

Corridor Road Q&A

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1. Again, assuming that the planning process at least included some of the preliminary layouts and needs assessments, is there any additional information regarding existing utilities in the corridor, wetland assessments, environmental issues, etc.? In reading the RFP it would appear that this will all need to be included in the proposal but I wanted to confirm that something wasn't already out there based upon the note that "Design in conjunction with existing reports, guidelines, plans.....".

GLT has worked hard over the past year to establish a framework and hierarchy for the development of the corridor. WBK and other service providers have been part of that work and they will also be facilitating and supporting the next phase of master vision planning through this framework. We have also posted an addendum to the RFP that should help articulate and align the request to be more reflective of where we are at in the planning phase.

2. Can you please clarify the submittal requirements for the number of print proposals and electronic proposals requested in Section IV. Proposal Standard?

Applicants are required to submit an original proposal and all other required documents, along with five (5) copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked "RFP – ROAD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING". Each page of the proposal must clearly identify what firm the proposal is from. Applicants are required to send an electronic copy via email to bids@glt-nsn.gov.

3. What level of design plans are you anticipating included in our final deliverable? Will the plans be preliminary in nature showing the road route in 2D format only or will they be final plans that can be given to a contractor for construction?

Develop a preliminary design engineering project package including proposed road layout and sidewalk/path based on constraints, a statement of details to be addressed during design engineering...

4. Graphic A in Attachment 2253 shows the conceptual route, what do the circles represent?
Please refer to Graphic A_amended 8_15_24

5. Can you please clarify Section III.C regarding what tasks are anticipated to have federal share vs. non-federal cost-sharing components?

The section states in full, "A Project Budget, displaying planned expenditures for each Task, with a further breakdown by Cost Element for each Task, and by the federal share vs. non-federal share, if applicable." Any tasks proposed that may be outside of the RFP scope may not be eligible for federal reimbursement.

6. Does Gun Lake Tribe have its own Section 106 officer who would assist in Section 106 review?

Gun Lake Tribe has a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

7. Will this road have curb and gutter or is that to be determined?

Please refer to Sec. III of the RFP

8. Is there an estimated date of the Notice to Proceed?

No

9. For the scope of this proposal, there are references to this being for preliminary engineering, but also references to the need for preliminary engineering, environmental assessment, and permitting to be completed to certain design standards, up to and including sealed project plans and specifications.

- Are you looking for a feasibility study for the roadway that includes:
- Soil borings and geotechnical reports to a standard that would allow for final design or a review of information from adjacent sites?
- It is clear that the EA needs to be completed.
- Survey completed to a standard that would allow for full design in the future or aerial survey that is more accurate, but not to full survey elevation detail?
- Full wetland delineation flagged and surveyed into the plan for Army Corp review and approval or identification of the approximate level of disturbance and the amount of wetland credits that may be required?
- Road and utility layout of a few concept plans and a preferred alternative for a future full road design?
- Permitting needs identified, but full permits to be completed and obtained with the completion of construction plans and specifications at a later date and under a different scope of work?
- Preliminary estimates of different alternatives, with a preferred alternative selected?

Or...

- Are you looking to achieve a more complete design, specification, and bidding package with all permits obtained by the end of next year that would be considered a full design package of construction plans?

Please refer to Sec. III Scope of work. The Tribal Transportation Program Delivery Guide may be a helpful resource.

10. We understand a grant was procured by the tribe and that Federal environmental and roadway design requirements are mandated to ensure further Federal grant eligibility. Does the grant require review and approval by any authority other than the tribe? For example FHWA or MDOT?

Please see Sec. I and Sec. III of the RFP.

11. Can you confirm the length of the project? When we utilize Google Earth, we measure 1.5 miles from 130th Ave to the North POE.

The project length described in the federal funding application is “approximate two-mile segment....” There is not an exact length available at this time.