate good Project management practices while working on this Project. These include communication with the Authority and others as necessary, management of time and resources, and documentation.

The Design-Build Firm will provide litter removal and mowing within the individual ramp project limits from right-of-way to right-of-way in accordance with Specification Section 107 with a minimum 30-day mowing frequency and a minimum two (2) day litter removal frequency. In addition, the Design-Build Firm will provide timely response to Authority requests for additional litter removal during construction.

## **B. Authority Responsibility**

The Authority will provide contract administration, management services, construction engineering inspection services, environmental oversight, and quality acceptance reviews of all work associated with the development and preparation of the contract plans, permits, and construction of the improvements. The Authority will provide Project specific information and/or functions as outlined in this document.

## **II. Schedule of Events.**

Below is the current schedule of the events that will take place in the procurement process. The Authority reserves the right to make changes or alterations to the schedule as the Authority determines is in the best interests of the public. Proposers will be notified sufficiently in advance of any changes or alterations in the schedule. Unless otherwise notified in writing by the Authority, the dates indicated below for submission of items or for other actions on the part of a Proposer shall constitute absolute deadlines for those activities and failure to fully comply by the time stated shall cause a Proposer to be disqualified.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
November 12, 2020	Industry Forum at 10:30 AM local time at the THEA office, 1104 East Twiggs Street, Tampa FL 33602.
December 3, 2020	Advertisement; The RFP will be posted on THEA's website at: <a href="https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/">https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/</a>
December 18, 2020	Deadline for all Design-Build firms to submit Questions/Requests for Clarification.
December 29, 2020	Addendum Release (if required).
January 7, 2021	Expanded Letters of Interest (ELOI) for Phase I of the procurement process due in Authority Office by 2:00pm local time. Letters to be submitted to Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager ( <a href="mailto:Man.Le@tampa-xway.com">Man.Le@tampa-xway.com</a> ).
January 12, 2021	Proposal Evaluators submit Expanded Letter of Interest Scores to Contracting Unit, 2:00pm local time
January 25, 2021	Public Meeting and Board of Directors approval of shortlist at THEA Board Meeting
January 27, 2021	Deadline for all responsive Design-Build firms to affirmatively declare intent to continue to Phase II of the procurement process, 2:00pm local time
January 28, 2021	THEA Contracting Unit updates shortlist of firms continuing to Phase II by 5:00pm local time
January 29, 2021	Mandatory Pre-proposal meeting, facilitated by the Director of Operations and Engineering, at 9:00am local time at the THEA office, 1104 East Twiggs Street Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33602. All Utility Agency/Owners that the Authority contemplates an adjustment, protection, or relocation is possible are to be invited



	to the mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting.
January 29, 2021	Utility Pre-Proposal Meeting facilitated by the Director of Operations and Engineering, at 10:30am local time at the THEA office, 1104 East Twiggs Street Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33602.
February 10, 2021	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1. Requests to be submitted to Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager ( <a href="mailto:Man.Le@tampa-xway.com">Man.Le@tampa-xway.com</a> ).
February 17, 2021	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to submit preliminary list of Alternative Technical Concepts prior to One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1. List shall be submitted to Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager ( <a href="mailto:Man.Le@tampa-xway.com">Man.Le@tampa-xway.com</a> ).
February 24, 2021	One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1. 90 Minutes will be allotted for each Meeting.
March 3, 2021	Deadline for submittal of Alternative Technical Concept Proposals, 2:00pm local time.
March 10, 2021	Final deadline for submission of requests for Design Exceptions or Design Variations.
March 17, 2021	Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response is assured, prior to the submission of the Technical Proposal. All questions shall be submitted to Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager ( <a href="mailto:Man.Le@tampa-xway.com">Man.Le@tampa-xway.com</a> ).
March 24, 2021	Deadline for the Authority to post responses to the Project website for questions submitted by the Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Technical Proposal. Responses will be posted to the procurement website: <a href="https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/">https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/</a>
March 29, 2021	Technical Proposals due in Authority Office by 2:00p.m. local time
March 30, 2021	Deadline for Design-Build for to “opt out” of Technical Proposal Page Turn meeting.
April 1, 2021	Technical Proposal Page Turn Meeting. Times will be assigned during the Pre-Proposal Meeting. 60 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.
April 6, 2021	Question and Answer Session. Times will be assigned during the pre-proposal meeting. Two hours will be allotted for questions and responses.
April 9, 2021	Deadline for submittal of Written Clarification letter following Question and Answer Session 2:00pm local time
April 13, 2021	Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response is assured, prior to the submission of the Price Proposal. All questions shall be submitted to Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager ( <a href="mailto:Man.Le@tampa-xway.com">Man.Le@tampa-xway.com</a> ).
April 20, 2021	Deadline for the Authority to post responses to the Project website for questions submitted by the Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Price Proposal. Responses will be posted to the procurement website: <a href="https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/">https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/</a>
April 27, 2021	Price Proposals due in Authority Office by 11:00am local time.
April 27, 2021	Public announcing of Technical Scores and opening of Price Proposals at 1:30pm local time at the THEA office, 1104 East Twiggs Street Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33602
April 28, 2021	THEA Contracting Unit posts final scores and bid prices to THEA website by 5:00pm local time
May 24, 2021	Public Meeting of Board of Directors to determine intended Award
May 25, 2021	Posting of the Authority’s intended decision to Award

TBD	Anticipated Award Date
TBD	Anticipated Execution Date

### **III. Threshold Requirements.**

#### **A. Qualifications**

Proposers are required to be pre-qualified in all work types required for the Project. The technical qualification requirements of Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Chapter 14-75 and all qualification requirements of F.A.C. Chapter 14-22, based on the applicable category of the Project, must be satisfied.

Furthermore, Proposers shall carry Commercial General Liability insurance providing continuous coverage for all work or operations performed under the Contract. Such insurance shall be no more restrictive than that provided by the latest occurrence form edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (ISO Form CG 00 01) as filed for use in the State of Florida. Cause the Authority to be made an Additional Insured as to such insurance. Such coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis and shall include Products/Completed Operations coverage. The coverage afforded to the Authority as an Additional Insured shall be primary as to any other available insurance and shall not be more restrictive than the coverage afforded to the Named Insured. The limits of coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and not less than a \$5,000,000 annual general aggregate, inclusive of amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy. The limits of coverage described herein shall apply fully to the work or operations performed under the Contract and may not be shared with or diminished by claims unrelated to the contract. The policy/ies and coverage described herein may be subject to a deductible. Pay all deductibles as required by the policy. No policy/ies or coverage described herein may contain or be subject to a Retention or a Self-Insured Retention. Prior to the execution of the Contract, and at all renewal periods which occur prior to final acceptance of the work, the Authority shall be provided with an ACORD Certificate of Liability Insurance reflecting the coverage described herein. The Authority shall be notified in writing within ten days of any cancellation, notice of cancellation, lapse, renewal, or proposed change to any policy or coverage described herein. The Authority's approval or failure to disapprove any policy/ies, coverage, or ACORD Certificates shall not relieve or excuse any obligation to procure and maintain the insurance required herein, nor serve as a waiver of any rights or defenses the Authority may have.

#### **B. Joint Venture Firm**

Two or more Firms submitting as a Joint Venture must meet the Joint Venture requirements of Section 14-22.007, F.A.C. Parties to a Joint Venture must submit a Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney Form No. 375-020-18, prior to the deadline for receipt of Letters of Interest.

If the Proposer is a Joint Venture, the individual empowered by a properly executed Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney Form shall execute the proposal. The proposal shall clearly identify who will be responsible for the engineering, quality control, and geotechnical and construction portions of the Work. The Joint Venture shall provide an Affirmative Action Plan specifically for the Joint Venture.

#### **C. Price Proposal Guarantee**

A Price Proposal guarantee in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount shall accompany each Proposer's Price Proposal. The Price Proposal guarantee may, at the discretion of the Proposer, be in the form of a cashier's check, bank money order, bank draft of any national or state bank, certified check, or surety bond, payable to the Authority. The surety on any bid bond shall be a company recognized to execute bid bonds for contracts of the State of Florida. The Price Proposal guarantee shall stand for the Proposer's obligation to timely and properly execute the contract and supply all other submittals due therewith. The amount of the Price Proposal guarantee shall be a liquidated sum, which shall be due in full in the event of default, regardless of the actual damages suffered. The Price Proposal

guarantee of all Proposers' shall be released pursuant to 3-4 of the Division I Design-Build Specifications.

#### **D. Pre-Proposal Meeting**

Attendance at the pre-proposal meeting is mandatory. Any Short-Listed Design-Build Firm failing to attend will be deemed non-responsive and eliminated from further consideration. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for the Authority to discuss with all concerned parties the proposed Project, the design and construction criteria, Critical Path Method (CPM) schedule, and method of compensation, instructions for submitting proposals, Design Exceptions, Design Variations, and other relevant issues. In the event that any discussions at the pre-proposal meeting require official additions, deletions, or clarifications of the Request for Proposal, the Design and Construction Criteria, or any other document, the Authority will issue a written addendum to this Request for Proposals as the Authority determines is appropriate. No oral representations or discussions, which take place at the pre-proposal meeting, will be binding on the Authority. Proposers shall direct all questions to the Authority's Question and Answer website:

<https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/>

Failure by a Proposer to attend or be represented at the pre-proposal meeting will constitute a non-responsive determination of their bid package. Bids found to be non-responsive will not be considered. All Proposers must be present and signed in prior to the start of the mandatory pre-proposal meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign in sheet at the time the meeting was advertised to begin. Once all Proposers have signed, the sign in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "officially" begin. Any Proposer not signed in at the "official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to propose on the Project.

#### **E. Technical Proposal Page-Turn Meeting**

The Authority will meet with each Proposer, formally for thirty (30) minutes, for a page-turn meeting. The purpose of the page-turn meeting is for the Design-Build Firm to guide the Technical Review Committee through the Technical Proposal, highlighting sections within the Technical Proposal that the Design-Build Firm wishes to emphasize. The page-turn meeting will occur between the date the Technical Proposal is due and the Question and Answer Written Response occurs, per the Schedule of Events section of this RFP. The Authority will terminate the page-turn meeting promptly at the end of the allotted time. The Authority will record all of the page-turn meeting. All recordings will become part of the Contract Documents. The page-turn meeting will not constitute discussions or negotiations. The Design-Build Firm will not be permitted to ask questions of the Technical Review Committee during the page-turn meeting. Roll plots submitted with the Technical Proposal and an unmodified aerial or map of the project limits provided by the Design-Build Firm is acceptable for reference during the page-turn meeting. The unmodified aerial or map may not be left with the Authority upon conclusion of the page turn meeting. Use of other visual aids, electronic presentations, handouts, etc., during the page turn meeting is expressly prohibited. Upon conclusion of the thirty (30) minutes, the Technical Review Committee is allowed five (5) minutes to ask questions pertaining to information highlighted by Design-Build Firm. Participation in the page-turn meeting by the Design-Build Firm shall be limited to eight (8) representatives from the Design-Build Firm. Design-Build Firms desiring to opt out of the page-turn meeting may do so by submitting a request to the Authority.

#### **F. Question and Answer Written Responses**

The Authority will provide all proposed questions to each Design-Build Firm as it relates to their Technical Proposal approximately five (5) days before the written Q & A letter is due.

The Design-Build Firm shall submit to the Authority a written letter answering the questions provided by the Authority. The questions and written answers/clarifications will become part of the Contract Documents and will be considered by the Authority as part of the Technical Proposal.

One (1) week prior to the Price Proposal due date the Design-Build Firm shall submit to the Authority a written statement as follows: “[insert name of the Design-Build Firm] confirms that, despite any provision in the Design-Build Firm’s Technical Proposal or any Q&A written response letter that may be inconsistent with the other requirements of the Contract Documents, [insert name of the Design-Build Firm] intends to comply fully with the requirements otherwise provided for in the Contract Documents, except for, pursuant to Subsection 5-2 Coordination of Contract Documents of the Design-Build Division I Specifications, any [insert name of Design-Build Firm]’s statements, terms, concepts or designs that can reasonably be interpreted as offers to provide higher quality items than otherwise required by the other Contract Documents or to perform services or meet standards in addition to or better than those otherwise required which such statements, terms, concepts and designs are the obligations of [insert name of the Design-Build Firm].” In case of the failure of the Design-Build Firm to timely provide such a written statement, the Authority may determine the Design-Build Firm to be deemed non-responsive.

#### **G. Protest Rights**

Any person who is adversely affected by the specifications contained in this Request for Proposal must file a notice of intent to protest in writing within seventy-two hours of the posting of this Request for Proposal. Pursuant to Sections 120.57(3) and 337.11, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 28-110, F.A.C., any person adversely affected by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency both a notice of protest in writing and bond within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision, or posting of the solicitation with respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in a solicitation and will file a formal written protest within 10 days after the filing of the notice of protest. The formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date of the notice of protest if filed. The person filing the Protest must send the notice of intent and the formal written protest to:

Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority  
1104 East Twiggs Street, Suite 300  
Tampa, Florida 33602  
Attn: Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager

Failure to file a notice of protest or formal written protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120 Florida Statutes.

#### **H. Non-Responsive Proposals**

Proposals found to be non-responsive shall not be considered. Proposals may be rejected if found to be in nonconformance with the requirements and instructions herein contained. A proposal may be found to be non-responsive by reasons, including, but not limited to, failure to utilize or complete prescribed forms, conditional proposals, incomplete proposals, indefinite or ambiguous proposals, failure to meet deadlines and improper and/or undated signatures.

Other conditions which may cause rejection of proposals include evidence of collusion among Proposers,

obvious lack of experience or expertise to perform the required work, submission of more than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, joint venture, or corporation under the same or a different name (also included for Design-Build Projects are those proposals wherein the same Engineer is identified in more than one proposal), failure to perform or meet financial obligations on previous contracts, employment of unauthorized aliens in violation of Section 274A (e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act, or in the event an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation is on the United States Authority of Labor's System for Award Management (SAM) list.

The Authority will not give consideration to tentative or qualified commitments in the proposals. For example, the Authority will not give consideration to phrases as "we may" or "we are considering" in the evaluation process for the reason that they do not indicate a firm commitment.

Proposals will also be rejected if not delivered or received on or before the date and time specified as the due date for submission.

Any proposal submitted by a Proposer that did not sign-in at the mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be non-responsive.

### **I. Waiver of Irregularities**

The Authority may waive minor informalities or irregularities in proposals received where such is merely a matter of form and not substance, and the correction or waiver of which is not prejudicial to other Proposers. Minor irregularities are defined as those that will not have an adverse effect on the Authority's interest and will not affect the price of the Proposals by giving a Proposer an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other Proposers.

1. Any design submittals that are part of a proposal shall be deemed preliminary only.
2. Preliminary design submittals may vary from the requirements of the Design and Construction Criteria. The Authority, at their discretion, may elect to consider those variations in awarding points to the proposal rather than rejecting the entire proposal.
3. In no event will any such elections by the Authority be deemed to be a waiving of the Design and Construction Criteria.
4. The Proposer who is selected for the Project will be required to fully comply with the Design and Construction Criteria for the price bid, regardless that the proposal may have been based on a variation from the Design and Construction Criteria.
5. Proposers shall identify separately all innovative aspects as such in the Technical Proposal. An innovative aspect does not include revisions to specifications or established Authority policies. Innovation should be limited to Design-Build Firm's means and methods, roadway alignments, approach to Project, use of new products, new uses for established products, etc.
6. The Proposer shall obtain any necessary permits or permit modifications not already provided.
7. Those changes to the Design Concept may be considered together with innovative construction techniques, as well as other areas, as the basis for grading the Technical Proposals in the area of innovative measures.

**J. Modification or Withdrawal of Technical Proposal**

Proposers may modify or withdraw previously submitted Technical Proposals at any time prior to the Technical Proposal due date. Requests for modification or withdrawal of a submitted Technical Proposal shall be in writing and shall be signed in the same manner as the Technical Proposal. Upon receipt and acceptance of such a request, the entire Technical Proposal will be returned to the Proposer and not considered unless resubmitted by the due date and time. Proposers may also send a change in sealed envelope to be opened at the same time as the Technical Proposal provided the change is submitted prior to the Technical Proposal due date.

**K. Authority's Responsibilities**

This Request for Proposal does not commit the Authority to make studies or designs for the preparation of any proposal, nor to procure or contract for any articles or services.

The Authority does not guarantee the details pertaining to borings, as shown on any documents supplied by the Authority, to be more than a general indication of the materials likely to be found adjacent to holes bored at the site of the work, approximately at the locations indicated.

