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We are talking now if you can't hear us check that your speakers are on and volume is up.



Agenda

Introductions - Bill Oldenburg

General Meeting

- a) General Announcements & NHDOT Updates Bill Oldenburg
 - a. NHDOT Working Virtually
 - b. Virtual Public Meetings
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 - d. Contract discussions during solicitations.
 - e. Shortlist Notification
 - f. Requests for debriefs on non-selection
 - g. Consultant Committee firm presentations
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 - i. Changes in Technical Review requirements (LPA contracts)
- b) Updates on the LPA Program CR Willeke, Municipal Highways Engineer
- c) Highway Sub-Committee Updates Ron Grandmaison, Chief of Pavement Section
- d) Bridge Sub-Committee Updates Loretta Girard Doughty, Bridge Design Admin.
- e) Contracts Sub-Committee Updates Bill Oldenburg
- f) Every Day Counts 6 Bill Oldenburg
- g) Question and Answer Open Discussion



11th Bi-Annual NHDOT/ACEC Partnering Meeting

NHDOT

- Bill Oldenburg
- Keith Cota (retired)
- Ted Kitsis
- Jim Marshall
- Loretta Girard Doughty
- CR Willeke

FHWA

Michelle Marshall

ACEC

- Alex Koutroubas
- Chris Mullevey (HTA)
- Marty Kennedy (VHB)
- Rob Faulkner (CHA)
- Darren Blood (GM2)
- Mike Long (MJ)



Asking Questions

- Anytime during the Presentation we will take questions:
 - Chat Box.
 - "Raise Your Hand".
 - Voice or Phone call
- We will also be taking questions at the end of the General Meeting.



General Announcements

- Due to COVID issues, Governor has instituted a hiring/promotion freeze.
- Keith Cota (42 yrs.) "Chief Project Manager"
 - retired August 15
- Bill Hardiman (43 yrs.) "The Contracts Guy"
 - retired September 30
- Jeff Brillhart Former Assistant Commissioner
 - passed away September 15
- Exit 4A Design-Build contract was cancelled.



NHDOT Working Virtually

- In the JOM Building
 - 30-40% Working Remotely
 - Extensive use of Zoom
 - We are now rolling out Teams
 - JOM is still "restricted access"
 - Consultant interaction has been "virtual"



Virtual Public Meetings

- Initially was a struggle to understand and find what our legal obligations were.
- We have attended Public Officials meetings, in person and remotely.
- We have held Public Informational meetings remotely.
- We have conducted remote Public Hearings.



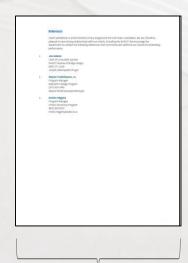
Electronic RFQ Submissions

Interested firms must submit a Letter of Interest, no more than 2 pages long, with 1 additional page identifying 3 current references, on or before April 13, 2020 to:

William J. Oldenburg, PE, Assistant Director of Project Development Chairperson, Consultant Selection Committee via e-mail (receipt will be confirmed): William.Oldenburg@dot.nh.gov







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2 Page Letter of Interest

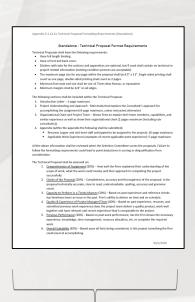
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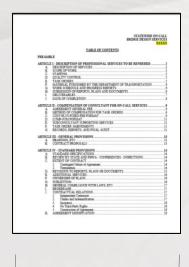
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Electronic RFP Submissions

The Department is temporarily suspending the requirement to submit hardcopies of the technical proposals. An electronic version (.pdf format) is required as part of the Request for Proposal (RFP) requirements. There are two options to submit the .pdf file; if under 20mb email to william.oldenburg@dot,nh.gov; if over 20mb upload the .pdf file onto a flash drive, CD or other acceptable media and submit as stated below.







