



U.S. Department
of Transportation

Federal Highway
Administration

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Connecticut Multiple Award
Job Order Contracting (JOC) Under Special
Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14)

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In Reply Refer To:
HICP-20

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This is in reference to emails sent on November 14th and 29th by Timothy Snyder of your staff, as well as for subsequent clarifying emails and telephone calls, which endorsed and transmitted the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CONNDOT) proposal (dated November 29th) under Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14) to award Job Order Contracts (JOCs) to multiple responsive and responsible bidders.

Project Scope

1. The SEP-14 work plan details CONNDOT's approach to utilize JOC project delivery to complete an Epoxy Resin Pavement Marking Program. CONNDOT intends to advertise for competitive bids on a three-year Epoxy Resin Pavement Markings (furnish and apply) contract.
2. Contractors will competitively bid "estimated" quantities of individual work items within the contract without knowing the actual quantities or exact work locations. The bid documents will request separate bid prices for each work item within each of the four (4) CONNDOT Districts. The exact locations and design of proposed work will be determined at a later time as part of the development of specific purchase orders.

Award of Contracts

1. All responsive and responsible bidders who have submitted a materially balanced bid, as determined by CONNDOT, will be "awarded" the contract. This award will not include any actual work or funding.
2. These awarded contractors instead will become part of a "pool" of contractors to whom the CONNDOT can assign specific purchase orders in the future based on the unit prices submitted.

Development of Purchase Orders (Job Orders).

1. Throughout the three-year period of this pilot program, CONNDOT will develop purchase orders to have pavement markings installed on specific roadway sections. These purchase orders will include an estimated quantity of each work item required.

Using this estimated quantity and the pool of awarded contractor's unit bid prices, CONNDOT will assign each purchase order to the contractor whose bid prices provide the lowest overall cost for that specific purchase order.

2. If the selected contractor is not available to perform the required work at the time the purchase order is issued, then CONNDOT may proceed to the next lowest overall cost contractor from the pool to perform the work.

Other details are contained in CONNDOT's SEP-14 workplan.

We have one comment on the SEP-14 workplan:

Under **Measures**, we recommend that CONNDOT add the following bullet:

- Comparison of number of bids received.

Subject to the above, CONNDOT's SEP-14 workplan for the use of Multiple Award Job Order Contracting delivery to complete an Epoxy Resin Pavement Marking Program is approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this SEP-14 request. If you have any questions, please contact Gerald Yakowenko at (202) 366-1562, or John Huyer at (651) 291-6111.