**L. Design-Build Contract**

The Authority will enter into a lump sum contract with the successful Design-Build Firm. In accordance with Section V, the Design-Build Firm will provide a schedule of values to the Authority for their approval. The total of the schedule of values will be the lump sum contract amount.

The terms and conditions of this contract are fixed price and fixed time. The Design-Build Firm's submitted bid (time and cost) is to be a lump sum bid for completing the scope of work detailed in the Request for Proposal.

The Authority will withhold five percent (5%) retainage until the As-Built Plans have been received and accepted by all permitting agencies.

**IV. Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program.**

**A. SBE Availability:**

THEA's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Policy requires nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and gender in its employment and contracting practices and encourages the solicitation and utilization of SBE's. This means that the Authority's goal is to spend a portion of the highway dollars with Certified SBE's as prime Design-Build Firms or as subcontractors. Race-neutral means that the Authority believes that the overall goal can be achieved through the normal competitive procurement process.

**V. Project Requirements and Provisions for Work.**

**A. Governing Regulations:**

The services performed by the Design-Build Firm shall be in compliance with all applicable Manuals and Guidelines including the Authority, Florida Department of Transportation (Department), FHWA, AASHTO, and additional requirements specified in this document. Except to the extent inconsistent with the specific provisions in this document, the current edition, including updates, of the following Manuals and Guidelines shall be used in the performance of this work. Current edition is defined as the edition in



place and adopted by the Authority at the date of advertisement of this contract with the exception of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (Divisions II & III), Special Provisions and Supplemental Specifications, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and FDOT Standard Plans with applicable Interim Revisions. The Design-Build Firm shall use the edition of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (Divisions II & III), Special Provisions and Supplemental Specifications, FDOT Standard Plans and applicable Interim Revisions in effect **on January 1, 2021**. The Design-Build Firm shall use the 2009 edition of the MUTCD (as amended in 2012). It shall be the Design-Build Firm's responsibility to acquire and utilize the necessary manuals and guidelines that apply to the work required to complete this Project. The services will include preparation of all documents necessary to complete the Project as described in Section I of this document.

1. Florida Department of Transportation Design Manual (FDM)  
<http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/FDM/>
2. Florida Department of Transportation Specifications Package Preparation Procedure  
<http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/PackagePreparation/Handbooks/630-010-005.pdf>
3. Florida Department of Transportation Standard Plans for Road and Bridge Construction  
<http://www.fdot.gov/design/standardplans/>
4. Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (Divisions II & III), Special Provisions and Supplemental Specifications  
<http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/default.shtm>
5. Florida Department of Transportation Surveying Procedure 550-030-101  
<http://fdotwp1.dot.state.fl.us/ProceduresInformationManagementSystemInternet/FormsAndProcedures/ViewDocument?topicNum=550-030-101>
6. Florida Department of Transportation EFB User Handbook (Electronic Field Book)  
[http://www.fdot.gov/geospatial/doc\\_pubs.shtm](http://www.fdot.gov/geospatial/doc_pubs.shtm)
7. Florida Department of Transportation Drainage Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/Drainage/ManualsandHandbooks.shtm>
8. Florida Department of Transportation Soils and Foundations Handbook  
<http://www.fdot.gov/structures/Manuals/SFH.pdf>
9. Florida Department of Transportation Structures Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/structures/DocsandPubs.shtm>
10. Florida Department of Transportation Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/cadd/downloads/publications/CADDManual/default.shtm>
11. AASHTO – A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets  
[https://bookstore.transportation.org/collection\\_detail.aspx?ID=110](https://bookstore.transportation.org/collection_detail.aspx?ID=110)
12. MUTCD - 2009  
<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>
13. Safe Mobility for Life Program Policy Statement  
<http://www.fdot.gov/traffic/TrafficServices/PDFs/000-750-001.pdf>
14. Traffic Engineering and Operations Safe Mobility for Life Program  
<http://www.fdot.gov/traffic/TrafficServices/SafetyisGolden.shtm/>



15. Florida Department of Transportation American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance – Facilities Access for Persons with Disabilities Procedure 625-020-015  
<https://fdotwp1.dot.state.fl.us/ProceduresInformationManagementSystemInternet/?viewBy=0&procType=pr>
16. Florida Department of Transportation Florida Sampling and Testing Methods  
<http://www.fdot.gov/materials/administration/resources/library/publications/fstm/disclaimer.shtm>
17. Florida Department of Transportation Flexible Pavement Coring and Evaluation Procedure  
<http://www.fdot.gov/materials/administration/resources/library/publications/materialsmanual/documents/v1-section32-clean.pdf>
18. Florida Department of Transportation Design Bulletins and Update Memos  
<http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/Bulletin/Default.shtm>
19. Florida Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation Manual  
[https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/programmanagement/programmanagement/utilities/docs/uam/uam2017.pdf?sfvrsn=d97fd3dd\\_0](https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/programmanagement/programmanagement/utilities/docs/uam/uam2017.pdf?sfvrsn=d97fd3dd_0)
20. AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications  
[https://bookstore.transportation.org/category\\_item.aspx?id=BR](https://bookstore.transportation.org/category_item.aspx?id=BR)
21. Florida Department of Transportation Flexible Pavement Design Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/PM/publicationS.shtm>
22. Florida Department of Transportation Rigid Pavement Design Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/PM/publicationS.shtm>
23. Florida Department of Transportation Right of Way Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/rightofway/Documents.shtm>
24. Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Engineering Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/traffic/TrafficServices/Studies/TEM/tem.shtm>
25. Florida Department of Transportation Intelligent Transportation System Guide Book  
[http://www.fdot.gov/traffic/Doc\\_Library/Doc\\_Library.shtm](http://www.fdot.gov/traffic/Doc_Library/Doc_Library.shtm)
26. Florida Department of Transportation Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways  
<http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/FloridaGreenbook/FGB.shtm>
27. Florida Department of Transportation Project Development and Environment Manual, Parts 1 and 2  
<http://www.fdot.gov/environment/pubs/pdeman/pdeman1.shtm>
28. AASHTO Highway Safety Manual  
<http://www.highwaysafetymanual.org/>
29. Florida Statutes  
<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?Mode=View%20Statutes&Submenu=1&Tab=statutes&CFID=14677574&CFTOKEN=80981948>
30. Florida Department of Transportation Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Compliance Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/equalopportunity/contractcomplianceworkbook.shtm>

31. Florida Department of Transportation Construction Project Administration Manual – Section 10.4  
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/construction/manuals/cpam/CPAMManual.shtm>
32. AASHTO Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminares, and Traffic Signals  
[AASHTO Bookstore - Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminares, and Traffic Signals, 6th Edition, with 2015 Interim Revisions](http://www.aashto.org/bookstore/standard-specifications-for-structural-supports-for-highway-signs-luminares-and-traffic-signals-6th-edition-with-2015-interim-revisions)
33. Florida Department of Transportation Bridge Load Rating Manual  
<http://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/LoadRating.shtm>
34. National Electrical Code  
[http://catalog.nfpa.org/NFPA-70-National-Electrical-Code-NEC-2014-Edition-P1194.aspx?order\\_src=D347&gclid=CPT6k6zP0M0CFQcMaQodkooAuQ](http://catalog.nfpa.org/NFPA-70-National-Electrical-Code-NEC-2014-Edition-P1194.aspx?order_src=D347&gclid=CPT6k6zP0M0CFQcMaQodkooAuQ)
35. National Electrical Safety Code  
<http://standards.ieee.org/about/nesc/>

**B. Innovative Aspects:**

All innovative aspects shall be identified separately as such in the Technical Proposal.

An innovative aspect does not include revisions to specifications, standards or established Authority policies. Innovation should be limited to Design-Build Firm's means and methods, roadway alignments, approach to Project, etc.

Certain critical elements of this Project, which may reduce the construction coverage, diminish the design criteria or quality, or increase impacts, shall not be allowed. These elements include:

- Reduction in the begin and end Project limits;
- Reduction in the number of lanes and lane widths as depicted in the Conceptual Typical Sections and Concept Plans;
- Reduction in permanent Design Speeds on all State or local roads;
- Reduction in the Access Classification and Control, or changes to the access management or property access requirements;
- Significant changes to any alignments that may jeopardize the cost feasibility of the proposed multi-laning of the East Selmon Expressway;
- Elimination of tolling point locations;
- Elimination of tolling site and equipment
- Failure to reconstruct overhead sign span assemblies.
- Failure to install wrong-way driving security features including gates and other features used on the REL.

**1. Alternative Technical Concept (ATC) Proposals**

The Authority has chosen to incorporate in the Design-Build method of project delivery the process whereby Design-Build Firms may propose innovative technical solutions for the Authority's approval which meet or exceed the goals of the project. The process involves the submission of an Alternative

Technical Concept (ATC) as outlined below. This process has shown to be very cost effective in providing the best-value solution which often times is a result of the collaborative approach of the contractor and their designer which is made possible with the Design Build project delivery method and the ATC process.

The ATC process allows innovation, flexibility, time and cost savings on the design and construction of Design-Build Projects while providing the best value for the public. Any deviation from the RFP that the Design-Build Firm seeks to obtain approval to utilize prior to Technical Proposal submission is, by definition, an ATC and therefore must be discussed and submitted to the Authority for consideration through the ATC process. ATCs also include items defined in FDM, Part 1, Chapter 121.3.2. The proposed ATC shall provide an approach that is equal to or better than the requirements of the RFP, as determined by the Authority. ATC Proposals which reduce scope, quality, performance, or reliability should not be proposed. A proposed concept does not meet the definition of an ATC if the concept is contemplated by the RFP.

The Authority will keep all ATC submissions confidential prior to the Final Selection of the Proposer to the fullest extent allowed by law, with few exceptions. Although the Authority will issue an addendum for all ATC Proposals contained in the list below, the Authority will endeavor to maintain confidentiality of the Design-Build Firms specific ATC proposal. Prior to approving ATC's which would result in the issuance of an Addendum as a result of the item being listed below, the Design-Build Firm will be given the option to withdraw previously submitted ATC proposals. Any approved ATC Proposal related to following requirements described by this RFP shall result in the issuance of an Addendum to the RFP:

- New Design Exceptions required or modifications to Authority approved Design Exceptions already provided in the Attachments.
- Significant changes in scope as determined by the Authority.

The following requirements described by this RFP may be modified by the Design-Build Firm provided they are presented in the One-on-One ATC discussion meeting, as defined below, and submitted to the Authority for review and approval through the ATC process described herein. The Authority may deem a Proposal Non-Responsive should the Design-Build Firm include but fail to present and obtain Authority approval of the proposed alternates through the ATC process. Authority approval of an ATC proposal that is related to the items listed below will NOT result in the issuance of an Addendum to the RFP.

- Modifications to the horizontal and/or vertical geometry requiring an ATC submittal as described in Section VI.F of this RFP
- Modifications to the Conceptual Typical Sections directly related to the horizontal and/or vertical geometry

## **2. One-on-One ATC Proposal Discussion Meetings**

One-on-One ATC discussion meetings may be held in order for the Design-Build Firm to describe proposed changes to supplied basic configurations, Project scope, design criteria, and/or construction criteria. Each Design-Build Firm with proposed changes may request a One-on-One ATC discussion meeting to describe the proposed changes. The Design-Build Firm shall provide, by the deadline shown in the Schedule of Events of this RFP, a preliminary list of ATC proposals to be reviewed and discussed during the One-on-One ATC discussion meetings. This list may not be inclusive of all ATC's to be discussed but it should be sufficiently comprehensive to allow the Authority to identify appropriate personnel to participate in the One-on-One ATC discussion meetings.

The purpose of the One-on-One ATC discussion meeting is to discuss the ATC proposals, answer questions that the Authority may have related to the ATC proposal, review other relevant information and when

possible establish whether the proposal meets the definition of an ATC thereby requiring the submittal of a formal ATC submittal. The meeting should be between representatives of the Design-Build Firm and/or the Design-Build Engineer of Record and Authority staff and agents as needed to provide feedback on the ATC proposal. Immediately prior to the conclusion of the One-on-One ATC discussion meeting, the Authority will advise the Design-Build Firm as to the following related to the ATC proposals which were discussed:

- The Proposal meets the criteria established herein as a qualifying ATC Proposal; therefore, an ATC Proposal submission IS required, or
- The Proposal does not meet the criteria established herein as a qualifying ATC proposal since the Proposal is already allowed or contemplated by the original RFP; therefore, an ATC Proposal submission is NOT required.

The Authority will return all handouts back to the Design-Build Firm except one copy to remain in the secure procurement file.

### **3. Submittal of ATC Proposals**

All ATC submittals must be in writing and may be submitted at any time following the Shortlist Posting but shall be discussed and submitted prior to the deadline shown in the Schedule of Events of this RFP.

The Authority will allow the submission of draft ATCs at any time following the Shortlist Posting until the date on which the last One-on-One ATC discussion meeting is held as defined in the Schedule of Events. The submission must be clearly marked as DRAFT. The Design-Build Firm, by submitting a Draft ATC, understands that the purpose of the submission is to provide information to facilitate the discussion during ATC meetings and that the Authority will discuss the concept but is not obligated to reply to the draft submission as if it were a formal ATC submittal. However, at any time prior to the formal Alternative Technical Concept Proposal submittal, the Authority may provide the Design-Build Firm with a draft written response. The draft written response shall be clearly marked as DRAFT.

All ATC submittals are required to be on plan sheets or on roll plots no wider than 36" and shall be sequentially numbered and include the following information and discussions:

- a) Description: A description and conceptual drawings of the configuration of the ATC or other appropriate descriptive information, including, if appropriate, product details and a traffic operational analysis as applicable;
- b) Usage: The locations where and an explanation of how the ATC would be used on the Project;
- c) Deviations: References to requirements of the RFP which are inconsistent with the proposed ATC, an explanation of the nature of the deviations from the requirements and a request for approval of such deviations along with suggested changes to the requirements of the RFP which would allow the alternative proposal;
- d) Analysis: An analysis justifying use of the ATC and why the deviation, if any, from the requirements of the RFP should be allowed;
- e) Impacts: A preliminary analysis of potential impacts on vehicular traffic (during construction), environmental impacts, community impacts, safety, and life-cycle Project and infrastructure costs, including impacts on the cost of repair, maintenance, and operation;

- f) Risks: A description of added risks to the Authority or third parties associated with implementation of the ATC;
- g) Quality: A description of how the ATC is equal or better in quality and performance than the requirements of the RFP including the traffic operational analysis if requested by the Authority;
- h) Operations: Any changes in operation requirements associated with the ATC, including ease of operations;
- i) Maintenance: Any changes in maintenance requirements associated with the ATC, including ease of maintenance;
- j) Anticipated Life: Any changes in the anticipated life of the item comprising the ATC;

#### **4. Review and Approval of ATC Submittals**

After receipt of the ATC submittal, the Authority's Director of Operations and Engineering (Director), or designee, will communicate with the appropriate staff as necessary, and respond to the Design-Build Firm in writing within 14 calendar days of receipt of the ATC submittal as to whether the ATC is acceptable, not acceptable, or requires additional information. If the Director, or designee, determines that more information is required for the review of an ATC, questions should be prepared by the Director, or designee, to request and receive responses from the Design-Build Firm. The review should be completed within 14 calendar days of the receipt of the ATC submittal. If the review will require additional time, the Design-Build Firm should be notified in advance of the 14 day deadline with an estimated timeframe for completion.

Approved Design Exceptions or Design Variations required as part of an approved ATC submittal will result in the issuance of an addendum to the RFP notifying all Shortlisted Design-Build Firms of the approved Design Exception(s) or Variation(s). Prior to approving ATC's which would result in the issuance of an Addendum as a result of a Design Exception or Variation, the Design-Build Firm will be given the option to withdraw previously submitted ATC Proposals.

The Authority reserves the right to disclose to all Design-Build Firms, via an Addendum to the RFP, any errors of the RFP that are identified during the One-on-One ATC meetings, except to the extent that the Authority determines, in its sole discretion, such disclosure would reveal confidential or proprietary information of the ATC.

Through the ATC process, the Design-Build Firm may submit, and the Authority may consider, geometric modifications to the Concept Plans or other contract requirements that will provide an engineering solution that is better overall in terms of traffic flow and reduced congestion. The approval of ATCs related to improvements of traffic flow and reduced congestion is at the sole discretion of the Authority. It is the Design-Build Firm's responsibility to clearly establish in the ATC process how the engineering solution provides a benefit to the Authority and identify areas of conflict outlined in the RFP.