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Proposal Formatting

Draft Scope of Work

Negotiation Schedule ◀

Filename: "Firm Name - Contract Name"



Electronic RFQ/RFP Submissions

- You will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt.
- I try not to be out on days that RFQ/RFPs are due.
 - If I am out, have no fear if you received an Out of Office reply you're OK.
- If for some reason the file is "undeliverable", have no fear we'll work it out.
 - Occasionally we still have issues with proposals not coming thru our system due to file size.



Contract Discussions/Questions

RFQ:

Contact For additional information contact:
Information: Joseph Adams, Bridge Design, at 603.271.1618 or Joseph.Adams@dot.nh.gov

RFP:

This material should be received at the Department no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, June 29, 2020. Technical and administrative questions relating to this project and the technical proposal request should be directed to Loretta Girard Doughty, PE, Administrator, NHDOT Bridge Design Bureau, at (603) 271-3921 Loretta.Doughty@dot.nh.gov, or to Joseph Adams, PE, Chief of Consultant Section, NHDOT Bureau of Bridge Design, at (603) 271-1618 Joseph.Adams@dot.nh.gov.

You may call and talk to these people to ask questions about the solicitation or the contract. They will answer to the best of their ability. They will be consistent with their answers to all firms.



Shortlist Notifications

- In the past there was no individual notification (we put it on the website – eventually).
- Now that we receive Letters of Interest via e-mail (i.e. we have your contact info) we can send out notifications to those firms that were not shortlisted.



Shortlist Notifications - SAMPLE

This is to inform you that on October 1, 2020 the Consultant Selection Committee met to review and shortlist firms for the Statewide Lawn Mower Racing contract that you had submitted a Letter of Interest for.

The following firms were shortlisted for further consideration:

- 1. Dear John
- Cub E Cadet
- 3. Husky Varna

Thank you for your interest in working with NHDOT.



Request for Debriefs

Please understand that prior to G&C:

- We cannot talk about the reason why one firm was selected over another.
- We cannot talk about ways your firm could improve for the next solicitation.
- We cannot let you see other firms Proposals until after G&C has approved the contract. You can never see a Statewide proposal.
- If something happens between shortlisting and G&C award and we have to re-solicit the contract it gives you an unfair advantage.



Firm Presentations to the Consultant Committee

- Currently we have a list of firms that are interested in doing presentations to the Consultant Selection Committee.
- Most have said they would wait until after the COVID lockdown, but some are showing interest again.
- We will allow remote presentations if your interested.



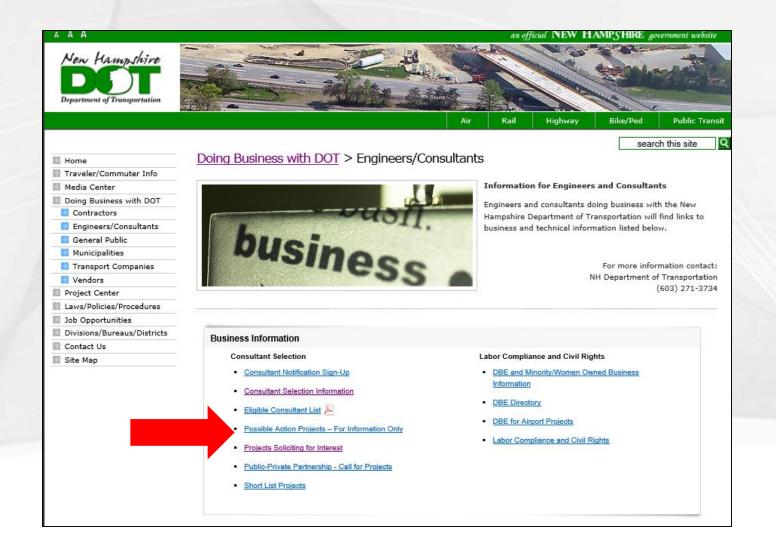
Firm Presentations to the Consultant Committee

Presentations:

- 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.
- Start at 8:30am
- 30 minutes plus 5-10 minutes of Q&A.
- Can be about specific firm capabilities.
- Submit electronic handouts prior to the meeting.
- CANNOT do a presentation within a month prior to shortlisting or selection.

