



Memorandum

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

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In Reply Refer To:
HICP-20

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This memorandum is in reference to a March 24th 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 for On-Call Steel Bridge Repairs under Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14); and;
2. A draft Request for Proposals (RFP) document for the Steel Bridge Repair contract

RIDOT intends to advertise RFPs for the contract and to select multiple contractors for the 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 Steel Bridge Repairs contract will be a 3-year contract with the option of two (2) 1-year extensions that RIDOT reserves the right to exercise. RIDOT will assign task order assignments within the first 3 years of service. The extension option will be utilized to complete any ongoing original construction services. All services must be completed within the 5-year contract term. RIDOT anticipates that the contract will be awarded in Spring/Summer 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 3 years of the contract. All work under a task order shall be "Lump Sum".

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

Subject to the conditions below, FHWA hereby approves RIDOT's SEP-14 Workplan for the use of the ID/IQ Contracting for Steel Bridge Repair; each contract will have a base three (3) year duration with two (2) 1-year options.

- Under **Reporting**, we recommend that the second paragraph be amended to require annual interim reports for the contract. These reports should be submitted to the FHWA Rhode Island Division Office
- Also under **Reporting**, we recommend that RIDOT include an evaluation of the use of "Lump Sum" bids for task orders.

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.