ATC's are accepted by the Authority at the Authority's discretion and the Authority reserves the right to reject any ATC submitted. The Authority reserves the right to issue an Addendum to the RFP based upon a previously denied ATC Proposal, without regard to the confidentiality of the denied ATC Proposal. All Authority approvals of ATC submissions are based upon the known impacts on the Project at the time of submission. The Authority reserves the right to require a modification or amendment to a previously approved ATC as a result of a contract change which is issued by an addendum subsequent to the Authority's initial approval of the ATC.

## **5. Incorporation of Approved ATC's into the Technical Proposal**

The Design-Build Firm will have the option to include any Authority Approved ATC's in the Technical Proposal. The Proposal Price should reflect any incorporated ATC's. All approved ATC's that are incorporated into the Technical Proposal must be clearly identified in the Technical Proposal Plans and/or Roll Plots. The Technical Proposal shall also include a listing of the incorporated, approved ATCs.

By submitting a Proposal, the Design-Build Firm agrees, if it is not selected, to disclosure of its work product to the successful Design-Build Firm, only after receipt of the designated stipend (if applicable) or after award of the contract whichever occurs first.

### **C. Geotechnical Services:**

#### **1. General Conditions:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for identifying and performing any geotechnical investigation, analysis and design of foundations, foundation construction, foundation load and integrity testing, and inspection dictated by the Project needs in accordance with Authority and Department guidelines, procedures and specifications. All geotechnical work necessary shall be performed in accordance with the Governing Regulations. The Design-Build Firm shall be solely responsible for all geotechnical aspects of the Project.

### **D. Authority Commitments:**

The Design-Build Firm will be responsible for adhering to the project commitments identified below:

No.	Commitment	Responsible Party	Status
1	Minimize disruption to traffic flow patterns on the following facilities: I-75, I-75 and Selmon interchange, Selmon Expressway through lanes, I-4 connector and ramps	Design-Build Firm	
2	Do not disrupt any toll collection operation and revenue collection during any construction phase.	Design-Build Firm	

### **E. Environmental Permits:**

#### **1. Storm Water and Surface Water:**

Plans shall be prepared in accordance with Chapters 373 and 403 (F.S.) and Chapters 40 and 62 (F.A.C.).

#### **2. Permits:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for modifying the issued permits as necessary to accurately depict the final design. The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for any necessary permit time extensions or re-permitting in order to keep the environmental permits valid throughout the construction period. The Design-Build Firm shall provide the Authority with draft copies of any and all permit applications, including responses to agency Requests for Additional Information, requests to modify the permits and/or requests for permit time extensions, for review and approval by the Authority prior to



submittal to the agencies.

All applicable data shall be prepared in accordance with Chapter 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, Chapters 40 and 62, F.A.C.; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 23 CFR 771, 23 CFR 636, and parts 114 and 115, Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations. In addition to these Federal and State permitting requirements, any dredge and fill permitting required by local agencies shall be prepared in accordance with their specific regulations. Preparation of all documentation related to the acquisition of all applicable permits will be the responsibility of the Design-Build Firm. Preparation of complete permit packages will be the responsibility of the Design-Build Firm. The Design-Build Firm is responsible for the accuracy of all information included in permit application packages. As the permittee, the Authority is responsible for reviewing, approving, and signing, the permit application package including all permit modifications, or subsequent permit applications. This applies whether the Project is federal or state funded. Once the Authority has approved the permit application, the Design-Build Firm is responsible for submitting the permit application to the environmental permitting agency. A copy (electronic and hard copy) of any and all correspondence with any of the environmental permitting agencies shall be sent to the Authority. If any agency rejects or denies the permit application, it is the Design-Build Firm's responsibility to make whatever changes necessary to ensure the permit application is approved. The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for any necessary permit extensions or re-permitting in order to keep the environmental permits valid throughout the construction period. The Design-Build Firm shall provide the Authority with draft copies of any and all permit applications, including responses to agency Requests for Additional Information, requests to modify the permits and/or requests for permit extensions, for review and approval by the Authority prior to submittal to the agencies.

The Design-Build Firm will be required to pay all permit and public notice fees. Any fines levied by permitting agencies shall be the responsibility of the Design-Build Firm. The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for complying with all permit conditions.

Prior to submitting a permit modification to a regulatory agency, the Design-Build Firm shall provide the Authority a draft of all supporting information. The Authority will have up to 10 calendar days (excluding weekends and Authority observed holidays) to review and comment on the draft permit application package. The Design-Build Firm will address all comments by the Authority and obtain Authority approval, prior to submittal of the draft permit application package. The Design-Build Firm shall be solely responsible for all time and costs associated with providing the required information to the Authority, as well as the time required by the Authority to perform its review of the permit application package, prior to submittal of the permit application(s) by the Design-Build Firm to the regulatory agency(ies).

Any additional mitigation required due to design modifications proposed by the Design-Build Firm shall be the responsibility of the Design-Build Firm, consistent with the provisions of Section 373.4137, Florida Statutes, and acceptable to the permitting agency(ies). The Design-Build Firm shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with permitting activities and mitigation, and shall include all necessary permitting activities in their schedule.

However, notwithstanding anything above to the contrary, upon the Design-Build Firm's preliminary request for extension of Contract Time, pursuant to 8-7.3, being made directly to the Director, the Authority reserves unto the Director, in their sole and absolute discretion, according to the parameters set forth below, the authority to make a determination to grant a non-compensable time extension for any impacts beyond the reasonable control of the Design-Build Firm in securing permits. Furthermore, as to any such impact, no modification provision will be considered by the Director unless the Design-Build Firm clearly establishes that it has continuously from the beginning of the Project aggressively, efficiently and effectively pursued the securing of the permits including the utilization of any and all reasonably available

means and methods to overcome all impacts. There shall be no right of any kind on behalf of the Design-Build Firm to challenge or otherwise seek review or appeal in any forum of any determination made by the Director under this provision.

**F. Railroad Coordination:**

All required Railroad Reimbursement Agreements will be between CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSX”) and the Authority. Copies of the approved Agreements will be made available to the Design-Build Firm. The Design-Build Firm must comply with the terms of these agreements. The Design-Build Firm must make the necessary arrangements with CSX prior to encroachments into the railroad rights-of-way.

Based on the Authority’s Concept Plans, it is anticipated that protective services (i.e., watchman or flagging services) furnished by CSX Transportation, Inc., will be required for twenty (20) or more consecutive calendar days (long-term) and the Authority has not notified CSX Transportation, Inc. The Design-Build Firm shall be solely responsible for contacting CSX and scheduling all CSX protective services, and direct payment for such protective services.

**G. Survey:**

The Design-Build Firm shall perform all surveying (Terrestrial, Mobile and/or Aerial) and mapping services necessary to complete the Project. Survey services must also comply with all pertinent Florida Statutes (Chapters 177 and 472, F.S.) and applicable rules in the Florida Administrative Code (Rule Chapter 5J-17, F.A.C.). All field survey data will be furnished to the Authority in a Department approved digital format, readily available for input and use in CADD Design files. All surveying and mapping work must be accomplished in accordance with the Department’s Surveying and Mapping Procedure, Topic Nos. 550-030-101, and the Surveying and Mapping Handbook.

**H. Verification of Existing Conditions:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for verification of existing conditions, including research of all existing Department and Authority records and other information.

By execution of the contract, the Design-Build Firm specifically acknowledges and agrees that the Design-Build Firm is contracting and being compensated for performing adequate investigations of existing site conditions sufficient to support the design developed by the Design-Build Firm and that any information is being provided merely to assist the Design-Build Firm in completing adequate site investigations. Notwithstanding any other provision in the contract documents to the contrary, no additional compensation will be paid in the event of any inaccuracies in the preliminary information.

**I. Submittals:**

- **Component Submittals:**

The Design-Build Firm may submit components of the contract plans set instead of submitting the entire contract plan set; however, sufficient information from other components must be provided to allow for a complete review. In accordance with the FDOT Design Manual, components of the contract plans set are roadway, signing and pavement marking, signalization, ITS, lighting, landscape, architectural, structural, and toll facilities. The Authority will designate in the review comments if the next submittal will be a resubmittal of the 90% phase submittal or if the plans and supporting calculations are significantly developed to proceed to the Final Submittal.



The Design-Build Firm may submit components for each individual ramp project limits; however, sufficient information on adjoining areas must be provided to allow for a complete review. Submittals for bridges are limited to foundation, substructure, and superstructure. For bridges over navigable waterways, submittals are limited to foundation, approach substructure, approach superstructure, main unit substructure, and main unit superstructure. Further dividing the foundation, substructure, or superstructure into individual elements (i.e. Pier 2, Abutment 1, Span 4, etc.) will not be accepted.

Category 1 and 2 bridge submittals shall contain the following:

- Plan sheets for the component under review developed to the specified level of detail (i.e. 90% plans, Final plans, etc.) as outlined in the FDM.
  - A complete set of the most developed plan sheets for all other major elements of the bridge. These sheets shall be marked “For Information Only” on the index sheet. In no case shall a plan sheet be less than 30% complete.
  - Design documentation including a complete set of calculations, geotechnical reports, pertinent correspondence, etc. in support of the 90% and final component submittals.
- **Phase Submittals:**

The Design-Build Firm shall provide the documents for each phase submittal listed below to the Authority’s Project Manager. The particular phase shall be clearly indicated on the documents. The Authority’s Project Manager will send the documents to the appropriate office for review and comment. Once all comments requiring a response from the Design-Build Firm have been satisfactorily resolved as determined by the Authority, the Authority’s Project Manager will initial, date and stamp the signed and sealed plans and specifications as “Released for Construction”.

**Prerequisites to 90% Phase Submittal (60% completion level)**

2 printed copies of 11” X 17” plans

- Line and Grade Master Plan
- Traffic Control Master Plan
- Preliminary Drainage Plan
- Lighting Master Plan
- Overhead Signing Master Plan
- Wrong way entry gates and countermeasures Master Plan
- ITS/ATMS Protection and MOC Plan (per planned construction phase)

1 draft pavement design package

1 draft typical section package

1 draft design exception and variation package

1 draft geotechnical report

1 copies of design documentation

1 copy of Technical Special Provisions

CADD.zip folder containing native CADD files in standardized directory structure (refer to FDOT CADD Manual for requirements)

4 portable digital storage devices or electronic file transfer containing the above information (use .pdf format for Master Plans, reports, documentation, and Technical Special Provisions).

### **90% Phase Submittal**

2 printed copies of 11" X 17" plans (all required components)  
1 copy of digitally signed and sealed geotechnical report  
1 copy of digitally signed and sealed geotechnical report  
1 copy of Settlement and Vibration Monitoring Plan (SVMP) for Authority acceptance and update throughout the construction period  
1 copy of design documentation  
1 copy of Technical Special Provisions  
1 copy of Bridge Load Rating Calculations  
1 copy of Completed Bridge Load Rating Summary Detail Sheet  
1 copy of Load Rating Summary Form  
CADD.zip folder containing native CADD files in standardized directory structure (refer to FDOT CADD Manual for requirements)

4 portable digital storage devices or electronic file transfer containing the above information (use .pdf format for Master Plans, reports, documentation, and Technical Special Provisions).

All QC plans and documentation for each component submittal shall be electronic in .pdf format

The Authority will designate in the review comments if the next submittal will be a resubmittal of the 90% phase submittal or if the plans and supporting calculations are significantly developed to proceed to the Final Submittal. If the Authority requires more than 2 resubmittals a submittal workshop between the Authority and the Design-Build Firm must be held to resolve any outstanding issues or comments.

### **Final Submittal**

1 set of digitally signed and sealed 11" X 17" plans (all required documents)  
1 copy of signed and sealed 11" X 17" plans (unlocked file)  
1 set of digitally signed and sealed design documentation  
1 copy of signed and sealed design documentation (unlocked file)  
1 copy of Settlement and Vibration Monitoring Plan (SVMP)  
1 set of final design documentation  
1 signed and sealed copy of the Bridge Load Rating Summary Detail Sheet  
1 signed and sealed copy of the Load Rating Summary Form  
1 signed and sealed Construction Specifications Package or Supplemental Specifications Package  
1 copy of signed and sealed copy of Construction Specifications Package or Supplemental Specifications Package  
1 electronic copy of Technical Special Provisions in .pdf format  
CADD.zip folder containing native CADD files in standardized directory structure (refer to FDOT CADD Manual for requirements)

4 portable digital storage devices or electronic file transfer containing the above information (use .pdf format for Master Plans, reports, documentation, and Technical Special Provisions).

All QC plans and documentation for each component submittal shall be electronic in .pdf format.

The Design-Build Firm shall provide a list of all changes made to the plans or specifications that were not directly related to the 90% plans review comments. Significant changes (as determined by the Authority) made as a part of the Final submittal, that were not reviewed or provided in response to the 90% submittal comments, may require an additional review phase prior to stamping the plans or specifications "Released for Construction." The Design-Build Firm shall provide a signed certification that all review comments have been resolved to the Authority's satisfaction as a requirement before obtaining "Released for Construction" plans.

- **Requirements to Begin Construction:**

The Authority's indication that the signed and sealed plans and specifications are "Released for Construction" authorizes the Design Build Firm to proceed with construction based on the contract plans and specifications. The Authority's review of submittals and subsequent Release for Construction is to assure that the Design-Build Firm's EOR has approved and signed the submittal, the submittal has been independently reviewed and is in general conformance with the contract documents. The Authority's review is not meant to be a complete and detailed review. No failure by the Authority in discovering details in the submittal that are released for construction and subsequently found not to be in compliance with the requirements of the contract shall constitute a basis for the Design-Build Firm's entitlement to additional monetary compensation, time, or other adjustments to the contract. The Design-Build Firm shall cause the Engineer of Record to resolve the items not in compliance with the contract, errors or omissions at no additional cost to the Authority and all revisions are subject to the Authority's approval.

The Design-Build Firm may choose to begin construction prior to completion of the Phase Submittals and the Authority stamping the plans and specifications Released for Construction except for bridge construction. To begin construction the Design-Build Firm shall submit signed and sealed plans for the specific activity; submit a signed and sealed Construction Specifications Package or Supplemental Specifications Package; obtain regulatory permits as required for the specific activity; obtain utility agreements and permits, if applicable; and provide five (5) days' notice before starting the specific activity. The plans to begin construction may be in any format including report with details, 8 1/2" X 11" sheets, or 11" X 17" sheets, and only the information needed by the Design-Build Firm to construct the specific activity needs to be shown. Beginning construction prior to the Authority stamping the plans and specifications Released for Construction does not reduce or eliminate the Phase Submittal requirements.

To begin toll equipment building construction, permit review and approvals must be complete, and the Design-Build Firm shall obtain an executed building permit application from the building Authority along with State Fire Marshal approval.

**As-Built Set:**

The Design-Build Firm's Professional Engineer in responsible charge of the Project's design shall professionally endorse (sign, seal, and certify) the As-Built Plans, the special provisions and all reference and support documents. The professional endorsement shall be performed in accordance with the FDOT Design Manual.

Design-Build Firm shall complete the As-Built Plans as the Project is being constructed. All changes made subsequent to the "Released for Construction" Plans shall be signed/sealed by the EOR. The As-Built Plans

shall reflect all changes initiated by the Design-Build Firm or the Authority in the form of revisions. The As-Built Plans shall be submitted prior to Project completion for Authority review and acceptance as a condition precedent to the Authority's issuance of Final Acceptance.

The Authority shall review, certify, and accept the As-Built Plans prior to issuing Final Acceptance of the project in order to complete the As-Built Plans.

The Authority shall accept the As-Built Plans and related documents when in compliance with Design Build Division I Specification 7-2.3, As-Built Drawings and Certified Surveys, and the As-Built Requirements.

The Design-Build Firm shall furnish to the Authority, upon Project completion, the following:

- 1 set of 11" X 17" signed and sealed As-Built plans, drawings and Certified Surveys
- 1 sets of 11 "X 17" copies of the signed and sealed As-Built plans, drawings and Certified Surveys (including as-built channel survey)
- 1 signed and sealed copy of the Bridge Load Rating Summary Form and Calculations based on as-built conditions
- 1 sets of final documentation (if different from final component submittal)
- 1 sets of survey information, including electronic files and field books
- CADD Files
  
- Final Project submittal containing the information above shall be electronic in .pdf format
  
- **Milestones:**

Milestone submittals, in addition to the plan submittals listed in the previous section will be required. In addition to various phase submittals mentioned throughout this document the following milestone submittals will be required and shown on the schedule.