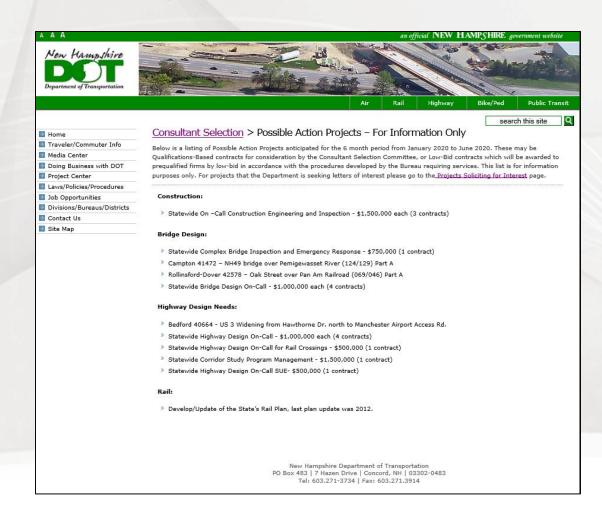


Upcoming Projects and RFP's





Upcoming Projects and RFP's



This is the Current Listing from Jan. 2020 -July 2020



Upcoming Projects and RFP's

- List will be updated in July 2020 only kidding
- New list will cover July 2020 Dec. 2020 soon
- New Solicitations until end of year
 - Bedford 16100: Toll Plaza conversion to AET
 - Bedford 40664: US 3 from Hawthorne Dr. north to Manchester Airport Access Rd.
 - Campton 41472: NH49 bridge over Pemi.
 - Rollinsford-Dover 42578: Oak St. bridge over RR.



Technical Review Requirements (LPA Program)

QBS Requirements:

2.1.17.5 Pre-award Technical Review

All prime consultants shall have a Technical Review completed. When the estimated fee for services for any sub-consultants is equal to or greater than \$200,000, a pre-award technical review shall be conducted.

- All prime consultants, no matter their contract value.
- All sub-consultants who have a cumulative total of active NHDOT contracts equal to or greater than \$200,000.

This shall now be the same requirement for the LPA Program: TAP, CMAQ, SAB, etc..

Previously the threshold was \$10,000 it will now be \$200,000. Sub-Consultant self-certification requirement in the near future.

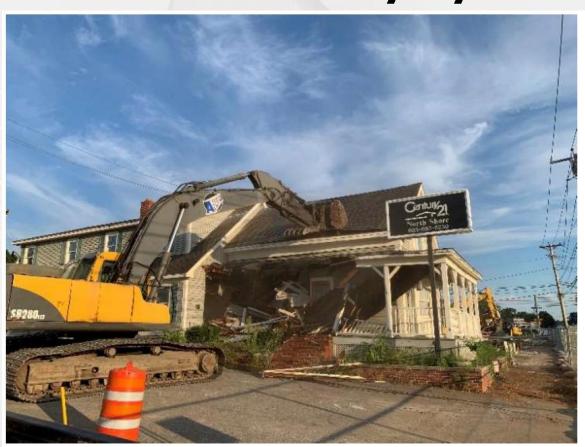


Updates on the LPA Program

 CR Willeke, Municipal Highways Engineer, in Planning & Community Assistance



ACEC Partnering Meeting 10/2/2020





NHDOT Local Public Agency (LPA) Program Updates New Hampshire

Local Federal Aid Programs

Approximately \$30 Million/Year

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS)(ending)
- Municipal Off-System Bridge (MOBRR)
- Other Fed Aid,
- Emergency Relief (ER)
- > Earmarks, etc...



Local State Aid Programs

Approximately \$7 Million/Year

- State Bridge Aid
- State Highway Aid (currently not funded)
- Second Annual State Bridge Aid report to Governor and Council should be complete by the end of October

Somewhat different than in the past the term "LPA" can refer to either Federal or State Funded projects



NHDOT Community Assistance Section

Bill Watson

Tom Jameson

Kevin Russell

Bob Hudson

Ron Kleiner

Vacant/Frozen

Vacant/Frozen

Kim Ware

Dawn Pulica

C.R. Willeke

Administrator, Planning & Comm. Asst.

