



Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Rhode Island Indefinite Delivery/
Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracting under
Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14)

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To: Carlos Machado
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This memorandum is in reference to a February 21st email from Anthony Rotondo of your office, which transmitted the following documents:

1. A Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) workplan for the use of Indefinite Delivery/ Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contracting under Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14). The workplan addresses three (3) IDIQ Contracts for Bridge Preservation: (1) General Bridge Preservation; (2) Painting; and (3) In-Water Work; and;
2. A draft Request for Proposals (RFP) document for the General Bridge Preservation contract. The Painting and In-Water work RFP's will be very similar and are still being drafted.

RIDOT intends to advertise RFP's for the above three contracts and to select multiple contractors for each contract based on their qualifications for relevant work. Contractors will be required to submit their qualifications based on the requirements of the RFP.

RIDOT will convene a Technical Evaluation Group (TEG) to review and evaluate all proposals. Proposals will consist of qualifications only; no price component will be used for the selections. The TEG will evaluate the contractor's qualifications in accordance with the requirements of the RFP. An award of a contract is not a guarantee of work.

Contractors who are awarded contracts will be given opportunities to bid on task order assignments under their respective contracts.

The on-call bridge preservation contracts will be three-year contracts with the option of two (2) 1-year extensions that RIDOT reserves the right to exercise. RIDOT will assign task assignments within the first three years of service. The extension option will be utilized to complete any ongoing original construction services. All services must be

completed within the five-year contract term. RIDOT anticipates that the contracts will be awarded in Spring of 2020.

Once the contracts are executed and qualified contractors are on board, RIDOT will issue task orders with specific work items to all the contractors (within each respective contract) to bid on. The lowest bidder will then be selected to do the work. Contractors may elect to not bid on a task order, but this will not affect their participation in any future task orders.

RIDOT will distribute individual task orders to the selected contractors for bidding throughout the first three years of the contract.

Additional details may be found within the SEP-14 workplan.

Subject to the condition below, FHWA hereby approves RIDOT's SEP-14 Workplan for the use of the ID/IQ Contracting method on three (3) IDIQ Contracts for Bridge Preservation: (1) General Bridge Preservation; (2) Painting; and (3) In-Water Work; each contract will have a base three (3) year duration with two (2) one-year options.

- Under **REPORTING**, we recommend that the second paragraph be amended to require annual interim reports for each contract. These reports should be submitted to the FHWA Rhode Island Division Office

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this SEP-14 request. Should you have any questions, please contact John Huyer at (720) 437-0515 or Gerald Yakowenko at (202) 366-1562.