



**ITS Infrastructure for East and West Selmon Project
Hillsborough County**

**Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority
Project No. O-4525**

**Phased Design-Build
Notice of Intent to Advertise**

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The Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (“THEA” or the “Authority”) has issued this *Notice of Intent to Advertise* for the upcoming procurement of a design-build firm to design and construct the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Infrastructure for East and West Selmon Project (the “Project”) through a phased design-build contract.

1 Project Purpose, Scope, and Limits

The Authority seeks to expand its system’s ITS infrastructure to create full coverage for its traffic incident management system, ultimately providing the Authority with real-time data to support and enhance system operations, safety, asset management, emergency response and management, and long-term planning.

The proposed project limits for the ITS deployment are (i) from the east side of Gandy Bridge to the west side of South Himes Avenue and (ii) from the South Tampa Street ramp to the intersection of Brandon Parkway and East Lumsden Road.

To optimize the design of the proposed project scope, it is the Authority’s intent to promote the use of innovative design concepts, components, details, and construction techniques for this Project.

2 Project Delivery Method

The Project is anticipated to be delivered through a phased design-build contract, which is a collaborative project delivery method that combines the planning phase, design phase, and construction phase under one contract. The Authority intends to select a preferred design-build firm based on qualifications through a future Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

Upon execution of the phased design-build agreement between the Authority and the design-build firm, the planning phase will commence. During the planning phase, the design-build firm will collaborate and coordinate with the Authority, its representatives, and its stakeholders to progress and optimize the Project’s design and prepare preliminary design plans and project execution documents that meet the scope and goals of the Project. In addition, the design-build firm will develop a Request to Continue (RtC) package, which will include, at a minimum, an opinion of probable construction cost, proposed construction schedule, preliminary design documents and specifications, and a proposed design phase guaranteed maximum price. The Authority and the design-build firm may negotiate the contents of the RtC.

Should the Authority approve the RtC, the Authority may authorize the design-build firm to advance from the planning phase to the design phase. During the design phase, the design-build firm will (i) continue to advance the Project design to final design plans and specifications and (ii) develop Work Package Proposals (WPP), which will include, at a minimum, proposed design documents, specifications, schedule, terms, and a guaranteed maximum price for the construction of the Project. The Authority and the design-build firm may negotiate the contents of the WPP; should

such negotiations be successful, the Authority may authorize the design-build firm to construct the scope defined in the WPP. Upon such authorization, the construction phase will commence. The term of the phased design-build contract will continue until the completion of the authorized construction work.

Should the Authority not approve a RtC or WPP, the Authority may exercise its rights to terminate all or part of the phased design-build contract; the Authority's termination options and processes will be defined in the future RFQ.

3 Project Goals

The Authority's anticipated goals for the Project are as follows:

1. Extend coverage of the existing traffic incident management system across the entire Selmon Expressway system to provide the Authority with real-time data to support and enhance system operations, safety, asset management, emergency response and management, and long-term planning;
2. Collaborate with a design-build firm during project planning and design phases to optimize the project design, particularly ITS device type, quantity, coverage, effectiveness, cost-efficiency, and capability;
3. Leverage a phased design-build delivery approach to foster collaboration amongst THEA, a design-build firm, adjacent project contractors, and project stakeholders;
4. Leverage a phased design-build delivery approach to identify and mitigate project risks including, but not limited to, design, constructability, integration, right-of-way (ROW), environmental, utility, and third-party risks;
5. Leverage a design-build firm's expertise to address constructability challenges for ITS installations, particularly on existing segmental bridges;
6. Gain transparency into project costs through a phased design-build open-book pricing process and successfully negotiate price, schedule, and terms with a design-build team for the final design and construction of the Project.

4 Anticipated Procurement Strategy and Schedule

The Authority will seek expanded letters of response from qualified proposers through a future RFQ. The anticipated pre-qualification requirements for this Project are shown in Section 5, below.

The anticipated Project advertisement is scheduled for December 2025.

5 Anticipated Pre-Qualification and Bonding Requirements

The anticipated minimum pre-qualification requirements for the future RFQ are as follows:

- The design-build firm (or the entity’s prime contractor) must be qualified under Rule, 14-22, Florida Administrative Code, in the following Construction Work Classes:
 - 8. Electrical Work
 - 16. Intelligent Transportation Systems
- The intent of the phased design-build process is to finalize the scope, schedule, and cost of the Project during the planning and design phases. As the Project advances, the design-build firm will identify, solicit quotes from, and select qualified subcontractors for the construction phase; the timing, roles, responsibilities, and expectations of such subcontracting processes will be described in the future RFQ. The design-build firm may use qualified subcontractors for the following Construction Work Classes:
 - 10. Flexible Paving
 - 23. Major Bridge – Concrete Segmental Construction
- The design-build firm’s professional services firm (whether as the design-build firm or as the lead design firm) must be qualified under Rule 14-75, Florida Administrative Code, in the following Work Type:
 - 6.3 Intelligent Transportation Systems Analysis, Design and Implementation
- Subconsultants may be utilized to meet the remaining Work Types:
 - 3.1 Minor Highway Design
 - 4.1.1 Miscellaneous Structures
 - 4.2.3 Major Bridge Design – Segmental
 - 8.1. Control Surveying
 - 8.2 Design, Right of Way, and Construction Surveying
 - 8.3 Photogrammetric Mapping
 - 9.1 Soil Exploration
 - 9.4.1 Foundation Studies

The anticipated minimum bonding requirements for the future RFQ are as follows:

- At the time of expanded letter of response submission, the design-build firm must be able to demonstrate the capacity to furnish 100% performance and payment bonds in an amount not less than forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) for the Project.

The following firms have participated or are actively participating in the development of the scope or procurement documentation for the Project and will be prohibited from proposing with a Proposer and participating as part of a design-build firm on the Project:

- HNTB Corporation
- RK&K, LLP

6 Procurement Contact

Questions regarding the anticipated required pre-qualifications, bonding requirements or other procurement inquiries may be directed to:

E-mail: Procurement@tampa-xway.com

E-mail subject must be: “Selmon ITS PDB - [Name of Entity] – Project#: O-4525”

7 Anticipated SBE 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 SBEs. It is the policy of the Authority to encourage the participation of small business enterprises 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 work performed by SBEs.

8 Disclosures

The information contained within this Notice of Intent to Advertise is subject to change in the Authority’s sole discretion.

This Notice of Intent to Advertise does not commit the Authority to undertake efforts, respond to inquiries, nor to procure or contract for any articles, materials, or services.