- Permit applications and subsequent Requests for Information (RFI) correspondence for Authority Review
- Approved Permits Package
- Pavement Design Package (draft(s) and final)
- Typical Section Package (draft(s) and final)
- Design Exception and Variation Package (draft(s) and final)
- Stormwater Management Report
- Noise and Vibration

## **5. Railroad Submittals:**

The plan sheets listed below are the minimum required for review by the railroad. The Design-Build Firm is responsible for any additional requests made by the CSX during review. The required sheets are:

- Key Sheet
- Typical Section(s)
- Plan & Profile Sheet(s)
- Rail-highway grade crossing detail sheet
- Signing and Pavement Marking Sheet(s)

- Cross Section Sheets

**J. Contract Duration:**

The Authority has established a Contract Duration of 800 calendar days for the subject Project.

**K. Project Schedule:**

The Design-Build Firm shall submit a Schedule, in accordance with Subarticle 8-3.2 (Design-Build Division I Specifications). The Design-Build Firm's Schedule shall allow for up to fifteen (15) calendar days (excluding weekends and Authority observed Holidays) review time for the Authority's review of all submittals with the exception of Category 2 structures submittals. The review of Category 2 structures submittals requires Central Office involvement and the Schedule shall allow for up to twenty (20) calendar days (excluding weekends and Authority observed Holidays) for these reviews. The Design-Build Firm's schedule shall consider CSX reviews.

The Authority will perform the review of Foundation Construction submittals in accordance with Section 455.

The following Special Events have been identified in accordance with Specification 8-6.4:

- Tampa Bay Lightning home games
- MacDill Air Fest
- Gasparilla Parade
- Gasparilla Children's Parade
- Gasparilla Distance Classic
- Riverfest

In addition to the limitations on lane closures, detours, and non-working days, the Authority may direct up to ten (10) days per Calendar Year when no lane closures and detours will be permitted. The Design-Build Firm will be provided no less than 24-hour notice of these events and shall be at no additional cost or time to the Authority.

The minimum number of activities included in the Schedule shall be those listed in the Schedule of Values and those listed below:

- Anticipated Award Date
- Design Submittals
- Shop Drawing Submittals
- Other Contractor-Initiated Submittals including Requests for Information (RFI's), Requests for Modification (RFM's), Requests for Correction (RFC's), and Nonconformance/Noncompliance Reports (NCR's)
- Design Survey
- Submittal Reviews by the Authority
- Design Review / Acceptance Milestones
- Materials Quality Tracking
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Start of Construction
- Clearing and Grubbing

- Construction Mobilization
- Embankment/Excavation
- Environmental Permit Acquisition
- Foundation Design
- Foundation Construction
- Substructure Design
- Substructure Construction
- Superstructure Design
- Superstructure Construction
- Walls Design
- Walls Construction
- Roadway Design
- Roadway Construction
- Signing and Pavement Marking Design
- Signing and Pavement Marking Construction
- Signalization and Intelligent Transportation System Design
- Signalization and Intelligent Transportation System Construction
- Lighting Design
- Lighting Construction
- Maintenance of Traffic Design
- Landscape Opportunity Plans
- Permit Submittals
- Maintenance of Traffic Set-Up (per duration)
- Erosion Control
- Holidays and Special Events (shown as non-work days)
- Additional Construction Milestones as determined by the Design-Build Firm
- Final Completion Date for All Work

**L. Key Personnel/Staffing:**

The Design-Build Firm's work shall be performed and directed by key personnel identified in the Letter of Interest and/or Technical Proposal by the Design-Build Firm. In the event a change in key personnel is requested, the Design-Build Firm shall submit the qualifications of the proposed key personnel and include the reason for the proposed change. Any changes in the indicated personnel shall be subject to review and approval by the Director. The Authority shall have sole discretion in determining whether or not the proposed substitutions in key personnel are comparable to the key personnel identified in the Letter of Interest and/or Technical Proposal. The Design-Build Firm shall have available professional staff meeting the minimum training and experience set forth in Florida Statute Chapter 455.

**M. Partner/Teaming Arrangement:**

Partner/Teaming Arrangements of the Design-Build Firm (i.e., Prime Contractor or Lead Design Firm) cannot be changed after submittal of the Letter of Interest without written consent of the Authority. In the event a change in the Partner/Teaming Arrangement is requested, the Design-Build Firm shall submit the reason for the proposed change. Any changes in the Partner/Teaming Arrangement shall be subject to review and approval by the Authority's Director. The Authority shall have sole discretion in determining whether or not the proposed substitutions in Partner/Teaming Arrangements are comparable to the Partner/Teaming Arrangements identified in the Letter of Interest and/or Technical Proposal.

**N. Meetings and Progress Reporting:**

The Design-Build Firm shall anticipate periodic meetings with Authority personnel and other agencies as required for resolution of design and/or construction issues. These meetings may include:

- Authority technical issue resolution
- Local government agency coordination
- Maintenance of Traffic Workshop
- Phase Review Meeting
- Pavement Design Meeting
- Permit agency coordination
- Scoping Meetings
- System Integration Meetings

During design, the Design-Build Firm shall meet with the Authority's Project Manager and CEI on a biweekly basis at a minimum and provide a one month look ahead of the activities to be completed during the upcoming month.

During construction, the Design-Build Firm shall meet with the Authority's Project Manager and CEI on a weekly basis and provide a one-week look ahead for activities to be performed during the coming week.

The Design-Build Firm shall meet with the Authority's Project Manager and CEI at least sixty (60) calendar days before beginning system integration activities. The purpose of these meetings shall be to verify the Design-Build Firm's ITS and signalization integration plans by reviewing site survey information, proposed splicing diagrams, IP addressing schemes, troubleshooting issues, and other design issues. In addition, at these meetings the Design-Build Firm shall identify any concerns regarding the Integration and provide detailed information on how such concerns will be addressed and/or minimized.

The Design-Build Firm shall provide all documentation required to support system integration meetings, including detailed functional narrative text, system and subsystem drawings and schematics. Also included shall be the documentation to demonstrate all elements of the proposed design which includes, but is not limited to: technical, functional, and operational requirements; ITS/communications; equipment; termination/patch panels; performance criteria; and details relating to interfaces to other ITS subsystems.

System Integration Meetings will be held on mutually agreeable dates.

All action items resulting from the System Integration Meeting shall be satisfactorily addressed by the Design-Build Firm and reviewed and approved by the Authority.

The Design-Build Firm shall, on a monthly basis, provide written progress reports that describe the items of concern and the work performed on each task.

**O. Public Involvement:**

**1. General:**

Public involvement is an important aspect of the Project. Public involvement includes communicating to all interested persons, groups, and government organizations information regarding the development of the Project. The Authority, or its designated representative, will serve as the Public Involvement Consultant (PIC) to carry out an exhaustive Public Involvement Campaign and a marketing effort. The Design-Build



Firm will assist the Authority in the Public Involvement effort as described below.

**2. Community Awareness:**

The Design-Build Firm will review and comment on a Community Awareness Program provided by the PIC for the Project.

**3. Public Meetings:**

The Design-Build Firm shall provide all supporting materials necessary for various public meetings, which may include:

- Kick-off or introductory meeting
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings
- MPO Transportation Technical Committee Meetings
- MPO Meetings
- Public Information Meetings
- Elected and appointed officials
- Special interest groups (private groups, homeowners associations, environmental groups, minority groups and individuals)
- Open Houses
- Virtual Public Hearings

The Design-Build Firm shall include attendance at two meetings per month for the term of the contract to support the public involvement program.

For any of the above type meetings the Design-Build Firm shall provide all technical assistance, data and information, display boards, printed material, video graphics, computerized graphics, etc., and information necessary for the day-to-day exchange of information with the public, all agencies and elected officials in order to keep them informed as to the progress and impacts that the proposed Project will create. This includes workshops, information meetings, open houses, and public hearings.

The Design-Build Firm shall, as determined by the Authority, attend the meetings with an appropriate number of personnel to assist the CEI/Authority. The Design-Build Firm shall forward all requests for group meetings to the CEI/Authority. The Design-Build Firm shall inform the CEI/Authority of any meetings with individuals that occur without prior notice.

**4. Public Workshops, Information Meetings:**

The Design-Build Firm shall provide all the support services listed in No. 3 above.

All legal/display advertisements announcing workshops, information meetings, and public meetings will be prepared and paid for by the Authority.

The Authority will be responsible for the legal/display advertisements for design concept acceptance. The Authority will be responsible for preparing and mailing (includes postage) for all letters announcing the associated workshops and information meetings.

**5. Public Involvement Data:**

The Design-Build Firm is responsible for the following:



- Coordinating with the Authority.
- Identifying possible permit and review agencies and providing names and contact information for these agencies to the Authority.
- Providing required expertise (staff members) to assist the Authority on an as-needed basis.
- Preparing color graphic renderings and/or computer generated graphics to depict the proposed improvements for coordination with the Authority, local governments, and other agencies.
- Providing information to the Authority to keep the Authority website current.

The Design-Build Firm shall provide records of all public correspondence, written or verbal, to the Authority throughout the life of the Project.

The Design-Build Firm may be asked by the CEI/Authority to prepare draft responses to any public inquiries as a result of the public involvement process.

**P. Quality Management Plan (QMP):**

**1. Design:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy and coordination of all surveys, designs, drawings, specifications, geotechnical and other services furnished by the Design-Build Firm under this contract.

The Design-Build Firm shall provide a Design Quality Management Plan, which describes the Quality Control (QC) procedures to be utilized to verify, independently check, and review all design drawings, specifications, and other documentation prepared as a part of the contract. In addition the QMP shall establish a Quality Assurance (QA) program to confirm that the Quality Control procedures are followed. The Design-Build Firm shall describe how the checking and review processes are to be documented to verify that the required procedures were followed. The QMP may be one utilized by the Design-Build Firm, as part of their normal operation or it may be one specifically designed for this Project. The Design-Build Firm shall submit a QMP within fifteen (15) working days following issuance of the written Notice to Proceed. A marked up set of prints from the Quality Control review will be sent in with each review submittal. The responsible Professional Engineers or Professional Surveyor that performed the Quality Control review, as well as the QA manager will sign a statement certifying that the review was conducted.

The Design-Build Firm shall, without additional compensation, correct all errors or deficiencies in the surveys, designs, drawings, specifications and/or other services.

**2. Construction:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a Construction Quality Control Plan in accordance with Section 105 of Standard Specifications which describes their Quality Control procedures to verify, check, and maintain control of key construction processes and materials.

The sampling, testing and reporting of all materials used shall be in compliance with the Sampling, Testing and Reporting Guide (STRG) developed by the Design-Build Firm and submitted to the Authority for review and approval. The Design-Build Firm will allow Authority audits of materials used to assure compliance with the STRG. The Department has listed the most commonly used materials and details in

the Department's database. When materials being used are not in the Department's database list, the Design-Build Firm shall use appropriate material details from the STRG to report sampling and testing. Refer to the State Materials Office website for instructions on gaining access to the Department's databases: <http://www.fdot.gov/materials/quality/programs/qualitycontrol/contractor.shtm>

Prepare and submit to the Authority a Job Guide Schedule (JGS) in accordance with Section 105 of Standard Specifications.

The Authority shall maintain its rights to inspect construction activities and request any documentation from the Design-Build Firm to ensure quality products and services are being provided in accordance with the Authority's Materials Acceptance Program.

**Q. Liaison Office:**

The Authority and the Design-Build Firm will designate a Liaison Office and a Project Manager who shall be the representative of their respective organizations for the Project.

**R. Field Office:**

The Design-Build Firm shall maintain a field office throughout construction which includes a conference room for on-site construction meetings. The Design-Build Firm is not responsible for accommodating a CEI/Engineer's Field Office.

**S. Schedule of Values:**

The Design-Build Firm is responsible for submitting estimates requesting payment. Estimates requesting payment will be based on the completion or percentage of completion of tasks as defined in the schedule of values. Final payment will be made upon final acceptance by the Authority of the Design-Build Project. Tracking SBE participation will be required. The Design-Build Firm must submit the schedule of values to the Authority for approval. No estimates requesting payment shall be submitted prior to Authority approval of the schedule of values.

Upon receipt of the estimate requesting payment, the Authority's Project Manager will make judgment on whether or not work of sufficient quality and quantity has been accomplished by comparing the reported percent complete against actual work accomplished.

**T. Computer Automation:**

The Authority actively encourages the use of 3D modeling technologies and Building Information Models (BIM) to support control of the work during construction in a three-dimensional environment using automatic machine guidance (AMG). The Project shall be developed utilizing computer automation systems in order to facilitate the development of the contract plans. Various software and operating systems were developed to aid in assuring quality and conformance with Authority policies and procedures. The Authority supports MicroStation and GEOPAK as its standard graphics and roadway design platform as well as Autodesk's AutoCAD Civil 3D as an alternate platform. Seed Files, Cell Libraries, User Commands, MDL Applications and related programs developed for roadway design and drafting are in the FDOT CADD Software Suite. Furnish As-Built documents for all building related components of the Project in AutoCAD format. It is the responsibility of the Design-Build Firm to obtain and utilize current Department releases of all CADD applications.

The Design-Build Firm will be required to furnish the Project's CADD files at all phase submittals and after the plans have been Released for Construction. The Design-Build Firm's role and responsibilities are defined in the Department's CADD Manual. The Design-Build Firm will be required to submit final documents and files which shall include complete CADD design and coordinate geometry files in MicroStation and/or AutoCAD design files format.

As part of the As-Built Set deliverables, field conditions shall be incorporated into MicroStation and/or AutoCAD design files. Use the cloud revision utility as well as an "AB" revision triangle to denote field conditions on plan sheets.

**U. Construction Engineering and Inspection:**

The Authority is responsible for providing Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) and Quality Assurance Engineering.

The Design-Build Firm is subject to Independent Assurance (IA) Procedures exercised by the Authority.

All Contractor-Initiated submittals, are subject to a 10 business day review time by the Authority. In addition, all Contractor-Initiated submittals regarding ITS and tolling elements are subject to a 15 business day review time by the Authority. Review times will commence after the Authority performs a completeness review, and in its sole and absolute direction, determines the submittal is sufficiently complete to be reviewed.

**V. Testing:**

The Authority or its representative will perform verification and resolution sampling and testing activities at both on site, as well as, off site locations such as pre-stress plants, batch plants, structural steel and weld, fabrication plants, etc. in accordance with the latest Specifications.

For material certification purposes, the Design-Build Firm's Quality Control Manager will maintain a spreadsheet for recording of all Quality Control samples and test results, Verification Testing samples and test results, and Resolution Testing samples and results. All material acceptance based on certification submittal shall also be recorded within this spreadsheet.

A certified copy of the spreadsheet shall be provided to the Authority with each monthly pay request along with the Contractor's Quality Control Certification.

**W. Value Added:**

The Design-Build Firm may provide Value Added Project Features, in accordance with Article 5-14 of the Specifications for the following features:

- Roadway features
- Roadway drainage systems,
- Approach slabs
- Superstructure
- Substructure
- Concrete defects
- Structural steel defects
- Post-tensioning systems

- Wrong way driving devices
- And any other products or features the Design-Build Firm desires.

The Design-Build Firm shall develop the Value Added criteria, measurable standards, and remedial work plans in the Design-Build Firm's Technical Proposal for features proposed by the Design-Build Firm.

#### **X. Adjoining Construction Projects:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for coordinating all design, permitting, and construction activities with other construction Projects that are impacted by or impact this Project. This includes Projects under the jurisdiction of local governments, the Authority, other regional and state agencies, or private entities. Adjoining construction projects have not been identified by the Authority.

The Design-Build Firm shall consider and include in the Construction Plans and Bid Price Proposal, any and all temporary detours or diversions required to facilitate traffic movements into and out of the project limits; notwithstanding the alignment, lane positioning and/or grade differences of traffic conditions on those adjacent projects.

#### **Y. Issue Escalation:**

In the event issues arise during prosecution of the work, the resolution of those issues will be processed as described below unless revised by a Project specific Partnering Agreement:

The escalation process begins with the Construction Engineering and Inspection firm's (CEI) Construction Project Manager. All issues are to be directed to the Construction Project Manager. If the issue cannot be resolved by the Construction Project Manager in coordination with the General Engineering Consultant (GEC) representing the Authority as applicable, the GEC shall forward the issue to the Director. Each level shall have a maximum of five (5) calendar days (excluding weekends and Authority observed holidays) to answer, resolve, or address the issue. The Design-Build Firm shall provide all supporting documentation relative to the issue being escalated. The five (5) calendar day period (excluding weekends and Authority observed holidays) begins when each level in the issue escalation process has received all required supporting documentation necessary to arrive at an informed and complete decision. The five (5) calendar day period (excluding weekends and Authority observed holidays) is a response time and does not infer resolution. Questions asked by the Authority may be expressed verbally and followed up in writing within one (1) calendar day (excluding weekends and Authority observed holidays). Responses provided by the Design-Build Firm may be expressed verbally and followed up in writing within one (1) working day. Once a response is received from the Director, the Construction Project Manager will respond to the Design-Build Firm in a timely manner but not to exceed three (3) calendar days (excluding weekends and Authority observed holidays).

