

## CSO Solicitation No. 2150

### Value Pricing Pilot Program Studies

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The Connecticut Department of Transportation is seeking to engage one firm to provide services under the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Value Pricing Pilot Program to study the use of congestion pricing strategies in the I-95 corridor from New York to New Haven as well as I-84 in Hartford.

- The I-95 corridor is comprised of I-95, Merritt Parkway, I-84, and Metro North Railroad. This corridor is severely congested with relatively little opportunity to provide additional highway capacity. Congestion pricing offers an opportunity to manage congestion through more efficient use of existing facilities. It also provides an opportunity to finance improvements to the highways and commuter rail that can provide additional congestion relief.

The I-84 Viaduct in the City of Hartford is one of Connecticut's most highly traveled and congested interstates. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long viaduct is nearly 50 years old and in need of replacement. The need to replace the structure presents an opportunity to address congestion problems and improve quality of life in adjoining neighborhoods. However, the high cost of replacement poses a financing problem. Congestion pricing offers a means to finance part of the viaduct replacement, as well as an opportunity to further reduce and manage congestion.

Firms applying for this assignment should be of adequate size and sufficiently staffed, experienced in tolling studies, and demonstrate the ability to provide submissions on an aggressive schedule. Please be advised that the selected firm will be required to maintain a suitably furnished office in Connecticut where the work will be accomplished for the duration of the assignment.

Successful applicants to this request will be required to provide plans, designs, environmental data, or other supporting data in a Bentley Systems, MicroStation digital CADD format; according to the latest Digital Design Environment guidelines.

If your firm desires to be considered for this assignment, your submittal should consist of a two page letter-of-interest and ConnDOT Form CSO 255 with a maximum of ten (10) resumes. One of the resumes must be that of the proposed Manager-in-Charge of the work as well as assurance that he/she will be available for work when required. The CSO 255 Form can be found online at [www.ct.gov/dot/consultant](http://www.ct.gov/dot/consultant).

Included in the submittal must be a brief narrative summarizing your firm's current workload, similar past projects, and a narrative description of proposed staff, qualifications, discipline experience and expertise in:

1. **Tolling Feasibility Studies.** Describe firm's experience in all phases of toll feasibility studies, including elements such as traffic and diversion modeling, market research, revenue forecasting, operations planning, and financial analysis.
2. **Administrative, Legal, & Institutional Structures.** Development of administrative, legal, and institutional structures and processes needed to implement tolling.
3. **Public-Private Partnerships.** Experience with development of public-private partnerships to finance transportation improvements.
4. **FHWA's Value Pricing Pilot Program.** Experience with FHWA's Value Pricing Pilot Program.

Also indicate the location and staff size of the office where the work will be performed.

**Four copies of the submittal are required, and it must be postmarked by February 6, 2012 or hand-delivered by 3 p.m. on that date.**

Prior to the negotiation process, the selected firm will be required to have a Department-approved audit and affirmative action plan, as well as current corporate registration with the Secretary of State (partnership excluded). The selected firm will also be required to maintain insurance coverage from a firm licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut. Proof of coverage must be submitted on Department Forms CON-32 and DOC-001 prior to the start of the negotiations process.

Please be advised that, as of August 1, 2007, the Office of Policy and Management has updated its contracting affidavits and certifications, as well as the timeline of when these documents are required to be completed, signed and returned. For the purposes of Form 1 (Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification), the planning date is defined as the date when the Commissioner granted approval to hire a consultant. For this project, the planning date is January 11, 2012. This is the date the selected firm must use when completing Form 1 at the time the agreement/contract is executed in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 4-252 and Executive Order No. 7C, paragraph 10. Please be advised that Form 5 (Consulting Agreement Affidavit), in its revised format (Rev. 10/1/11), must be completed and **one copy** should be submitted with your letter-of-interest package. Please do not staple or bind the affidavit in your submittal package. Forms 1 and 5 apply to all consulting agreements/contracts which have a total value to the State of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in a calendar or fiscal year. Any consultant that does not make the certifications required under subsection (c) of CGS 4-252 or refuses to submit the affidavit required under subsection (b) of CGS 4a-81 shall be disqualified and the Department shall award the agreement/contract to the next highest ranked consultant or seek new submittals in accordance with subsection (d) of CGS 4-252 and subsection (d) of CGS 4a-81. Further information on these requirements can be obtained online at <http://www.ct.gov/opm> via the Ethics Affidavits linkpage.

For all State of Connecticut (State) contracts as defined in CGS 9-612(g)(1) having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this submission in response to the State's solicitation expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice titled "Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations" (Notice) advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the Notice. The State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this solicitation.

You are advised that a disadvantaged business sub-consultant goal applies to this assignment. The goal is no less than 5 percent of the agreement value. Within the submittal, you must include the designated certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) subconsultant(s) which you plan to use. The DBE subconsultant(s) must be currently certified by the Department. All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform the major part of the work with employees of the firm. Subconsultants may be used to comply with DBE requirements or perform specialized work. Joint venturing assignments will not be allowed.

Circumstances may require the rescheduling or cancellation of this project. Should this action be necessary, the Department would be under no obligation to provide supplementary work. The Department reserves the right to award subsequent phases of an assignment to other qualified firms.

The Department reserves the right to add a project(s) of a similar nature for a separate selection, should additional projects become available prior to the interview phase of the selection process.

Please be advised that firms must continue to be pre-qualified in the specified category in the year that a shortlist is finalized and/or a selection is made.

**All inquiries regarding this request for letter-of-interest must be directed to the Consultant Selection Office at (860) 594-3017.**