Program Manager TAP & CMAQ

Project Manager, Roadway & Bridge

Project Manager, HSIP

Bridge Engineer, State Bridge Aid

Program Manager

Part-time Project Manager

Program Specialist

Program Assistant

Municipal Highways Engineer



What are LPAs? Local Public Agencies

- Municipalities
- School groups
- State Agencies
- Non-Profits (except TAP funded)

LPA's receive Federal or State funds

thru NHDOT

AKA "Sub-Recipients"



Federal LPA Training Requirements

- ➤ 1 Day of Planning & Community Assistant training plus
- > 1/2 Day Office of Federal Compliance (OFC) training (for infrastructure projects)
- > Who must attend?
 - LPA "Person in Responsible Charge"
 - Consultant Engineer of Record
 - Consultant Contract Administrator / Resident Engineer
- **LPA Certification good for <u>four</u> years OFC Certification good for <u>two</u> years**



Recent Notices for you to be aware of:

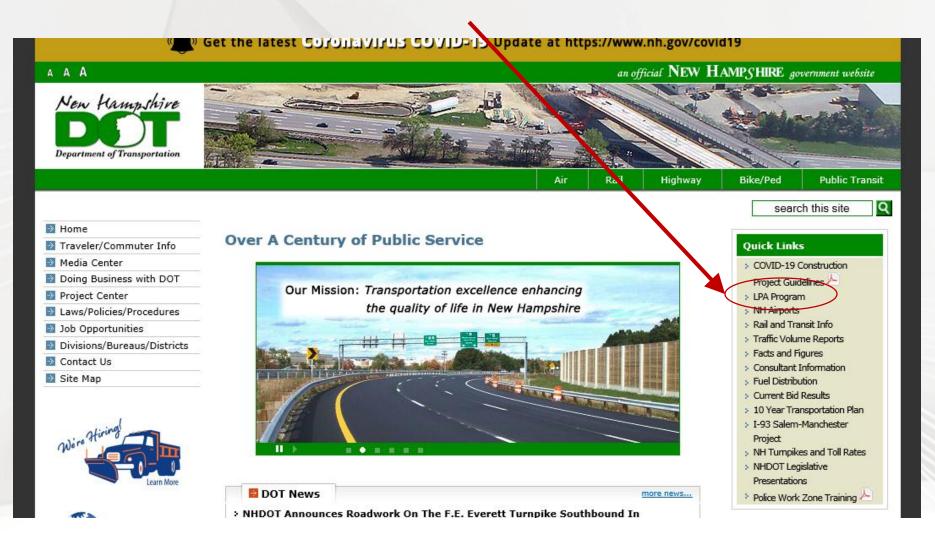
- > 2020-01: Covid19 Construction Guidelines
- > 2020-02: Electronic Reimbursements
- > 2020-03: LPA Management Options
- > 2020-04: PE/CE Line in the Sand
- > 2020-05: PE/CE Conflict of Interest
- > 2020-06: LPA Public Meeting Policy Covid19

Posted on our NHDOT web site:

