

Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority
Notice of Request for Proposal for Design-Build Services for the
South Selmon Capacity Project
RFP/Contract No. O-2225

Notice is hereby given that the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority (the “Authority”) is inviting Expanded Letters of Interest (“ELOIs”) from design-build firms (“Proposers”) to render design-build services to the Authority for the **South Selmon Capacity Project** (the “Project”) as further described below and in the Request for Proposal (“RFP”). The Project will be implemented through a design-build delivery method, and the scope of work for this Project includes the furnishing of all investigations, design services, permitting, coordination, construction activities, materials, equipment, machinery, labor, and the necessary final approved construction documents to complete this Project in accordance with the requirements stated in design-build contract. The Authority has established one thousand six hundred forty (1640) calendar days to achieve Final Acceptance for the Project, commencing from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

OBTAINING THE RFP: This Notice is only a brief summary of the RFP requirements and the Project requirements and is being provided for the Proposer’s convenience. On and after November 14, 2024, the RFP (including Attachments and Forms) and the non-exempt Reference Documents for this Project are available at: <https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/#> and DemandStar at <https://network.demandstar.com/>. **Attachments and Reference Documents not attached to the RFP will be provided via a OneDrive link from the Authority. Please email Shannon Bush, the Authority’s Contracts and Procurement Manager (Procurement@tampa-xway.com) with the following subject: “THEA South Selmon Capacity Project Attachment and Reference Document Request - [Name of Proposer] – Project#: O-2225” to obtain access.**

The Reference Documents for this Project include some documents that are exempt from public disclosure as provided by Section 119.071(3)(b), Florida Statutes. **Thus, in order to receive all Reference Documents needed to propose on this Project, Proposers MUST, prior to submitting their ELOI, complete the Authority’s Exempt Documents/Security System Plan Distribution Form (Form A 00X.008) and submit to Shannon Bush, the Authority’s Contracts and Procurement Manager (Procurement@tampa-xway.com) with the following subject: “THEA South Selmon Capacity Project Exempt Docs Request - [Name of Proposer] – Project#: O-2225” to obtain access to the OneDrive link containing the exempt Reference Documents.**

The Authority’s Exempt Documents/Security System Plan Distribution Form shall be executed by the Proposer’s authorized representative, or, if the Proposer is not an architect or engineering firm, the Proposer’s Project Engineer who will be identified in its ELOI may execute the Authority’s Exempt Documents/Security System Plan Distribution Form on behalf of the Proposer. **Anyone requesting a OneDrive link from the Authority shall also include in their emailed request a scanned copy of a valid form of picture I.D., their business card, and, if applicable, documentation exhibiting their Florida professional engineering license number (such as a business card with their license number).** The Authority may request a Proposer provide original copies of any of the foregoing materials at its discretion.

Only one unique OneDrive link will be issued to each potential Proposer, which will utilize the unique OneDrive link issued by the Authority to submit all materials required by this RFP and the Contract unless otherwise directed, as well as to receive certain information, materials, or communications from the Authority.

ELOIs will not be accepted from firms that have not obtained the complete RFP through the Authority and executed the Authority's Exempt Documents/Security System Plan Distribution Form; such firms will be rejected as nonresponsive.

Any Addenda or other notifications regarding the RFP will be posted to the Authority's website <https://www.tampa-xway.com/procurement/#> and DemandStar at <https://network.demandstar.com/>. Proposers are responsible for monitoring the Authority's website throughout the entire procurement process.

All Questions related to the Project or RFP Should Be Addressed To:

Shannon Bush at Procurement@tampa-xway.com

Please use the following subject line: "SSCP Questions – [Name of Proposer] – Project#: O-2225".

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT: The Authority has issued the RFP to solicit competitive proposals from Proposers for the South Selmon Capacity Project, from west of S. Himes Avenue to east of S. Florida Avenue in Hillsborough County, a distance of approximately 4.5 miles. The following is a general description of the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents. The Authority requires improvements to the Selmon Expressway from west of S. Himes Avenue to east of S. Florida Avenue which will increase both mainline and ramp capacity while optimizing expressway traffic operations and improving safety. The Project includes these major scope elements:

- Mainline capacity expansion through the addition of an additional 12' lane in each direction from west of S. Himes Avenue (connecting to the existing 6-lane section) to approximately S. Franklin Street in downtown Tampa
- Roadway inside widening as necessary to accommodate the additional lane in each direction, plus pavement milling and resurfacing of the mainline, ramps, and select local roadways
- Select interchange and ramp improvements
- Inside widening of 26 mainline bridges to accommodate the additional lane in each direction
- Mainline bridge redecking over S. Himes Avenue and W. Mississippi Avenue
- Noise walls
- Aesthetic enhancements
- Other improvements including but not limited to sidewalks, lighting, signing, ITS, tolling, drainage, signals, utility relocations, etc.

The Design-Build Firm shall prepare designs, plans, specifications, permits, and other necessary documents and construct the project accordingly.

All work is to be performed within existing Authority or publicly owned right-of-way.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS SUMMARY: The Authority will conduct a two-phase procurement process. For Phase I, qualified Proposers must submit an ELOI to the Authority by the time and date required by the RFP. In Phase II, shortlisted Proposers will submit a technical proposal and a price proposal. This design-build contract award shall be an **adjusted score type**.

CONE OF SILENCE: Any communication directly or indirectly to seek to encourage any specific result in connection with an Authority selection process, including but not limited to, written communications,

any and all forms of electronic communications or messaging, including social media, oral communications either in person or by telephone, initiated by a Proposer or through a lobbyist, agent or third person, to any Authority employee and/or Committee/Board member who is a member of any committee constituted for the purposes of ranking submissions, making recommendations or making an award, is prohibited from the time that the procurement is released to the time that the award is made. However, the Authority's Procurement Manager or its designee may initiate communication with a Proposer in order to obtain information or clarification needed to develop a proper and accurate evaluation related to this procurement.

Until a Notice of Award is posted, all communications (except for communications at the Pre-Submittal Conference (if any), Pre-Proposal Meetings, ATC review or as otherwise explicitly stated in the Request for Proposals) relating to this procurement or Project, shall be made by sending to the following Authority email address: Procurement@tampa-xway.com, noting the nature of the communication, the Proposer's Name, and the Project Number in the subject line.

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ASPIRATION GOAL: 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. It is the policy of the Authority to encourage the participation of small businesses and disadvantaged business enterprises ("SBE") in all facets of the business activities of the Authority, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Firms proposing for this Project shall aspire to have design and construction contract costs performed by SBEs. Although not a contract requirement, the Authority believes that the aspiration goal can realistically be achieved based on current availability of SBEs. The Authority further believes that the goal can be achieved through race neutral means, using standard competitive procurement processes. Firms agree to apply their best efforts to utilize qualified SBE's as vendors, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants for the Project.

COMPLIANCE WITH NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND AUTHORITIES:

Pursuant to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, the Authority hereby notifies all Proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

INSPECTOR GENERAL: The Proposer agrees to comply with section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes.