

- Bobby Forch Consulting, LLC
- C.W. Felice, LLC
- Haley & Aldrich, Inc.
- HDR Engineering, Inc.
- HNTB Corporation
- Kapsch TrafficCom North America
- Krebs Corporation
- Pacific Communications Consultants Inc.
- PRR, Inc.
- Rohila Consulting Services, PLLC
- Westby Consulting

These firms are prohibited from joining any Proposer's team or otherwise assisting any Proposers in connection with the procurement process.

2.1.2 Confidentiality During Evaluation and Selection Process

Subject to Applicable Law, WSDOT will use reasonable efforts to maintain confidentiality during the Proposal process. The foregoing shall not preclude WSDOT from using, in its sole discretion, ideas contained in the Proposals of any unsuccessful Proposer, subject to WSDOT's payment of the stipend in accordance with Section 7 of this ITP.

2.2 Examination of Request for Proposal

Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for reviewing and examining, with appropriate care, all documents included in the RFP, including any supplements, addenda, and clarification notices issued by WSDOT; requesting an explanation or interpretation of any discrepancy, deficiency, ambiguity, error, or omission contained therein, or of any provision that the Proposer fails to understand; and investigating and informing itself of any and all Project conditions and circumstances that may in any way affect the contents of the Proposal or the performance of the Work after Contract award. The Proposer bears the risk of all consequences of any failure to thoroughly investigate all relevant Project and Project Site conditions and circumstances as described herein.

2.3 Communications

The WSDOT Technical Point of Contact for receiving Proposer questions, ATC submittals, and all other communications about the Project and the RFP (other than submission of the Proposals) is as follows:

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777 108th Ave NE, Suite 800
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 495-1577
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Except for communications expressly permitted by the RFP, the Proposer shall not discuss the RFP with other WSDOT staff members or WSDOT consultants involved with the Project before Contract execution or cancellation of the RFP. Any Proposer engaging in such prohibited communications may be disqualified at the sole discretion of WSDOT.

Proposals shall be submitted to Jenna Kemp in accordance with Section 3 of this ITP.

2.4 Submission of Proposer Questions

Any Proposer questions regarding a perceived discrepancy, deficiency, ambiguity, error, or omission contained in the RFP documents, or of any provision that the Proposer otherwise fails to understand regarding the RFP documents or the Project, must be submitted by email to the WSDOT Technical Point of Contact by the deadline for questions set forth in Section 1 of this ITP. Requests for clarification or interpretation must specifically reference the Sections and the page numbers of the RFP documents, unless such request is of a general application. Telephone requests will be accepted provided that the requests are followed by an email to the WSDOT Technical Point of Contact at the address specified in Section 2.3 of this ITP. WSDOT will provide responses to questions as described in Section 2.5 of this ITP.

2.5 Request for Proposal Addenda and Responses to Questions

WSDOT may issue addenda to the RFP. WSDOT will provide responses to all questions received in accordance with this Section. All addenda and responses will be posted on the WSDOT Contract Ad & Award website at: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/contracting-opportunities/i-405-brickyard-sr-527-improvement-project>

WSDOT will send an email notification to the interested parties list as soon as each addendum, response or group of responses is issued. Notwithstanding the foregoing, WSDOT will communicate with each Proposer on a one-on-one basis with regard to questions regarding ATCs that WSDOT determines are appropriate for confidential communications.

A final set of questions and answers will be compiled and distributed prior to the Proposal Due Date. Responses to questions are not considered part of the Contract, and shall not be relevant in interpreting the Contract.

If WSDOT determines, in its sole discretion, that any interpretation or clarification resulting from the question and answer process requires a change in the RFP documents, WSDOT will issue an addendum making such change. WSDOT will not be bound by, and the Proposer shall not rely on, any communication or representation regarding the RFP documents, unless it is an addendum to this RFP and is not superseded by a later addendum to this RFP, and except to the extent provided above regarding responses to questions.

2.6 Right of Way Access

Prior to award of the Contract, if the Proposer determines that field investigations are necessary to properly bid the Work, the Proposer shall request Right of Way (ROW) access from the WSDOT Engineer prior to performing any field investigations. The Proposer shall obtain an *Application for General Permit* (Appendix R of the Contract) and other approval as necessary based on proposed field investigation activities from WSDOT. Applicable forms shall be submitted to the WSDOT Engineer for approval 7 Calendar Days in advance of the requested field investigation date.

The Proposer shall coordinate with the WSDOT Engineer to determine if traffic control is necessary. When traffic control is necessary, proposed Traffic Control Plans shall be submitted for approval a minimum of 7 Calendar Days in advance, and include the hours and Calendar Days the Proposer will be in WSDOT's ROW. As guidance, Section 2.22, *Maintenance of Traffic* of the TR provides the allowable Contract Work hours and lane closure times.

The Proposer shall coordinate with the WSDOT Engineer to access the property owned by WSDOT available for use as a Project office.

2.7 Geotechnical and Hazardous Materials Information

2.7.1 Geotechnical Baseline Report

WSDOT has prepared a Geotechnical Baseline Report (GBR) in Appendix G of the Contract. Each Proposer is solely responsible for reviewing the GBR and incorporating the baselines into their Proposal. The GBR shall not be used for design.

2.7.2 Geotechnical Data Report

WSDOT has prepared a Geotechnical Data Report (GDR) in Appendix G of the Contract. Each Proposer is solely responsible for reviewing, analyzing, and forming their own conclusions about the Project subsurface and geotechnical conditions using the data presented in the GDR. Each Proposer is solely responsible to draw conclusions from the GDR about how the geotechnical materials will impact the Work.

Post-award, the data in the GDR may not be sufficient for design. Each Proposer is responsible to augment the data in the GDR, as necessary, to meet the requirements of the Contract to complete the Work.

To the extent not consumed by testing, soil samples and rock cores obtained to develop the GDR are available for viewing at the WSDOT State Materials Laboratory Geotechnical Office, 1655 South Second Avenue, Tumwater, Washington, 98512. Soil samples and rock core from the GDR will be turned over to the Design-Builder after the Contract is awarded and upon the request of the Design-Builder. The Design-Builder has 90 Calendar Days to request the samples. After 90 Calendar Days, WSDOT will dispose of the samples.

2.7.3 Additional Geotechnical Investigation and Analysis

Prior to award of the Contract, if the Proposer determines that additional geotechnical or subsurface investigations are necessary to properly bid the Work, it is the responsibility of the Proposer to perform such investigation and analysis at its sole expense. Prior to performing any field investigations, the Proposer shall obtain ROW access approval as detailed in Section 2.6 of this ITP from WSDOT. Such requests for investigations may take place at any time before or after submission of the Proposal. All subsurface investigations, including sampling and laboratory testing, shall be performed in accordance with the WSDOT *Geotechnical Design Manual* (Appendix D), the 1988 *AASHTO Manual on Subsurface Investigations*, AASHTO standards, and ASTM standards. No such investigations shall be performed without the prior Written consent of WSDOT, which consent may be granted or denied at WSDOT sole discretion.

2.7.4 Hazardous Materials Report and Good Faith Investigation

WSDOT has prepared a Hazardous Materials Report (Appendix E) and conducted a Good Faith Investigation (GFI) for Asbestos Containing Material or Presumed Asbestos Containing Material (Appendix E).

Refer to Section 2.8, *Environmental* for information regarding the Hazardous Materials Report and the results of the GFI.