



**Forsyth County Procurement**  
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**ADDENDUM #2**

**RFQ 20-68-3150**

**For:** Qualifications from firms for providing design and construction of Old Atlanta Road Phases 4 & 5. The engineer (design) is expected to become the Engineer of Record. The project consists of widening the existing two-lane road to four lanes, two lanes in each direction with twenty-foot wide raised medians, shoulders, and curb & gutter. The project also includes a five-foot sidewalk and a ten-foot multi-use trail from St. Marlo to James Burgess Road. The estimated length of the project is 3.1 miles.

Only firms that have been prequalified with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to perform this class of work should send qualifications, because GDOT prequalification is one of the prequalification criteria for this project. Include your GDOT qualification specification letter with response.

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to identify firms that will be “reliable” bidders on a sensitive project. Firms that are determined as “prequalified” will then be invited to participate in the public Invitation to Bid for the construction of Old Atlanta Road Phases 4 & 5. (Bidders must be prequalified under this RFQ in order to bid for the project.)

This addendum supersedes and supplements all portions of the bidding documents and

becomes part of the contract documents for the above-referenced project.

Where any item called for in the specifications or indicated on the drawings is supplemented hereby, the original requirements shall remain in effect.

Where any original item is amended, voided or superseded hereby, the provision of such item not so specifically amended, voided or superseded shall remain in effect.

**Response to questions received (*response in italics*)**

1. Page 1, Notice of RFQ, Please specify which GDOT area classes are required. Generally, this project would require 1.10, 3.02 or 3.03, 3.07, 3.09, 3.12, 3.13, 4.01a, 6.01a, 6.02, 6.03, and 9.01 as a minimum.  
*These classifications are required at a minimum, also classification area 3.10 is required, as well as 3.12 for hydraulic studies, and 5.01 and 5.02 for survey.*
2. Page 1, Notice of RFQ, in order to become the "Engineer of Record", GA law requires an individual to have direct knowledge and/or supervisory control of the design. This is not legally possible without verifying data and calculations of the original engineer. EOR's would need all Survey, Geotechnical Studies, Traffic Studies, Drainage Calculations, and Roadway design files from the original engineer with a guarantee from the County, that the data provided by the

County could be "relied upon" for the new EOR to complete their design. Will the County provide these items? *All information available will be provided.*

3. Page 1, Notice of RFQ, If the County will not provide the items necessary to legally become the EOR of work originally provided by others, will the County grant access to the Right of Way (and beyond) for design teams to obtain their own design database?  
*Since the county will have possession of the Right of Way and Easements, the successful team can perform any tasks within these areas. If needed after award, a letter/or communication can be provided to property owners if activities extend beyond the right of way or easement.*
4. Page 7, Scope Narrative, are there any in place commitments to the citizens of Forsyth County that need to be considered? If so, please provide.  
*Any commitments made to property owners will be provided, after teams are prequalified.*
5. Page 9, Minimum Qualification Criteria #8, Utility Coordination could be provided by a firm prequalified by GDOT in area class 3.10. Would this be acceptable in lieu of being a direct employee of the contractor? Not allowing this will restrict competition.  
*Classification area 3.10 is added. (See question #1)*
6. Page 9, Minimum Qualification Criteria #5a, Engineering firms are not typically asked to provide a list of equipment used. Please specify what equipment should be listed.  
*This requirement is not pertaining to the Engineering firm.*
7. Page 9, Minimum Qualification Criteria #5e, there have not been many projects similar to Atlanta road built in the last 10 years. An engineer's knowledge is for a lifetime, request that the sample projects not be restricted to 10 years. *10 year period is adequate, also note it is not stipulated for the Atlanta area.*
8. Plans, Has the County obtained all the necessary ROW and easements for the project as shown in the plans?  
*All right of way and easements based on the current plans will be acquired or in the county's possession before the award.*
9. Plans, At STA 284+00 a 1:1 slope is indicated, and that a geotechnical engineer will need to verify its suitability. Is GDOT area classes 6.01a and 6.01b required?  
*Both classification areas 6.01a, 6.01b and 6.02 are required.*
10. Page 1, Notice of RFQ, has a 404 Permit and Stream Buffer Variance been obtained for this project, or will it be the responsibility of the contracting team? if complete, will the contracting team be allowed to modify it? If still needed will GDOT area classes 1.06b, 1.06c, 1.06d, 1.06e, 1.06f and 1.06g be required?  
*404 Permit and Stream Buffer Variances will be acquired prior to award. The expectation is for design to stay within the limits of the 404 permit and Stream Buffer Variances.*

11. Plans, several sections of the plans that are listed on the index are not included, such as Summary of Quantities, Traffic Diagrams, Drainage Area Map, Staging Plans, Utility Plans and Erosion Control Plans. Will these be provided? *See response to Question #2.*
12. Plans, there are several stream crossings within the project limits that are within FEMA floodplains. Have hydraulics studies and the necessary coordination been completed for these crossings? If so, will the information be provided the contracting team and not made the responsibility of the EOR? If not, will GDOT area class 3.12 or 4.04 be required? *This will need to be verified by the Engineer.*
13. Plans, Are there any requirements for permanent stormwater BMPs (MS4)? There are none currently shown on the plans. *The County does not require MS4.*
14. Plans, Will Forsyth County provide the survey database, and if so, what format? Will additional survey be necessary? If survey is required will GDOT area classes 5.01, 5.02 and 5.03 be required? *See response to Question #1.*
15. Page 7, Paragraph 6, "Certification of Safety" – please confirm you are requesting information regarding project-related claims, accidents and safety violations only. *The request for information is for project-related claims, accidents and safety violations.*
16. Will this project be let as a unit price contract or as a Lump Sum – Design Build contract similar to the GDOT model for Design Builds? *This is a Request for Qualifications, so that we can Pre-Qualify firms to Bid the project. The Bid solicitation has not been finalized at this time.*
17. What is the procurement schedule for the project once the eligible teams are chosen? GDOT usually allows 3 to 4 months with multiple rounds of questions in order to fully clarify the expectations of the owner in the provided design and to allow the teams sufficient time to generate bid quantities. *Anticipated time frame is 2-3 months.*
18. Will the full set of plans and CAD files used to produce them be provided to the selected teams? *Full set of plans was provided with this RFQ. We will provide the CAD files we have to the awarded contractor.*
19. The amount of work required to properly bid a Design-Build project of this size and complexity is very costly to the bidding teams. Will the County be providing a stipend to the bidding teams that are unsuccessful. *Firms that submit bids and are not successful will be paid a stipend of \$1,000.00.*
20. What is the projected completion date for the project with the understanding that design and review of a project this size could take more than a year to complete. *We are requesting that the firms provide their schedule to complete design and construction.*
21. Will the provided designs be passed through GDOT for approval? *No.*

22. Will additional Technical Provisions and Design Requirements be provided to the selected teams? *Yes, we will provide available documents.*
23. How will the successful proposer be chosen? Low bid only or Graded Submittals? *It is anticipated to award to the low bid as only firms that have been pre-qualified can participate.*
24. Do you have an anticipated design build budget for the project? *We do not.*
25. Can you please add an additional week to the submittal deadline once these questions are answered. *No, we will not be extending the closing date.*

End of Addendum #2