www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/ lpa.htm

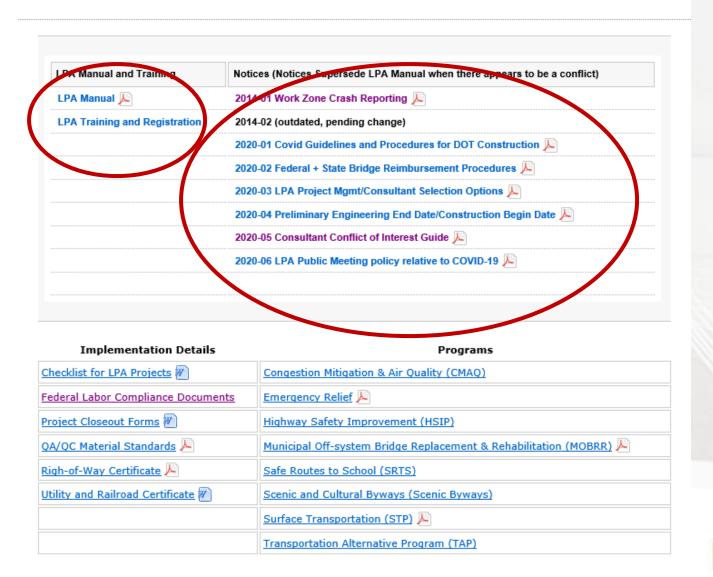


Click from NHDOT Main Web Page





Can click on Manual, Training, and Notices





Notice #2020-02 Federal and State Bridge Reimbursement Procedures

- NHDOT no longer accepting hardcopy/paper reimbursement requests
- Submit all reimbursement requests to:
 - "ReimburseRequest@dot.nh.gov"



Notice #2020-03 LPA Project Management Options

Opt #1 - Locally Managed (current process)

Opt #2 - Prequalification by NHDOT

"Pre-Qual"

Opt #3 - NHDOT Managed "On-Call"

LPA's can use multiple options - Example:

The LPA could pick:

Opt#2 for Preliminary Engineering services and Opt#3 for Construction Engineering services

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LPA Project Management Options Opt#1 Locally Managed

- ➤ Is just the current LPA Federal or State process and will continue as an option
- ➤ With Option #1, the LPA manages the QBS process, hires the qualified firm, pays the bills, and seeks reimbursement from the NHDOT (typically 80%)



LPA Project Management Options Opt#2 Prequalification by NHDOT

- Allows the LPA to select from NHDOT pre-qualified lists of firms capable and experienced in advancing LPA projects. There will separate "Pre-Qual" lists for both PE and CE.
- The LPA solicits RFQ's from at least 3 firms on the "Pre-Qual" list (no \$), reviews and ranks proposals, selects one firm, gets DOT approval for scope and fee, pays the bills, and seeks reimbursement from the NHDOT (typically 80%)
- ➤ PE and CE "Pre-Qual" Lists will be updated annually by NHDOT
 New Hampshire

LPA Project Management Options Opt#3 NHDOT Managed

- ➤ LPA agrees in writing to allow the NHDOT to manage the LPA project. NHDOT collects LPA's share of project costs (typically 20%) upfront or possibly in advance of milestone phases (PE, ROW, CON)
- NHDOT manages the QBS process, hires the qualified consulting firm as an "On-Call", and directly pays the bills with Federal or State dollars and previously collected local dollars



LPA Project Management Options

- We want to emphasize that this is a new process currently under development and will evolve over time.
- Opt#2 <u>CE</u> "Pre-Qual" list to be posted on line soon
- Opt#2 <u>PE</u> "Pre-Quals" currently under review
- Option #3 NHDOT Managed PE and CE "On-Calls" have been shortlisted, requests for proposals to short listed firms is next step

New Hampshire

Notice #2020-05 Conflict of Interest Guidelines

- ➤ June 12, 2013 Guideline reminder: firms that perform the engineering design for a project should not be selected for construction engineering for same project
- If Notice to Proceed to Advertise Bids received from NHDOT <u>before January 1, 2021</u>, then all LPA projects <u>should</u> be utilizing a different CE firm for construction than the PE firm that did the design
- If Notice to Proceed to Advertise Bids received from NHDOT <u>after Jan 1, 2021</u>, then all LPA's <u>shall</u> <u>comply with the guideline and change firms</u>



Notice #2020-05 Conflict of Interest Guidelines

Date <u>Definition</u>:

The defining date is the date an LPA project receives written approval to advertise (solicit bids) from NHDOT. The date of this communication from NHDOT will determine if you need to comply with Notice #2020-05.



Between now and end of year and want same firm for PE & CE

- Statement by firm no conflict exists with a short plan on how that will continue, or
- Statement by the firm that a potential conflict could be perceived but mitigation measures will be implemented and tracked that will assure no conflict of interest, or
- ➤ Statement by the firm that a conflict exists. In this case, the Department, LPA and consultant would have to come to specific written agreement that through the firm's disclosure of any association, interest, or circumstance which could influence the firm's judgment or quality of services, every reasonable effort will be made to eliminate any potential conflicts.