The Design-Build Firm shall provide a similar issue escalation process for their organization with personnel of similar levels of responsibility.

Should an impasse develop, the Dispute Review Board shall assist in the resolution of disputes and claims arising out of the work on the Contract.

### **VI. Design and Construction Criteria.**

#### **A. General:**

All design and construction work completed under the Contract shall be in accordance with the United States Standard Measures.

**B. Vibration and Settlement Monitoring:**

The Design-Build Firm is responsible for evaluating the need for, design of, and the provision of any necessary precautionary features to protect existing structures from damage, including, at a minimum, selecting construction methods and procedures that will prevent damage. The Design-Build Firm shall submit for Authority acceptance a Settlement and Vibration Monitoring Plan (SVMP) as part of the 90% plans submittal and update the SVMP throughout the Construction Period. The Design-Build Firm is responsible for establishing maximum settlement and vibration thresholds equivalent to or lower than the Authority Specification requirements for all construction activities, including vibratory compaction operations and excavations.

Submittals for Settlement and Vibration Monitoring Plan (SVMP) shall include the following as a minimum:

- Identify any existing structures that will be monitored for vibrations during the construction period.
- Establish the maximum vibration levels for the existing structures shall not be exceeded.
- Identify any existing structures that will be monitored for settlement during the construction period.
- Establish the maximum settlement levels for the existing structures that must not be exceeded.
- Identify any existing structures that require pre-construction and post-construction surveys.

The Authority will perform the review of Vibration and Settlement submittals in accordance with Authority and Department Specifications.

**C. Geotechnical Services:**

**Driven Pile Foundations for Bridges and Major Structures**

The Design-Build Firm shall determine whether the resistance factors used for pile design will be based on static/statnamic load testing. Prepare a Technical Special Provision (TSP) for tests other than the Modified Quick Test, such as Bidirectional (Osterberg Cell) Load Test or Statnamic Load Test. For Bidirectional Load Tests use the same loading and unloading intervals, as well as the same loading times specified for the Modified Quick Test. Comply with the instrumentation requirements of 455-2.4. Before the resistance factors for static/statnamic load testing may be used for pile foundations, a minimum of one successful load test must be performed at each bridge location where foundations are installed in a representative location of that area.

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the following:

1. Selection of pile type and size.
2. Selection of test pile lengths, locations and quantity of test piles.
3. Selection of pile testing methods.
4. Determining the frequency of such testing unless otherwise stated herein.
5. Performance of the selected test pile program, including dynamic load test personnel and equipment. The CEI and Authority may observe the installation of test piles and all pile testing.
6. Preparing and submitting a Pile Installation Plan for the CEI and Authority's acceptance.
7. Selection of production pile lengths.
8. Development of the driving criteria.

9. Driving piles to the required capacity and minimum penetration depth.
10. Inspecting and Recording the pile driving information.
11. Submitting Foundation Certification Packages.
12. Providing safe access, and cooperating with the CEI and Authority in verification of the piles, both during construction and after submittal of the certification package.

### **Drilled Shaft Foundations for Bridges and Miscellaneous Structures**

The Design-Build Firm shall determine whether the resistance factors used for drilled shaft design will be based on static/statnamic load testing. Prepare a Technical Special Provision (TSP) for tests other than the Modified Quick Test, such as Bidirectional (Osterberg Cell) Load Test or Statnamic Load Test. For Bidirectional Load Tests use the same loading and unloading intervals, as well as the same loading times specified for the Modified Quick Test. Comply with the instrumentation requirements of 455-2.4. Before the resistance factors for static/statnamic load testing may be used for drilled shafts, a minimum of one successful load test must be performed at each bridge location where foundations are installed in a representative location of that area.

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the following:

1. Evaluating geotechnical conditions to determine the drilled shaft diameter and length and construction methods to be used.
2. Performing the subsurface investigation and drilling pilot holes prior to establishing the drilled shaft tip elevations and socket requirements. For redundant drilled shaft bridge foundations, perform at least one test boring in accordance with the Soils and Foundations Handbook at each bent/pier.
3. Determining the locations of the load test shafts and the types of tests that will be performed.
4. Performing pilot borings for test holes (also known as test shafts or method shafts) and load test shafts and providing the results to the CEI and Authority at least one (1) working day before beginning construction of these shafts.
5. Preparing and submitting a Drilled Shaft Installation Plan for the CEI and Authority's acceptance.
6. Constructing the method shaft (test hole) and load test shafts successfully and conducting thermal integrity tests on these shafts.
7. Providing all personnel and equipment to perform a load test program on the load test shafts.
8. Determining the production shaft lengths.
9. Documenting and providing a report that includes all load test shaft data, analysis, and recommendations to the CEI and Authority.
10. Constructing all drilled shafts to the required tip elevation and socket requirement in accordance with the specifications.
11. Inspecting and documenting the construction of all drilled shafts in accordance with the specifications.
12. Performing Cross-Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) or Thermal Integrity tests on all nonredundant drilled shafts supporting bridges. For redundant drilled shaft bridge foundations and drilled shafts for miscellaneous structures, perform CSL or Thermal Integrity testing on any shaft suspected of containing defects.
13. Repairing all detected defects and conducting post repair integrity testing using 3D tomographic imaging and gamma-gamma density logging.
14. Submitting Foundation Certification Packages in accordance with the specifications.
15. Providing safe access, and cooperating with the CEI and Authority in verification of the drilled shafts, both during construction and after submittal of the certification package.
16. Complying with the tolling gantry foundation requirements provided in the GTR.



## **Spread Footings Foundations**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the following:

1. Evaluating geotechnical conditions and designing the spread footing.
2. Constructing the spread footing to the required footing elevation, at the required soil or rock material, and at the required compaction levels, in accordance with the specifications.
3. Inspecting and documenting the spread footing construction.
4. Submitting Foundation Certification Packages in accordance with the specifications.
5. Providing safe access and cooperating with the CEI and Authority in verification of the spread footing, both during construction and after submittal of the certification package.

## **Auger Cast Piles for Sound Barrier Walls**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the following:

1. Evaluating geotechnical conditions and designing the foundations, including diameter and lengths.
2. Constructing all auger cast piles to the required tip elevation and socket requirements, in accordance with the specifications.
3. Preparing and submitting an Auger Cast Pile Installation Plan for the CEI and Authority's acceptance.
4. Inspecting and documenting the auger cast pile installation.
5. Submitting Foundation Certification Packages in accordance with the specifications.
6. Providing safe access and cooperating with the CEI and Authority in verification of the auger cast piles, both during construction and after submittal of the certification package.

## **Specialty Geotechnical Services Requirements**

Specialty geotechnical work is any alternative geotechnical work not covered by Authority and Department Specifications and requires the development of a Technical Special Provision (TSP). Any TSP for geotechnical work shall include the following:

- Criteria of measurable parameters to be met in order to accept the specialty geotechnical work,
- A field testing and instrumentation program to verify design assumptions and performance,
- A quality control program to be performed by the Design-Build Firm that includes sampling and testing to ensure the material quality, products, and installation procedures meet requirements,
- A verification testing program to be performed by the Geotechnical Foundation Design Engineer of Record (GFDEOR) that includes inspection, sampling, and testing to verify the material, products, and procedures meet requirements. The TSP shall include language providing separate lab samples to be used for the CEI and Authority's independent verification.
- A certification process.

After construction of the specialty geotechnical work, the Design-Build Firm shall submit a certification package for Authority's review within 15 business days. The certification package shall include the results of all the field testing, instrumentation and lab testing performed and a signed and sealed letter by the GFDEOR certifying that the specialty geotechnical work meets the requirements. The Authority may issue comments and require additional verification testing.

### **D. Utility Coordination:**

The Design-Build Firm shall utilize a single dedicated person responsible for managing all utility

coordination. This person shall be contractually referred to as the Utility Coordination Manager (UCM) and shall be identified in the Design-Build Firm's proposal. The Design-Build Firm shall notify the Authority in writing of any change in the identity of the Utility Coordination Manager. The Utility Coordination Manager shall have the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

1. A minimum of 4 years of experience performing utility coordination in accordance with Department standards, policies, and procedures.
2. Knowledge of the Department plans production process and utility coordination practices,
3. Knowledge of Department agreements, standards, policies, and procedures.

The Design-Build Firm's Utility Coordination Manager shall be responsible for managing all utility coordination, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring that all utility coordination and activities are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
2. Identifying all existing utilities and coordinating any new installations
3. Reviewing proposed utility permit application packages and recommending approval/disapproval of each permit application based on the compatibility of the permit as related to the Design-Build Firm's plans.
4. Scheduling and conducting utility meetings, preparing and distributing minutes of all utility meetings, and ensuring expedient follow-up on all unresolved issues.
5. Distributing all plans, conflict matrices and changes to affected Utility Agency/Owners and making sure this information is properly coordinated.
6. Identifying, preparing, reviewing and facilitating any agreement required for any utility work needed through final approval and execution. The UCM shall also be responsible for monitoring and reporting the performance of all involved parties under said agreement.
7. Preparing, reviewing, approving, signing, and coordinating the implementation of and submitting to the Authority for review, all Utility Agreements.
8. Resolving utility conflicts.
9. Obtaining and maintaining all appropriate "Sunshine State One Call of Florida" tickets.
10. Performing Constructability Reviews of plans prior to construction activities with regard to the installation, removal, temporary removal, de-energizing, deactivation, relocation, or adjustment of utilities.
11. Providing periodic Project updates to the Authority Project Manager and District Utility Office as requested.
12. Coordination with the Authority on any issues that arise concerning reimbursement of utility work costs.
13. Complying with the electrical and communications requirements for toll facilities provided in the GTR.

The following Utility Agency/Owners (UA/O's) have been identified by the Authority as having facilities within the Project corridor for which the Authority contemplates an adjustment, protection, or relocation is possible. Also provided below is a determination made by the Authority as to the eligibility of reimbursement for each UA/O identified herein along with an identification of whether the UA/O or the Design-Build Firm will be responsible for performing the utility work

**Summary of UA/O having facilities within the Proposed Project Limits**

UA/O	Contact Information	Email Address
AT&T	Michael Gamboa	<a href="mailto:mgamboa@sdt-1.com">mgamboa@sdt-1.com</a>



Central Florida Pipeline/Kinder Morgan	Mark Clark	<a href="mailto:mark_clark@kindermorgan.com">mark_clark@kindermorgan.com</a>
CenturyLink Core Network (Lvl 3) aka Lumen	Xan Rypkema	<a href="mailto:xan.rypikema@lumen.com">xan.rypikema@lumen.com</a>
City of Tampa Transportation	Brandon Campbell	<a href="mailto:Brandon.Campbell@tampagov.net">Brandon.Campbell@tampagov.net</a>
City of Tampa Wastewater Dept	Richard Rivera	<a href="mailto:richard.rivera@tampagov.net">richard.rivera@tampagov.net</a>
City of Tampa Water Dept	Rynaldo Deshauteurs	<a href="mailto:rynaldo.deshauteurs@tampagov.net">rynaldo.deshauteurs@tampagov.net</a>
Crown Castle	Danny Haskett	<a href="mailto:Danny.Haskett@crowncastle.com">Danny.Haskett@crowncastle.com</a>
FiberLight, LLC	Tim Green	<a href="mailto:tim.green@fiberlight.com">tim.green@fiberlight.com</a>
Florida Gas Transmission	Joe Sanchez	<a href="mailto:joseph.e.sanchez@energytransfer.com">joseph.e.sanchez@energytransfer.com</a>
Frontier Communications	Randall James	<a href="mailto:randall.james@ftr.com">randall.james@ftr.com</a>
Hillsborough County Clerk of Court	Scott Fogleman	<a href="mailto:scott.fogleman@hillsclerk.com">scott.fogleman@hillsclerk.com</a>
Hillsborough County Public Utilities	Warren Gilbreath	<a href="mailto:GilbreathW@HillsboroughCounty.ORG">GilbreathW@HillsboroughCounty.ORG</a>
Hillsborough County Sheriff	Craig McEntyre	<a href="mailto:cmcentyr@hcsso.tampa.fl.us">cmcentyr@hcsso.tampa.fl.us</a>
Hillsborough County Traffic	Darryle Norton	<a href="mailto:NortonD@hillsboroughcounty.org">NortonD@hillsboroughcounty.org</a>
MCI/Verizon Business	James Barra	<a href="mailto:James.barra1@verizon.com">James.barra1@verizon.com</a>
Spectrum/Bright House Networks	Paul Bustamante	<a href="mailto:paul.bustamante@charter.com">paul.bustamante@charter.com</a>
Sprint/Nextel	Jon Baker	<a href="mailto:jon.baker@sprint.com">jon.baker@sprint.com</a>
<b>Tampa Bay Water</b>		<a href="mailto:utilitycoordination@tampabaywater.org">utilitycoordination@tampabaywater.org</a>
Tampa Electric Company	Heather Lovett	<a href="mailto:hclovett@tecoenergy.com">hclovett@tecoenergy.com</a>
TECO Peoples Gas	James Hamilton	<a href="mailto:jkhilton@tecoenergy.com">jkhilton@tecoenergy.com</a>
Zayo Group	John Burlett	<a href="mailto:john.burlett@zayo.com">john.burlett@zayo.com</a>

The Design-Build Firm may request the utility to be relocated to accommodate changes from the conceptual plans; however, these relocations require the Authority's approval and the Authority will not pay the Utility Agency/Owner (UA/O) or the Design-Build Firm for the utility relocation work regardless of the UA/O's eligibility for reimbursement.

The relocation agreements, plans, work schedules and permit application are to be forwarded to the Authority for review by the District Utility Office (DUO) and the Authority's Construction Manager. The DUO and Authority's Construction Manager only review the documents and are not to sign them. Once reviewed, the utility permit application will be forwarded to the District Maintenance office for the permit to be signed and recorded or submitted through the One Stop Permitting (OSP) system.

#### **E. Roadway Plans:**

##### **General:**

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare the Roadway Plans Package. This work effort includes the roadway design and drainage analysis needed to prepare a complete set of Roadway Plans, Temporary Traffic Control Plans, Environmental Permits and other necessary documents.

##### **Design Analysis:**

The Design-Build Firm shall develop and submit a signed and sealed Typical Section Package, Pavement Design Package and Drainage Analysis Report for review and concurrence by the Authority.

Any deviation from the Authority's or Department's design criteria will require a Design Variation and any deviation from AASHTO will require a Design Exception. All such Design Variations and Design Exceptions must be approved by the Authority prior to the Design-Build Firm initiating work on any subsequent project tasks.

Cross sections shall be prepared in 50' maximum increments.

The minimum cross slope shall be 2.00% or match the adjacent pavement in superelevated sections. Cross slope correction shall be provided for sections which do not meet the requirements of FDM Table 211.2.3.

**F. Roadway Design:**

See FDM Part 3; Chapter 301 for Roadway Design sheets, elements and completion level required for each submittal.

**1. Typical Section Package:**

- Transmittal letter
- Location Map
- Roadway Typical Section(s)
  1. Pavement Description (Includes milling depth)
  2. Minimum lane, shoulder, median widths
  3. Slopes requirements
  4. Barriers
  5. Right-of-Way
- Data Sheet
- Design Speed

**2. Pavement Design Package:**

- Pavement Design
  1. Minimum design period – 20 years
  2. Minimum ESAL's
  3. Minimum design reliability factors
    - Selmon Expressway: 95%
  4. Resilient modulus for existing and proposed widening (show assumptions)
  5. Roadbed resilient modulus
  6. Minimum structural asphalt thickness
  7. Cross slope
  8. Identify the need for modified binder
  9. Pavement coring and evaluation
  10. Identify if ARMI layer is required
  11. Minimum milling depth
- Refer to the GTR for tolling area pavement design guidance.

The Design-Build Firm shall follow the minimum flexible pavement designs as provided below:

**Selmon Expressway**

- **Widening and Ramps**
  - Optional Base Group 10
  - Structural Course Type SP (Traffic D) (PG 76-22) (4")
  - Friction Course FC-5 (PG 76-22) (0.75")
  - Meet or exceed adjacent asphalt depth on all widening pavement designs, up to 5" depth.
- **Milling**
  - Mill Existing Asphalt Pavement for depth to achieve the required structural number.
  - Any milling operation will cover the full width of the impacted lane; partial lane width milling shall not be allowed.
  - Cross slope corrections shall be accomplished by milling the existing asphalt pavement a minimum of 2.25" plus any additional milling needed to achieve the required structural number.
  - When the existing pavement meets the required structural number and no cross slope correction is required, the milling shall completely remove the existing friction course.
- **Resurfacing**
  - Friction Course FC-5 (PG 76-22) (0.75")

All pavement designs will include 12" Type B Stabilization LBR 40.

