

REGIONAL ORIGIN AND DESTINATIONS SURVEYS RFP

NYS Contract Reporter Announcement
NYMTC & NYSDOT Website Announcement
Contract #C000792
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The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, via its host, the New York State Department of Transportation, is releasing this Non A/E Request for Proposals to seek professional consultant services to design, test and implement Regional Origin and Destination Surveys (RODS) from a responsive and responsible consultant to provide the subject services under Contract #C000792.

The RODS project encompasses three surveys that will complement other information collected by NYMTC for planned improvements and enhancements to its New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM). The RODS would capture origin/destination as well as socio-economic and demographic information from users of suburban bus systems, New York City East River Bridges and at designated NYBPM external stations. These data would then be used in the calibration and validation of the NYBPM's transit, external-internal, and highway assignment sub-models. The NYBPM once calibrated and validated, is then used by NYMTC to predict future travel demand that includes trip generation, trip distribution, mode split, and twenty-four (24) hour vehicular traffic assignment for metropolitan areas within the NYMTC's twenty-eight (28) county region.

The selected Consultant shall collect and provide travel survey data. They shall not make any modifications to the NYBPM as part of this project.

Under RODS the following surveys will be performed:

1. Suburban Bus O/D Survey (independent systems)
2. New York East Side Major Crossings O/D Survey
3. External Auto/Truck O/D Survey.

The main purpose of these surveys is to obtain trip origin and destination information as well as socio-demographic information from:

- Users of independent suburban bus systems in Putnam, Rockland, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties
- Users of the New York East Side Major non-tolled bridges, which are:
 1. East Side River Bridges – Ed Koch-Queensboro, Williamsburg, Manhattan, & Brooklyn
 2. Harlem River Bridges – Alexander Hamilton & 3rd Avenue

The study area for the RODS includes the twenty eight counties modeled under the New York Best Practice Model (NYBPM), which include the following counties:

1. New York State: Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester;
2. Connecticut: Fairfield, New Haven;
3. New Jersey: Bergen, Passaic, Hudson, Essex, Union, Morris, Somerset, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Hunterdon, Warren, Mercer and Sussex.

Responsive and responsible consultants interested in receiving the RFP should submit a brief, one-page Letter of Interest (LOI) to the e-mail addresses of the Contact Persons listed below. The LOI should include, at a minimum, the firm name, address, e-mail address, and phone number of a contact person at your firm, as well as the contract title and number being responded to. An electronic letter announcing the release of the RFP will be e-mailed to all parties submitting a LOI. When ready, the RFP will be posted to the NYMTC and NYSDOT websites and will contain all the information necessary for firms to submit a complete proposal. It is expected that the RFP will be released on or after **June 18, 2014**. If the release of the RFP is delayed for any reason, the due date for proposals will be extended appropriately. A Pre-proposal webinar is scheduled for June 27, 2014 at 10:30 A.M., at NYMTC's office at 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, New York, NY. The anticipated due date of the receipt of proposals is **August 20, 2014**, 2:00 PM. The LOI should include, at a minimum, the firm name, address, e-mail address, and phone number of a contact person at your firm, as well as the contract title and number being responded to. An electronic letter announcing the release of the RFP will be e-mailed to all parties submitting a LOI. When ready, the RFP will be posted to the NYMTC and NYSDOT websites and will contain all the information necessary for firms to submit a complete proposal.

The base term of this contract will be for up to 36 months commencing from the contract start date. Two 12-month optional extensions are authorized. The level of complexity for this project is complex. For planning purposes, it is anticipated this contract may require up to the equivalent of eight to ten (8-10) fully loaded staff years of effort to complete over the 3-year base term.

The DBE participation goal for this solicitation is 18 percent of total project budget. While not indicative of a proposer's individual merit (technical excellence, proposer's ability, experience, etc.), NYMTC and NYSDOT encourage the participation of certified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in this solicitation. Level of DBE participation will be relevant to the process of selecting proposals that will best achieve the overall goals of NYMTC and NYSDOT.

A more detailed notice regarding this project has been posted onto NYSDOT's website (listed below). Once available, a full description of the advertisement (RFP) for this project and its requirements will be posted to NYMTC's website at: <http://www.nymtc.org/files.cfm?thecategory=Request+for+Proposals> and will also be posted to NYSDOT's website at: <https://www.nysdot.gov/business>, select 'Consulting Service Opportunities'.