New Hampshire

Conflict of Interest after January 1, 2021

- ➤ A more formal waiver process is outlined in Notice #2020-05 as well as the June 12, 2013 guideline,
- ➤ However the NHDOT's intent is to not allow the same firm for PE and CE services on the same project and only grant waivers after January 1, 2021 on a very limited basis



Conflict of Interest

- The recently mentioned pre-qualified lists of PE and CE firms will help communities find qualified CE firms
- ➤ The upcoming NHDOT managed option will also help
- ➤ The six month transition time line will provide ample time for LPA's to line up separate CE services
- Lowers the risk and potential perception of conflict, as well as brings LPA's into compliance with existing 2013 guideline and NHDOT practice

Notice #2020-06 LPA Public Meeting Policy

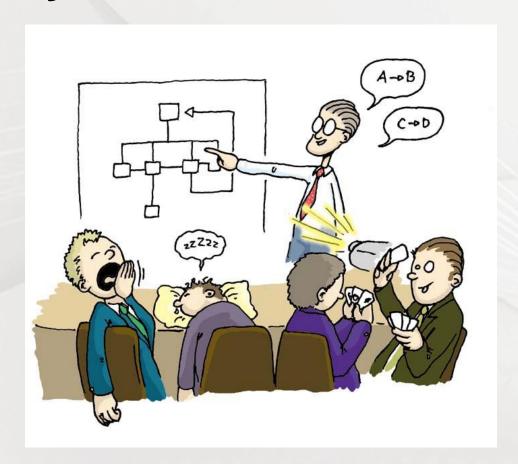
- ➤ For Federal and State Funded projects the intent is for the LPA to follow the local guidelines for meetings and social distancing when hosting public informational meetings (Local Concerns Meeting, Proposed Action Meetings, General Information Meetings)
- ➤ If the Informational Meeting is "virtual only" then direct abutters must be notified 30 days ahead of time via certified mail and also given a 10 day time period following the virtual meeting to submit comments/concerns to the sponsor.

Notice #2020-06 LPA Public Meeting Policy

➤ If a Public Meeting for eminent domain is necessary, likely in-person meeting will be required. See your NHDOT project manager for additional guidance



Thank you – Questions?



C.R. Willeke Municipal Highways Engineer



Update: Bridge Design Sub-Committee

 Loretta Girard Doughty, Bridge Design Administrator



Update: Highway Design Sub-Committee

 Ron Grandmaison, Chief of Pavement Section in Highway Design



Update: Contracts Sub-Committee

NHDOT

- Keith Cota (retired)
- Joe Adams
- Loretta Girard Doughty
- Jim Marshall
- Bill Oldenburg

CONSULTANTS

- Marty Kennedy (VHB)
- Roch Larochelle (HDR)
- Jason Beaudet (CMA)
- Josh McAllister (HEB)
- Rich Tetreault (WSP)
- Ken Koornneef (Nobis)
- Darren Blood (GM2)



Update: Contracts Sub-Committee

- Standardized Scope and Fee
- Consultant Selection Manual
- COVID-19 Language
- 3D Contract Plan Deliverables
- Ownership of Plans
- Project Closeout Audit Language



Every Day Counts 6

Executive Session: September 23, 2020 EDC-6 Innovation Topics:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/every daycounts/edc_6/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_uKK ZpTv3bQ&feature=youtu.be



Every Day Counts 6

Through the efforts of EDC:
STIC Grant funding - \$100,000/yr.
AID Demonstration Grant funding

https://www.nh.gov/dot/programs/stic/index.htm



General Discussion

Any one have any questions:

- Chat Box.
- "Raise Your Hand".
- Voice or Phone call



Thank You

Winter Conference – January 15, 2021
Technical Exchange Conference – April 15, 2021
Next Partnering Meeting – May 5, 2021