In areas outside of the limits outlined above, where pavement markings have been removed for Maintenance of Traffic purposes, constant depth milling is required to remove scarred pavement. In those specific areas it is permissible to mill the existing friction course and resurface at the existing cross slope to replace the friction course.

Use of the Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG) for pavement design shall not be allowed.

**3. Drainage Analysis:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for designing the drainage and stormwater management systems. All design work shall be in compliance with the Department's Drainage Manual; Florida Administrative Code, chapter 14-86; Federal Aid Policy Guide 23 CFR 650A; and the requirements of the regulatory agencies. This work will include the engineering analysis necessary to design any or all of the following: cross drains, French drains, roadway ditches, outfall ditches, storm sewers, retention/detention facilities, interchange drainage and water management, other drainage systems and elements of systems as required for a complete analysis. Full coordination with all permitting agencies, the Authority's Environmental Management section and Drainage Design section will be required from the outset. Full documentation of all meetings and decisions are to be submitted to Authority. These activities and submittals should be coordinated through the Authority's Project Manager.

The exact number of drainage basins, outfalls and water management facilities (retention/detention areas, weirs, etc.) floodplain compensation sites, and Impaired Water Body and Outstanding Florida Waters designations will be the Design-Build Firm's responsibility. The Design-Build Firm shall obtain approval

of the stormwater treatment/attenuation design.

The objective is to obtain approved stormwater treatment/attenuation design.

The Design-Build Firm shall perform design and generate construction plans documenting the permitted systems function to criteria.

The Design-Build Firm shall perform the investigation necessary and provide the engineering analysis required to determine whether existing drainage features to remain are hydraulically adequate and retain at least a 75-year design life. Flood flow requirements will be determined in accordance with the Department's procedures. If any of these existing cross drains or storm sewers are found to be hydraulically inadequate or found to have insufficient design life, they must be replaced or supplemented in accordance with the drainage requirements of this RFP.

Existing drainage pipes and structures for the East Selmon Expressway have been constructed and or modified over multiple projects; the original Eastern Extension of the Crosstown (Selmon Expressway), the Reversible Lanes project, conversion to All-Electronic Tolling project, and the I-4/Selmon Connector project. The Authority has identified several cross drains and storm sewers constructed with the original Eastern Extension of the Expressway within the ramp project limits that are to be lined by the Design-Build Firm with cured in place pipe liners. These drainage pipes and structures to be lined are included in the Attachments. The Design-Build Firm shall desilt and investigate the existing 8' x 8' concrete box culvert cross drain CD-05 at Station 714+00 as well as other existing pipes and structures within the project limits and shall make recommendations to the Authority for repairs. The Design-Build Firm shall provide the recommendations to the Authority in sufficient time for the Authority to decide if the repair work will be added to the project.

The Design-Build Firm shall maintain its work in such condition that adequate drainage will exist at all times. The construction of the Project shall not temporarily or permanently cause a material adverse effect to existing functioning storm sewers, gutters, ditches, and other run-off facilities.

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for obtaining SWFWMD permits for this project. SWFWMD has indicated that depending on the length of each slip ramp, the project may qualify for an Exemption. The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for permits that accurately depict the final design. Joint-use ponds or alternative SMFs can be considered; however, the Design-Build Firm is responsible for all associated coordination, costs, permitting fees and fines, as well as any permit time extensions. The Design-Build Firm shall design appropriate treatment and attenuation in accordance with SWFWMD and Department criteria for each existing outfall. The Design-Build Firm is advised that a stormwater permit exemption from SWFWMD does not alleviate the Design-Build Firm from its responsibility to limit post-developed discharges at outfalls leaving the project to pre-developed rates, or from evaluating and upgrading as necessary, the existing conveyance systems (cross drains, storm drains, ditches, etc.) to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements.

It shall not be acceptable to place guardrails or barrier walls for the sole purpose of circumventing clear zone criteria for drainage structures.

If pond liners are utilized, the Design-Build Firm shall determine an appropriate factor of safety for pond liners to prevent failures. The minimum factor of safety shall be 1.20.

The Design-Build Firm shall perform double ring infiltrometer tests (same number of tests as performed for design and permitting) for any dry pond 180 days prior to obtaining Final Acceptance. The double ring

infiltration tests shall demonstrate infiltration rates equal to or better than the permitted rates. The bottom of any dry pond shall not be sodded. The Design-Build Firm's operations (i.e material staging, equipment operation, etc.) shall not be conducted so as to compromise the infiltration characteristics of each dry pond. Any required remedial action to restore filtration characteristics will be provided at no cost to the Authority.

Vertical pipes adjacent to MSE walls shall have a concrete thrust block at the base of the pipe and a resilient connector at the base of the inlet.

Placing storm drain pipes below retaining walls shall not be allowed when other options may be available. Where a storm drain pipe needs to cross under a retaining wall, the pipe shall cross perpendicular to the wall at depths meeting the applicable design criteria to minimize impacts of any anticipated wall settlement. The alignment of pipes under retaining walls shall be configured to minimize the length of pipe under the wall.

The use of inverted siphons shall not be allowed on this project.

Concrete pipe shall be used for cross drains and storm drains for this project. The Department's Culvert Service Life Estimator program shall be utilized to determine the required RCP class. The minimum RCP class shall be Class II. Optional pipe materials may be used for gutter drain pipes in embankment slopes. The Design-Build Firm shall only use the optional pipe materials tabulated for a given structure. The documentation supporting the required RCP class and chosen optional pipe material for gutter drain pipes, including the Culvert Service Life Estimator Program Analysis, shall be submitted to the Authority with the 90% plan submittal. Pipe material type installed on the Project shall be indicated on the Summary of Drainage Structures Sheets.

A2000 PVC (ASTM F 949) shall not be used in areas exposed to direct sunlight such as above ground, unshaded installations, endwalls, and mitered end sections. Additional requirements are as follows:

- PVC pipe shall be manufactured from PVC compound having no less than 1.0 part of Titanium Dioxide per 100 parts of PVC resin, by weight.
- PVC pipe shall be installed within 2 years from the date of manufacture.

Water tight joints shall be required for all pipes. In the event of a leak at a pipe joint, hydrostatic calculations shall be submitted by the Design-Build Firm to demonstrate that the joint(s) are water tight per FDOT Specifications. Field measurement of the ground water elevation shall be required at the location of the leak to perform the required calculations.

All precast storm sewer manholes and inlets shall have resilient connectors. The Design-Build Firm shall include the type of resilient connectors, any required pipe adaptors, and the pipe material for each structure in the drainage structure shop drawing submittals. Drainage structure shop drawings shall be reviewed and approved by the Drainage EOR. The Authority will not be responsible for approving the Drainage Structure Shop Drawings.

The Design-Build Firm shall provide a drainage design that incorporates galvanized grates and manhole covers. Manholes shall not be located within the vehicle wheel path in any travel lane.

The Design-Build Firm shall protect existing drainage structures during construction activities.

Prior to proceeding with the Drainage Design, the Design-Build Firm shall meet with the Authority. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to the Design-Build Firm that will better coordinate the

Preliminary and Final Drainage Design efforts. This meeting is Mandatory and is to occur fifteen (15) calendar days (excluding weekends and Authority observed holidays) prior to any submittals containing drainage components.

Permanent and temporary pavement spread shall be confined to the shoulders and shall not encroach into the travel or ramp lanes.

The Design-Build Firm shall provide the Authority a signed and sealed Drainage Design Report. It shall include all drainage computations, both hydrologic and hydraulic. The Engineer shall include all necessary supporting data. The Drainage Design Report shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

- Comprehensive narrative
- Existing conditions drainage pattern discussion and existing drainage map
- Proposed conditions drainage pattern discussion and proposed drainage map
- Outfall and boundary conditions
- Tailwater conditions and supporting documentation
- Design criteria
- Cross drain analysis
- Stormwater quality analysis, including volume recovery calculations
- Stormwater quantity analysis, including ICPR (or equivalent software) input and output
- A link-node diagram for the existing and proposed drainage conditions shall be provided for all hydraulic modeling. The diagram shall include, at a minimum, node names, link names, and overall drainage divides and areas.
- The drainage areas, Tc, CN, and other supporting data
- Control structure analysis, including skimmer and bleeder calculations
- Storm drain analysis (in approved format), including grate capacity for entire length of project.
- Ditch conveyance analysis
- Pavement drainage analysis (sheet flow, gutter flow, pavement spread, hydroplane, special gutter grades)
- Culvert service life analysis
- Structure and liner flotation analysis
- Temporary drainage during construction
- Supporting data for the above items
- Relevant correspondence

The Design-Build Firm is cautioned that existing plans may be in Vertical Datums NGVD 1929 or NAVD 1988. The Design-Build Firm is responsible for ensuring that current plans use the currently required datum and for converting elevations as needed to the current datum. The conversion factor from NGVD to NAVD shall be called out in the Drainage Design Documentation and on the project Drainage Maps.

All calculations shall require the Authority's approval. The drainage documentation shall not solely reference any previously prepared design documentation or existing permit information as support for the Design-Build Firm's Project design. All pertinent information prepared by others shall be verified by the Design-Build Firm before being incorporated into the corresponding sections of the Project design documentation. An attachment of entire previously prepared documents will not be accepted.

The drainage documentation shall include a discussion which clearly states how the Project design is consistent with the existing or previously permitted condition. Where the Project design is not consistent with the existing or previously permitted condition, the documentation shall clearly describe the location



of the change, the nature of the change and the permitting activities required to address the change. Existing and proposed basin maps shall be provided at the beginning of the supporting documentation for each SMF design, showing the boundaries with areas of the permitted conditions for all basins. The maps shall include an aerial background, basin divides, basin areas, permitted SMFs identified with control elevation, DHW, permit number, and outfall location. Drainage Plans shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

- Drainage Map and Regional Drainage Map
- Box Culvert Data Sheet
- Summary of Drainage Structures
- Optional Pipe Materials Sheet
- Roadway Plan/Profile Sheets (include all drainage structures)
- Drainage Structure Sections
- SMF and FPC Sheets (Plan, Typical Section, Control Detail)
- Lateral Ditch Plan/Profile
- Lateral Ditch Cross Sections
- Drainage Detail Sheets

**G. Geometric Design:**

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare the geometric design for the Project using the Standard Plans and criteria that are most appropriate with proper consideration given to the design traffic volumes, adjacent land use, design consistency, aesthetics, ADA requirements, and this document.

The design elements shall include, but not be limited to, the horizontal and vertical alignments, lane widths, shoulder widths, median widths, cross slopes, borders, sight distance, side slopes, front slopes and ditches. The geometric design developed by the Design-Build Firm shall be an engineering solution that is not merely an adherence to the minimum AASHTO, Authority and Department standards.

The Design-Build Firm shall not reduce the minimum number of lanes, minimum storage lengths, access points and access control for all roadways, auxiliary lanes, acceleration and deceleration lanes, and ramps as they are depicted in the Concept Plans.

**H. Design Documentation, Calculations, and Computations:**

The Design-Build Firm shall submit to the Authority design documentation, notes, calculations, and computations to document the design conclusions reached during the development of the construction plans.

The design notes and computation sheets shall be fully titled, numbered, dated, indexed, and signed by the designer and the checker. Computer output forms and other oversized sheets shall be folded to a standard size 8½" x 11". The data shall be in a hard-back folder for submittal to the Authority. At the Project completion, a final set of design notes and computations, signed by the Design-Build Firm, shall be submitted with the As-Built Plans and tracings.

The design documentation, notes, calculations and computations shall include, but not be limited to the following data:

1. Standards Plans and criteria used for the Project
2. Geometric design calculations for horizontal alignments
3. Vertical geometry calculations



4. Documentation of decisions reached resulting from meetings, telephone conversations or site visits

**I. Structure Plans:**

**1. Bridge Design Analysis:**

- a. The Design-Build Firm shall submit to the Authority final signed and sealed design documentation prepared during the development of the plans.
- b. The Design-Build Firm shall insure that the final geotechnical and hydraulic recommendations and reports required for bridge design are submitted with the 90% bridge plans.
- c. The Design-Build Firm shall "Load Rate" all bridges in accordance with the Department Procedure 850-010-035 and the Structures Manual. The Bridge Load Rating Calculations, the Completed Bridge Load Rating Summary Detail Sheet, and the Load Rating Summary Form shall be submitted to the Authority for review with the 90% superstructure submittal. The final Bridge Load Rating Summary Sheet and Load Rating Summary Form shall be submitted to the Authority for review with the Final superstructure submittal. A final, signed and sealed Bridge Load Rating, updated for as-built conditions, shall be submitted to the Authority for each phase of the bridge construction prior to placing traffic on the completed phase of the bridge. A final, signed and sealed Bridge Load Rating, updated for the as-built conditions as part of the As-Built Plans submittal shall be submitted to the Authority before any traffic is placed on the bridge. The Bridge Load Rating shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Florida.
- d. not used.
- e. Any erection, demolition, and any proposed sheeting and/or shoring plans that may potentially impact the railroad must be submitted to and approved by the railroad. This applies to areas adjacent to, within and over railroad rights of ways.
- f. The Engineer of Record for bridges shall analyze the effects of the construction related loads on the permanent structure. These effects include but are not limited to: construction equipment loads, change in segment length, change in construction sequence, etc. The Engineer of Record shall review all specialty engineer submittals (camber curves, falsework systems, etc.) to ensure compliance with the contract plan requirements and intent.

**2. Criteria**

The Design-Build Firm shall incorporate the following into the design of this facility:

- a. All plans and designs are to be prepared in accordance with the Governing

Regulations of Section V. A.

- b. Bridge Widening: In general, match the existing as per the Department's Structures Manual.
- c. Critical Temporary Retaining Walls: Whenever the construction of a component requires excavation that may endanger the public or an existing structure that is in use the Design-Build Firm must protect the existing facility and the public. If a critical temporary retaining wall is, therefore, required during the construction stage only, it may be removed and reused after completion of the work. Such systems as steel sheet pilings, soldier beams and lagging or other similar systems are commonly used. In such cases, the Design-Build Firm is responsible for designing and detailing the wall in the set of contract plans. These plans must be signed and sealed by the Structural Engineer in responsible charge of the wall design.
- d. Partial height walls, including (but not limited to) perched and toe-walls shall not be allowed.

3. **Aesthetic Guidelines**

- a. Exposed surfaces of galvanized overhead sign structures shall be painted with Pro-Tech PT211W57 (Textured White). The mating surfaces shall not be painted.
- b. Overhead sign structures shall be monotube structures with mitered corners matching the aesthetic of the existing monotube structures along the East Selmon Expressway.
- c. A Class V surface finish matching the aesthetics of the East Selmon Expressway is required on all new bridges and noise, perimeter and retaining walls, as applicable.

**J. Specifications:**

Authority and Department Specifications may not be modified or revised. Technical Special Provisions shall be written only for items not addressed by Authority and Department Specifications, and shall not be used as a means of changing Authority and Department Specifications.

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare and submit a signed and sealed Construction Specifications Package for the Project, containing all applicable Division II and III Special Provisions and Supplemental Specifications from the Specifications Workbook in effect at the time the Bid Price Proposals were due in the Authority Office, along with any approved Developmental Specifications and Technical Special Provisions, that are not part of this RFP. Any subsequent modifications to the Construction Specifications Package shall be prepared, signed and sealed as a Supplemental Specifications Package. The Specifications Package(s) shall be prepared, signed and sealed by the Design-Build Firm's Engineer of Record who has successfully completed the mandatory Specifications Package Preparations Training.

The website for completing the training is at the following URL address:

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/programmanagement/PackagePreparation/TrainingConsultants.aspx>

Specification Workbooks are posted on the Department's website at the following URL address:

<https://fdotewp1.dot.state.fl.us/SpecificationsPackage/Utilities/Membership/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSpe>

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Upon review and approval by the Authority, the Construction Specifications Package will be stamped “Released for Construction” and initialed and dated by the Authority.