Official Contact Persons:

NYMTC: Mr. Ismet Apdiroglu at: 212.383.2414 or ismet.apdiroglu@dot.ny.gov

NYSDOT: Mr. Al Hasenkopf at: alfred.hasenkopf@dot.ny.gov

NYMTC: Mr. Shalendra Ramadhin at: Shalendra.Ramadhin@dot.ny.gov

NYS Procurement Lobbying Law Compliance for Contract #C000792

NYSDOT Policy Summation:

Under the requirements of the State Procurement Act, all communications regarding advertised projects are to be channeled through the applicable Contract Management staff (*Designated NYSDOT Contract Management, or to the **NYMTC Designated Contracts). Until a contract is

approved by the State Comptroller, contact with any other NYSDOT or NYMTC employee concerning this project should not be made unless otherwise directed by the NYSDOT Contract Management. Communications made contrary to this policy and deemed an attempt to influence the outcome, may result in disqualification.

Required Forms:

The consultant shall sign and e-mail/fax the following forms. These forms are part of and due with the consultants' proposals.

- a) **“Offerer’s Affirmation of Understanding of and Agreement pursuant to State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b)”**
- b) **“Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations”.**

NYSDOT Guidelines and Procedures:

Under the requirements of the State Procurement Act all communications regarding advertised projects are to be channeled through applicable Contract Management staff (*Designated NYSDOT Contacts or to the **NYMTC Designated Contracts). Until a designation is made, communication with any other NYSDOT or NYMTC employee concerning this project that is determined to be an attempt to influence the procurement may result in disqualification.

Refer to “NYSDOT PROCUREMENT LOBBYING LAW GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES” – see the following NYSDOT web site:

<https://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/main/business-center/consultants/non-architectural-engineering/active-solicitations>

Contacts Prior To Designation:

Any communications involving an attempt to influence the procurement are only permitted with the following Designated Contact Persons:

- The NYSDOT Contract Management designation analyst *
- The NYSDOT Contract Management designation analyst supervisor *
- The NYSDOT Contract Management Assistant Directors *
- The NYSDOT Contract Management Director *
- The NYMTC Contract Liaison and Assistant**
- The NYMTC Project Manager **

These are some communications exempted from this restriction:

- Participation in a pre-proposal conference
- Submittal of written questions when written responses will be provided to all offerers
- Protests, complaints of improper conduct or misrepresentation

If any other NYSDOT or NYMTC employee is contacted and they believe a reasonable person would infer that the communication was intended to influence the procurement, the contact must be reported by the NYSDOT/NYMTC employee. If the Department determines an impermissible contact was made, that offerer cannot be awarded the contract. A second violation would lead to a four-year bar on the award of public contracts to the offerer.

Contacts After Designation:

NYSDOT and NYMTC identify the primary negotiation contacts. The designated contacts include:

The NYSDOT Contract Management negotiation analyst *
The NYSDOT Contract Management negotiation analyst supervisor *
The NYSDOT Contract Management Assistant Directors *
The NYSDOT Contract Management Director *
The Consultant Management Bureau consultant job manager *
The Consultant Management Bureau consultant job manager's immediate supervisor *
The NYMTC Contract Liaison and Assistant **
The NYMTC Project Manager **
Individual(s) that the Department or NYMTC may identify at or after designation

The law does not limit who may be contacted during the negotiation process. However, if any NYSDOT or NYMTC employee is contacted and they believe a reasonable person would infer that the communication was intended to influence the procurement, the contact must be reported by the NYSDOT/NYMTC employee.

Information Required from Offerers that Contact NYSDOT/NYMTC staff, Prior to Contract Approval by the Office of the State Comptroller:

The individuals contacting NYSDOT or NYMTC should refer and shall be prepared to provide the following information, either by e-mail or fax as directed by NYSDOT or NYMTC.

Person's name, firm person works for, address of employer, telephone number, occupation, firm they are representing, and whether owner, employee, retained by or designated by the firm to appear before or contact NYSDOT or NYMTC.

Applicability to an Executed Contract:

Restrictions similar to those described above apply to approval or denial of an assignment, amendment (other than amendments that are authorized and payable under the terms of the procurement contract as it was finally awarded or approved by the comptroller, as applicable), renewal or extension of a procurement contract, or any other material change in the procurement contract resulting in a financial benefit to the offerer. The staff noted above as well as the project manager and consultant manager are considered designated contact persons. The Department or NYMTC may identify other contact persons for each of these processes.

Rules and Regulations and For More Information on this Law, Please Visit:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutogs/regulations/advisoryCouncil/Faq.htm> (Advisory Council FAQs)

<http://www.nylobby.state.ny.us/>

<http://www.nylobby.state.ny.us/lobbying.html> (New York State Lobbying Act)

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>