**K. Shop Drawings:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the preparation and approval of Shop Drawings. Shop Drawings shall be in conformance with the FDM. Shop Drawing submittals must be accompanied by sufficient information for adjoining components or areas of work to allow for proper evaluation of the Shop Drawing(s) submitted for review. When required to be submitted to the Authority, Shop Drawings shall bear the stamp and signature of the Design-Build Firm’s Engineer of Record (EOR), and Specialty Engineer, as appropriate. All “Approved” and “Approved as Noted” Shop Drawings submitted to the Authority for review shall also include Engineer of Record QA/QC Shop Drawing check prints along with the EOR stamped set(s). The Authority shall review the Shop Drawing(s) to evaluate compliance with Project requirements and provide any findings to the Design-Build Firm. The Authority’s procedural review of Shop Drawings is to assure that the Design-Build Firm’s EOR has approved and signed the drawing, the drawing has been independently reviewed and is in general conformance with the plans. The Authority’s review is not meant to be a complete and detailed review. Upon review of the Shop Drawing, the Authority or its designee will initial, date, and stamp the drawing “Released for Construction” or “Released for Construction as Noted”.

**L. Sequence of Construction:**

The Design-Build Firm shall construct the work in a logical manner and with the following objectives as guides:

1. Maintain or improve, to the maximum extent possible, the quality of existing traffic operations, both in terms of flow rate and safety, throughout the duration of the Project.
2. Minimize the number of different Temporary Traffic Control Plan (TTCP) phases, i.e., number of different diversions and detours for a given traffic movement.
3. Take advantage of newly constructed portions of the permanent facility as soon as possible when it is in the best interest of traffic operations and construction activity.
4. Maintain reasonable direct access to adjacent properties at all times, with the exception in areas of limited access Right-of-Way where direct access is not permitted.
5. Coordinate with adjacent construction Projects and maintaining agencies.

**M. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP):**

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as required by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The Design-Build Firm shall refer to the Department’s Project Development and Environment Manual and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Rule 62-621.300(4)(a) for information in regard to the SWPPP. The SWPPP and the Design-Build Firm’s Certification (FDEP Form 62-621.300(4)(b) **NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO USE GENERIC PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGE FROM LARGE AND SMALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**) shall be submitted for Authority review and approval. Authority approval must be obtained prior to beginning construction activities.

**N. Transportation Management Plan:**

The Design-Build Firm must develop a Transportation Management Plan in accordance with the

Department's FDOT Design Manual.

**1. Traffic Control Analysis:**

This project qualifies as a "significant project" as defined in Chapter 240 of the Department's FDM.

Accordingly, the Design-Build Firm shall design a safe and effective Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to manage vehicular and pedestrian traffic during all phases of construction. Topics to be addressed shall include, but are not limited to, construction phasing, utility relocation, drainage structures, ditches, front slopes, back slopes, drop offs within clear zone, temporary roadway lighting and traffic monitoring sites. Special consideration shall be given to the drainage system when developing the construction phases. Positive drainage must be maintained at all times.

The TMP will consist of three components:

- (1) Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) plan component;
- (2) Transportation Operations (TO) component; and
- (3) Public Information (PI) component

The Temporary Traffic Control Plan (TTCP) shall be prepared and signed and sealed by the responsible Professional Engineer who has completed the Department's Advanced Maintenance of Traffic training course, and in accordance with the Department's Standard Plans and the FDOT Design Manual.

The TTC Plan shall be constructed in the fewest phases as possible.

Local events and the Project's impact on these events (lane closures) shall be considered in the development of the Temporary Traffic Control Plan. These events are listed in Section V, K of this RFP document.

Existing number of travel lanes shall be maintained along the Selmon Expressway at all times, except as specified during the lane closures identified below. All temporary detours, diversions, or lane shifts shall provide at least one 12-foot wide lane.

The Design-Build Firm shall follow the City's approved truck route, provided as an Attachment.

Modifications to local streets and traffic patterns will need to be clearly identified in the Traffic Control Plan. Modifications to traffic patterns to local streets will need to be approved by the local maintaining agency and will be the responsibility of the Design-Build Firm to obtain such approvals.

The regulatory speed of 65 mph along Selmon Expressway and the REL will be uniformly maintained within the limits of the work zone for each area.

**2. Temporary Traffic Control Plans:**

The Design-Build Firm shall utilize the Department's Standard Plans, Index 102 series, where applicable. Should these standards be inadequate, a detailed Temporary Traffic Control Plan shall be developed by the Design-Build Firm. The Design-Build Firm shall prepare plan sheets, notes, and details to include the following:

- (1) typical/ cross section sheet(s)
- (2) profiles

- (3) drainage structures
- (4) temporary roadway lighting
- (5) retaining wall details
- (6) sheet piling details
- (7) general notes and construction sequence sheet(s)
- (8) typical detail sheet(s)
- (9) traffic control plan sheet(s)
- (10) curve data for all temporary alignments and
- (11) detour diagrams

Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) shall be placed within five hundred (500) feet of the Project Limits. These signs serve as advanced construction notice and shall be in place two (2) weeks prior to the start of construction activities. At the completion of the two (2) week advanced construction notice period the signs shall be removed. The message should notify motorists that roadway construction is commencing and display the begin month and date. Portable Changeable Message Signs shall be in place seven (7) days in advance of any lane or ramp closure and in advance of any new traffic patterns. The display shall alternate with messages stating the exit name to be closed and the date and time of closure.

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare additional plan sheets such as detours, cross sections, profiles, drainage structures, temporary roadway lighting, retaining wall details, and sheet piling as necessary for proper construction and implementation of the Temporary Traffic Control Plan.

The Design-Build Firm shall maintain existing pedestrian access on all sidewalks, transit facilities, and at all intersections. Pedestrian sidewalks and paths shall be maintained and continue to conform to ADA requirements. When the Design-Build Firm allows work areas to encroach upon a sidewalk or crosswalk area, and a minimum clear width of 4' cannot be maintained for pedestrian use, an alternative accessible pedestrian route shall be provided.

### **3. Traffic Control Restrictions:**

A lane may only be closed during active work periods, and during the times noted below. All lane closures, including ramp closures, must be reported to the Authority's Project Manager and Public Information Officer a minimum of 14 calendar days prior to each closure. Also, the Design-Build Firm shall develop the Project to be able to provide for all lanes of traffic to be open in the event of an emergency.

There will be NO LANE CLOSURES allowed between the hours of **5:00 AM to 9:00 AM** and from **3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. A lane may only be closed during active work periods. All detours and diversions shall be approved by THEA. Any lane closures on I-75 or I-75 ramps shall be coordinated with FDOT for approval.

In addition to the limitations on lane closures, detours, and non-working days in Section V., K., the Authority may direct up to 10 days when no lane closures will be permitted. The contractor will be provided no less than 24-hour notice of these events and shall be at no additional cost or time to the Authority.

Traffic pacing operations shall be performed only between the hours of 9:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

### **O. Environmental Services/Permits/Mitigation:**

The Design-Build Firm will be responsible for preparing designs and proposing construction methods that are permissible. The Design-Build Firm will be responsible for any required permit fees. All permits required for a particular construction activity will be acquired prior to commencing the particular

construction activity. Delays due to incomplete or erroneous permit application packages, agency rejection, agency denials, agency processing time, or any permit violations, except as provided herein, will be the responsibility of the Design-Build Firm, and will not be considered sufficient reason for a time extension or additional compensation.

As the permittee, the Authority is responsible for reviewing, approving, and signing the permit application package including all permit modifications, or subsequent permit applications.

The following Project specific Environmental Services/Permits have been identified as specific requirements for this project:

1. Contaminated Materials

The Design-Build Firm will be responsible for preparing designs and proposing construction methods that are permissible and avoid potential contamination impacts. In the event that previously unknown contaminated areas are identified that could potentially impact the project, the Design-Build Firm shall contact the Authority immediately.

The Authority will require the Design-Build Firm to dispose of all oil, chemicals, fuel, etc. utilized to construct the Project and/or execute Project work in an acceptable manner according to local, state, and federal regulation and forbid dumping of contaminants on the ground, canals, or other water bodies. The Design-Build Firm shall indemnify the Authority and the Department against any and all claims arising from improper handling of contaminated materials. The Design-Build Firm shall also be solely and totally responsible at its own cost for completely cleaning up any contamination caused by its own activities. This includes, but is not limited to, spillage/leakage of contaminants from equipment and/or portable tanks used in constructing the Project.

Unless specifically identified otherwise, the design and construction of any alternate design approach identified within this RFP is not a requirement of this RFP. The Design-Build Firm is not responsible for any permitting or commenting agency coordination or other impacts to the permit processes that would be associated with any alternate design approach, unless the Design-Build Firm chooses to include the alternate design approach in its Proposal.

**P. Signing and Pavement Marking Plans:**

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare signing and pavement marking plans in accordance with Department criteria. All overhead signs shall conform to FDM, Standard Plans, and MUTCD criteria.

All signs shall be placed such that the sign will not be obscured partially or as a whole by any other element including: bridge abutments, column structures, landscaping, support structure upright of any sign, signal, lighting or ITS element. All signs shall meet the minimum visibility distance requirements.

All pavement markings on concrete surfaces shall include black contrast markings for temporary and permanent applications, except for solid edge line markings. Permanent tape including black contrast markings shall be used on all bridge and concrete pavement surfaces. All other final pavement marking materials shall conform to FDM Figure 230.3.1.

The signing and pavement marking plans shall include overhead sign cross section sheets (excluding bridge mounted signs) clearly showing proposed/existing foundations (excluding bridge mounted signs), sign structure, sign panel/s, panel locations, finished roadway and ground surface with resulting vertical



clearance, any overhead and underground utilities if applicable, lighting and ITS facilities, and any other roadway features such as barrier walls, guardrails and ditches. All overhead sign panels require reflective sheeting or luminaires.

All above ground hazards (i.e. sign structures, overhead structures, signal and light poles) shall be placed at the required clear zones as applicable by the design standards. It will not be acceptable to place guard rails or barrier walls for the sole purpose of protecting those elements placed in the clear zones. If the Design-Build Firm finds that such placement of signs must encroach the clear zone, a Design Variation or Design Exception shall be submitted. The Authority is not under any obligation to approve such Variations or Exceptions. The Design-Build Firm shall not proceed with dependent project tasks until or unless the Variation or Exception is approved.

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the design of all new or retrofit sign supports (post, overhead span, overhead cantilever, bridge mount and any applicable foundations). The Design-Build Firm shall show all details (anchor bolt size, bolt circle, bolt length, etc.) as well as all design assumptions (wind loads, support reactions, etc.) used in the analysis. Mounting types for various signs shall not be changed by the Design-Build Firm (i.e. if the proposed or existing sign is shown as overhead it shall be overhead and not changed to ground mount) unless approved by the Authority. Any existing sign structure to be removed shall not be relocated and reused, unless approved by the Authority.

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for the design of all new or retrofit sign supports (post, overhead span, overhead cantilever, bridge mount and any applicable foundations). The Design-Build Firm shall show all details (anchor bolt size, bolt circle, bolt length, etc.) as well as all design assumptions (wind loads, support reactions, etc.) used in the analysis. Mounting types for various signs shall not be changed by the Design-Build Firm (i.e. if the proposed or existing sign is shown as overhead it shall be overhead and not changed to ground mount) unless approved by the Authority. Any existing sign structure to be removed shall not be relocated and reused, unless approved by the Authority.

It shall be the Design-Build Firm's responsibility to field inventory and show all existing signs within the Project limits and address all signage within the Project limits. Existing single and multi-post sign assemblies impacted by construction shall be entirely replaced and upgraded to meet current standards. Existing sign assemblies not impacted by construction can remain.

#### **Q. Lighting Plans:**

The Design-Build Firm shall provide a lighting design and a lighting analysis, and prepare lighting plans in accordance with Department criteria.

The Design-Build Firm shall develop and submit for approval, a Load Center/Circuit/Pole Number identification plan that is compatible with the existing lighting systems maintenance identification scheme.

Where existing roadway lighting circuit sources (services, load centers, etc.) are being removed, the Design-Build Firm shall either:

1. Provide a new load center per current codes and all applicable criteria.
2. Identify an existing load center capable of feeding the existing and proposed lighting while meeting all current codes and all applicable criteria.

All modified load centers shall comply with all applicable criteria and shall be in like new condition.



Existing light poles, luminaire arms, luminaires, and load centers identified for removal shall be coordinated with the Maintaining Agency as to whether these features will become the property of Design-Build Firm or salvaged, transported, and delivered to the Maintaining Agency for future use.

The Design-Build Firm shall perform detailed field reviews. Review and document all lighting (poles/luminaires, sign luminaires, etc.), circuiting, load centers, service points, utility transformers, etc., within the limits of lighting construction. This review includes: conductors, conduit, grounding, enclosures, voltages, mounting heights, pull-boxes, etc. This review also includes circuits outside the limits of lighting construction that originate or touch this Project's scope of work.

All deficiencies within the limits of lighting construction shall be identified and corrected. Any deficiencies outside the limits of lighting construction shall be brought to the attention of the Authority.

After the field reviews are completed, a list of all damaged and/or non-functioning equipment shall be documented and forwarded to the Authority prior to the start of construction. All damaged and/or non-functioning equipment within the limits of lighting construction are required to be replaced or repaired to meet all applicable criteria and shall be in like-new condition.

Where new electrical services are required, the Design-Build Firm shall coordinate the final locations of distribution transformer and service poles to minimize service and branch circuit conductors and conduit lengths. Electrical service locations are to be coordinated with and provided by TECO. Each service point shall be separately metered.

The Design-Build Firm shall comply with the requirements of each jurisdictional authority within the Project limits. Compliance with the jurisdictional authority includes but is not limited to: field reviews, technical meetings, special deliverable, etc. It is the Design-build Firm's responsibility to verify and comply with all jurisdictional authority's requirements.

## **R. Signalization and Intelligent Transportation System Plans:**

### **1. General**

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare Signalization and Intelligent Transportation Plans in accordance with Authority criteria.

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare design plans and provide necessary documentation for the procurement and installation of the Signalization and Intelligent Transportation System devices as well as overall system construction and integration. The construction plan sheets shall be in accordance with Authority requirements and include, but not be limited to:

- Project Layout / Overview sheets outlying the locations of field elements
- Detail sheets on:
  - DMS Structure, DMS attachment, DMS display/layout
  - CCTV structure, CCTV attachment, CCTV operation/layout
  - MDVS structure, MDVS attachment, MDVS operation/layout
  - Fiber optic splice and conduit
  - Power Service Distribution
  - Wiring and connection details
  - Conduit, pull box, and vault installation

- Communication Hub and Field Cabinets
- System-level block diagrams
- Device-level block diagrams
- Field hub/router cabinet configuration details
- Fiber optic Splicing Diagrams
- System configuration/Wiring diagram/Equipment Interface for field equipment at individual locations and communications hubs.
- Maintenance of Communications (MOC) and Protection of ITS/ATMS Plan (must include temporary relocation and/or protection of ITS elements for continual operations throughout all construction phases).

Anticipated ITS features and details:

ITS Feature	Approximate Location	Direction	Notes
Wrong Way driving actuated gate	Vicinity of Selmon Expressway and I-75 Interchange	REL Eastbound	Avoid impacts to I-75 Right-of-way other than those noted in the Type 1 C.E.

The Design-Build firm is responsible for ensuring project compliance with the Regional ITS Architecture and Rule 940 as applicable. This includes, but is not limited to, the development or update of a concept of operations, the development or update of a system engineering master plan (SEMP), and requirement traceability verification (RTVM) as well as coordination of document review.

The Design-Build Firm shall detail existing Signalization and Intelligent Transportation System equipment and report which devices will be removed, replaced, or impacted by project work.

## **2. Design and Engineering Services:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for all Signalization and ITS design and engineering services relating to the Project. All ITS system components shall be new unless otherwise identified for relocation.

The design of the new system shall integrate with the existing devices. The design shall include the necessary infrastructure and components to ensure proper connection of the new ITS components. This shall include but not be limited to all proposed ITS components of this project as well as existing sub-systems that remain or are re-deployed as the final project.

At a minimum, the ITS work in this project consists of the following major components:

- Replacement of any ITS System components that are impacted by the Design-Build Firm's scope of work as approved by the Authority. All equipment shall be new unless otherwise specified.
- DMS – Includes sign support structures, static signs, and mounting brackets for lane control, lane status, toll amount, travel time and full size DMS.
- CCTV – Includes concrete poles, camera lowering devices and mountings to provide 100% CCTV coverage of the project corridor. In addition, each express lane DMS shall have a dedicated verification CCTV.
- MVDS - Includes concrete poles and mountings to detect all general purpose and express lanes along the project corridor. MVDS devices shall be spaced at ½ mile intervals on each side of the roadway.

- Removal of any ITS System components that are impacted by the Design-Build Firms scope of work as approved by the Authority.
- Removal of the existing lateral drops from the backbone to the existing mainline toll facilities and from the existing ramp toll facilities that will or may be removed as part of this project. The lateral drops disconnected from the backbone shall be re-spliced “in-kind” to match respective fiber strand(s) and buffer tube(s) as approved by the Authority. The existing lateral drop conduit(s), pull boxes and splice boxes shall be removed as described in Section C - Utility Coordination of this RFP.
- Testing of fiber optic backbone and lateral drops furnished and installed or modified by the Design-Build Firm.
- Testing of the Intelligent Transportation System.
- Testing of the end-to-end express lanes system.

Coordinate with the Design-Build Firm to avoid conflicts with landscape plans within the Authority Right-of-Way. While procedures are being revised to facilitate this increased collaboration and cooperation, the Design-Build Firm is required to ensure that the design and construction of each ITS project and each landscape project is entirely coordinated with existing and proposed ITS facilities and landscapes. Both programs have been determined to be important components of the state transportation system.

### **3. Construction and Integration Services:**

The Design-Build Firm shall be responsible for all Signalization and ITS construction and integration services relating to the Project.

### **4. Testing and Acceptance:**

All equipment furnished by the Design-Build Firm shall be subject to monitoring and testing to determine conformance with all applicable requirements. The Design-Build Firm is responsible for the coordination and performance of material inspection and testing, field acceptance tests, and system acceptance tests. The times and dates of tests must be accepted in writing by the THEA Project Manager. The Design-Build Firm shall conduct all tests in the presence of the THEA Project Manager or designated representative.

The following tests will be required for the proposed ITS devices:

1. Factory Acceptance Tests
2. Standalone Tests
3. Subsystem Tests
4. Operational Tests
5. Burn-In Period
6. Final Acceptance

### **5. Existing Conditions**

This section is intended to provide a general overview of the existing conditions of the Authority’s ITS System and its components such as the fiber optic network (FON) communications infrastructure within the project limits. In addition, the Design-Build Firm shall refer to the ITS As-Built Plans provided with

this RFP as Reference Documents for additional information and shall be responsible for field verifying all existing site conditions within the project limits.

The ITS components shall be defined as follows:

- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera System: The CCTV Camera System consists of pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras along the corridor that are typically spaced at one (1) mile intervals. The CCTV cameras are used by Authority staff for incident management and traffic monitoring. The cameras are integrated and communicate with Local Hubs along the corridor via the single mode FOC communications backbone installed along the corridor.
- Dynamic Message Sign System (DMS). The DMS consists of both mainline and arterial dynamic message signs (ADMS) and provide roadway information and travel times. The mainline DMS are located at select locations along the corridor. The ADMS are located on each approach of select major arterials throughout the roadway system. The mainline DMS are connected and communicate via the single mode FOC communications backbone installed along the corridor. The ADMS communicate with wireless radios to a hub site connected to the single mode FOC communications backbone installed along the corridor.
- Vehicle Detection Systems (VDS): The VDS consists of non-intrusive, microwave technology sensors used to collect vehicle volume, speed and occupancy data from mainline travel lanes. The detectors are typically located at approximately one-half (1/2) mile intervals. The detectors are installed on stand-alone concrete poles and/or attached to other ITS device structures in a side-fired configuration to detect data on a lane by lane basis. The VDS is used for incident detection by Authority staff and communicate with the single mode FOC communications backbone installed along the corridor.
- Fiber Optic Network (FON): The FON infrastructure provides communications for ITS and Tolls components. The FON is composed of the FOC communications backbone, lateral connections and communications equipment including but not limited to field and HUB Ethernet switches, port servers, routers, fiber patch panels installed at the various ITS device(s) serving as a local HUB.
- For clarification purposes, any reference in this RFP to the mainline fiber optic backbone that is installed along the corridor shall be defined as the “backbone”. The fiber optic cable between the backbone and a building (ramp and mainline locations) shall be defined as the “Tolls lateral”. The fiber optic cable between the backbone and ITS components shall be defined as the “ITS lateral”.
- The FOC communications backbone consists of a single mode fiber optic cable and four (4), 1.25-inch HDPE conduit, locate tone wire, warning tape, fiber route markers, pull boxes, and splice boxes. Three (3) of the four (4), 1.25-inch HDPE conduits are spare conduits. The backbone provides access points for the various ITS and Toll System components along the corridor for network connectivity as previously described.
- The majority of ITS components are connected to the backbone through a lateral twelve (12) count single mode fiber optic cable inside two (2), 1.25-inch HDPE conduits of which one is a spare. ITS components on arterials, such as ADMS, connect with the backbone through a wireless access point (WAP) and LHUBs which are physically connected to the backbone through a lateral fiber optic cable connection.
- The Authority’s Communications Network includes but is not limited to the fiber optic drops from the backbone to each toll plaza as well as fiber optic cable that interconnects ramp toll plazas within the various interchanges and all other associated communications elements. The

lateral drops for the existing toll plaza consist of a twenty-four (24) count single mode fiber optic cable for ramp plazas and forty-eight (48) count single mode fiber optic cable for mainline toll plazas. The lateral drops typically consist of two (2), 2-inch underground conduits of which one is a spare.

**S. Landscape Opportunity Plans: Not Used.**

**VII. Technical Proposal Requirements:**

**A. General:**

Each Design-Build Firm being considered for this Project is required to submit a Technical Proposal. The proposal shall include sufficient information to enable the Authority to evaluate the capability of the Design-Build Firm to provide the desired services. The data shall be significant to the Project and shall be innovative, when appropriate, and practical.

**B. Submittal Requirements:**

The Technical Proposal shall be bound with the information, paper size and page limitation requirements as listed herein. Four printed copies of the Technical Proposal shall be submitted to the Authority prior to the deadline provided in this RFP.

A copy of the written Technical Proposal must also be submitted electronically in PDF format including bookmarks for each section. Bookmarks which provide links to content within the Technical Proposal are allowed. Bookmarks which provide links to information not included within the content of the Technical Proposal shall not be utilized. No macros will be allowed. Minimum font size of ten (10) shall be used. Times New Roman shall be the required font type.

Only upon request by the Authority, provide calculations, studies and/or research to support features identified in the Technical Proposal. This only applies during the Technical Proposal Evaluation phase.

Address and submit the Technical Proposal to:

Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager  
Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority  
1104 East Twiggs St, Suite 300  
Tampa, FL 33602

**Submit the PDF of the Technical Proposal via Email to: [Man.Le@tampa-xway.com](mailto:Man.Le@tampa-xway.com)**

The minimum information to be included:

**Section 1: Project Approach**

- Paper size: 8½" x 11". The maximum number of pages shall be ten (10), single-sided, typed pages including text, graphics, tables, charts, and photographs. Double-sided 8½" x 11" sheets will be counted as 2 pages. 11"x17" sheets are prohibited.
- Describe how the proposed design solutions and construction means and methods meet the project needs described in this Request for Proposal. Provide sufficient information to convey a thorough knowledge and

understanding of the project and to provide confidence the design and construction can be completed as proposed.

- Provide the term, measurable standards, and remedial work plan for any proposed Value Added features that are not Value Added features included in this RFP, or for extending the Value Added period of a feature that is included in this RFP. Describe any material requirements that are exceeded.
- Provide a Written Schedule Narrative that describes the Design and Construction phases and illustrates how each phase will be scheduled to meet the Project needs required of this Request for Proposal.

Section 2: Plans

- Plan and Profile views of the proposed improvements shall be submitted in roll-plot format. The maximum width of the roll-plots shall be 36". The maximum length of the roll-plot shall be 48". Inclusion of additional information on the roll-plot, other than depictions of the Plan and Profile views, is allowed provided it clarifies the plan and profile views. However, the Authority may determine that such additional information is excessive and may require the Design-Build Firm to revise and resubmit the roll-plots. If this occurs, the Design-Build Firm will have 2 business days to revise and resubmit the roll-plots upon notification by the Authority. All other information not included on the roll plots, such as typical sections, special emphasis details, structure plans, etc., shall be provided on 11"x17" sheets.
- Right of Way Maps and Legal Descriptions (including area in square feet) of any proposed additional Right of Way parcels if applicable and approved through the ATC process. Provide Technical Proposal Plans in accordance with the requirements of the FDOT Design Manual, except as modified herein.
- Provide a conceptual plan for addressing the wrong-way driving actuated gate and ITS controls.
- The Plans shall complement the Project Approach.
- All plan and profile sheets shall utilize a maximum horizontal scale of 1" = 50'. Drainage maps may utilize larger scales in accordance with the FDM.

**C. Evaluation Criteria:**

The Authority shall evaluate the written Technical Proposal by each Design-Build Firm. The Design-Build Firm shall not discuss or reveal elements of the price proposal in the written proposals. A technical score for each Design-Build Firm will be based on the following criteria:

Item	Value
1. Design	25
2. Construction	25
3. Compatibility with Ultimate East Selmon Improvements	20
4. Value Added	10
<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>80</b>

The following is a description of each of the above referenced items:

1. **Design (25 points)**

The Design-Build Firm is to address the quality and suitability of the following elements in the Technical Proposal:

- Structures design
- Roadway design / and safety
- Drainage design
- Environmental Design
- Design coordination plan minimizing design changes
- Geotechnical investigation plan
- Geotechnical load test program
- Minimizing impacts through design to:
  - Maintenance
  - Environment
  - Public
  - Adjacent Properties
  - Structures
- Temporary Traffic Control Plan
- MOC Plan
- Incident Management Plan
- Aesthetics
- Utility Coordination and Design
- Design considerations which improve recycling and reuse opportunities

The Design-Build Firm is to address the following in the Technical Proposal: aesthetics features of the design including but not limited to the following: considerations in the geometry, suitability and consistency of structure type, structure finishes, shapes, proportions and form throughout the limits of the project.

Architectural treatments such as tiles, colors, emblems, etc. will not be considered as primary aesthetic treatments.

The Design-Build Firm is to address compatibility of the Technical Proposal with future planned improvements along the Selmon Expressway and REL corridor.

The Design-Build Firm is to address the following in the Technical Proposal: design and utility coordination efforts that minimize the potential for adverse impacts and project delays due to utility involvement.

The Design-Build Firm is to address the following in the Technical Proposal: development of design approaches which minimize periodic and routine maintenance. The following elements should be considered: access to provide adequate inspections and maintenance, access to structure's lighting system, and impacts to long term maintenance costs.



## 2. Construction (25 points)

The Design-Build Firm is to address the quality and suitability of the following elements in the Technical Proposal:

- Safety
- Structures construction
- Roadway construction
- Drainage construction
- Construction coordination plan minimizing construction changes
- Minimizing impacts through construction to:
  - Environment
  - Public
  - Adjacent Properties
  - Structures
  - Toll Collection
- Implementation of the Environmental design and Erosion/Sediment Control Plan
- Implementation of the Transportation Management Plan
- Implementation of the Incident Management Plan
- Utility Coordination and Construction

The Design-Build Firm is to address the following in the Technical Proposal: developing and deploying construction techniques that enhance project durability, reduce long term and routine maintenance, and those techniques which enhance public and worker safety. This shall include, but not be limited to, minimization of lane closures, maximizing lane widths, minimizing visual obstructions, construction sequencing, and avoiding drastic reductions in speed limits.

The Design-Build Firm is to address the following in the Technical Proposal: insuring all environmental commitments are honored.

The Design-Build Firm is to address the following in the Technical Proposal: construction and utility coordination efforts that minimize the potential for adverse impacts and project delays due to utility conflicts.

## 3. Compatibility with Ultimate East Selmon Improvements (20 points)

The Design-Build Firm is to address introducing and implementing innovative design approaches and construction techniques which address the following elements in the Technical Proposal (East Selmon Improvements, are referenced in the East Selmon Planning and Feasibility Study (incorporated herein by reference):

- Compatibility with future East Selmon widening PD&E and long-term cost benefit for the Authority
- Minimize or eliminate Utility relocations
- Minimize or eliminate impacts to Railroad facilities
- Materials
- Workmanship

- Enhance Design and Construction aspects related to future expansion of the transportation facility

4. **Value Added (10 points)**

The Design-Build is to address the following Value Added features in the Technical Proposal:

- Broadening the extent of the Value Added features of this RFP while maintaining existing threshold requirements
- Exceeding minimum material requirements to enhance durability of project components
- Providing additional Value Added project features proposed by the Design-Build Firm

The following Value Added features have been identified by the Authority as being applicable to this project. The Design-Build Firm may propose to broaden the extent of these Value Added features.

Value Added Feature	Minimum Value Added Period
Value Added Asphalt	3 years
Value Added Concrete Pavement	5 years
Value Added Bridge Components	5 years

**D. Final Selection Formula:**

The Authority shall publicly open the sealed bid proposals and calculate an adjusted score using the following formula:

$$\frac{BPP}{TS} = \text{Adjusted Score}$$

BPP = Bid Price Proposal

TS = Technical Score (Combined Scores from LOI and Technical Proposal)

The Design-Build Firm selected will be the Design-Build Firm whose adjusted score is lowest. The Authority reserves the right to consider any proposal as non-responsive if any part of the Technical Proposal does not meet established codes and criteria.

**E. Final Selection Process:**

After the sealed bids are received, the Authority will have a public meeting for the announcement of the Technical Scores and opening of sealed Bid Price Proposals. At this meeting, the Authority will announce the score for each member of the Technical Review Committee, by category, for each Proposer and each Proposer's Technical Score. Following announcement of the Technical Scores, the sealed Bid Price Proposals will be opened and the adjusted scores calculated. The Authority will document the preliminary bid results as presented in the meeting. The Authority's Selection Committee will review the evaluation of the Technical Review Committee and the Bid Price Proposal of each Proposer as to the apparent lowest adjusted score and make a final determination of the lowest adjusted score. The Selection Committee has the right to correct any errors in the evaluation and selection process that may have been made. The Authority is not obligated to award the contract and the Selection Committee may decide to reject all

proposals. If the Selection Committee decides not to reject all proposals, the contract will be awarded to the Proposer determined by the Selection Committee to have the lowest adjusted score.

**F. Stipend Awards:**

The Authority has elected to pay a stipend to all non-selected Short-Listed Design-Build Firms to offset some of the costs of preparing the Proposals. The non-selected Short-Listed Design-Build Firms meeting the stipend eligibility requirements of the Project Advertisement and complying with the requirements contained in this section will ultimately be compensated. The stipend will only be payable under the terms and conditions of the Design-Build Stipend Agreement and Project Advertisement, copies of which are included with this Request for Proposal. This Request for Proposal does not commit the Authority or any other public agency to pay any costs incurred by an individual firm, partnership, or corporation in the submission of Proposals except as set forth in the Design-Build Stipend Agreement. The amount of the stipend will be \$40,000 (forty thousand and 00/100 dollars) per non-selected Short-Listed Design-Build Firm that meets the stipend eligibility requirements contained in the Project Advertisement. The stipend is not intended to compensate any non-selected Short-Listed Design-Build Firm for the total cost of preparing the Technical and Price Proposals. The Authority reserves the right, upon payment of stipend, to use any of the concepts or ideas within the Technical Proposals, as the Authority deems appropriate.

In order for a Short-Listed Design-Build Firm to remain eligible for a stipend, the Short-Listed Design-Build Firm must fully execute the stipend agreement within one (1) week after the Short-List protest period for the Design-Build Stipend Agreement, Form No. 700-011-14. The Short-Listed Design-Build Firm shall reproduce the necessary copies. Terms of said agreement are non-negotiable. A fully executed copy of the Design-Build Stipend Agreement will be returned to the Short-Listed Design-Build Firm.

A non-selected Short-Listed Design-Build Firm eligible for stipend compensation must submit an invoice for a lump sum payment of services after the selection/award process is complete. The invoice should include a statement similar to the following: "All work necessary to prepare Technical Proposal and Price Proposals in response to the Authority's RFP for the subject Project".

**VIII. Bid Proposal Requirements.**

**A. Bid Price Proposal:**

Bid Price Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Blank form attached hereto and shall include one lump sum price for the Project within which the Proposer will complete the Project. The lump sum price shall include all costs for all design, geotechnical surveys, architectural services, engineering services, Design-Build Firms quality plan, construction of the Project, and all other work necessary to fully and timely complete that portion of the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents, as well as all job site and home office overhead, and profit, it being understood that payment of that amount for that portion of the Project will be full, complete, and final compensation for the work required to complete that portion of the Project. One (1) hard copy of the Bid Price Proposal shall be hand delivered in a separate sealed package to the following:

Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority  
1104 East Twiggs Street, Suite 300  
Tampa, Florida 33602  
Attn: Man Le, Contracts and Procurement Manager

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