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## Questions and Responses

Until October 23, 2006, MoDOT will entertain questions and comments from industry about the Preliminary Draft Request for Proposals that was issued on October 2, 2006.

The Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program team will post responses to those comments as appropriate. The questions will be posted anonymously.

***An industry informational meeting will be held Fri., Oct. 27, from 1-5 p.m., at the Harry S. Truman Office Building in Jefferson City (room 492) to address all inquiries made by industry during the comment period. The Truman Building is located at 301 W. High Street, immediately southwest of the Capitol.***

Any additional clarifications that are needed as a result of that meeting will be posted to the program Web page on November 2, 2006.

RECEIVED	QUESTION/COMMENT
10/02/06	<p>I notice that your email states "MoDOT will seek to award a single contract to design and build the bridge upgrades."</p> <p>Is this a typographical error - is a single contract the most cost effective program - maybe easier to administer but the logistics seem to be a problem?</p>
	<p>This is not a typographical error. MoDOT is embarking on an innovative approach to addressing bridge needs. We are looking for a single contract to design, build, finance and maintain over 800 of the State's worst condition bridges, fix them by the end of 2012, and return them to the State in satisfactory condition at the end of a 25-year maintenance period.</p>
10/04/06	<p>I represent a firm that would like to become a member of a proposing team for the Safe &amp; Sound Bridge Improvement Program. Could you please post a list of companies that submitted Letters of Interest?</p> <p>My company is interested in providing materials and other</p>

	<p>construction services for MoDOT's 800-bridge program. How can we be sure that we will have an opportunity to bid?</p>
	<p><b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – MoDOT will not be posting a list of companies that submitted Letters of Interest.</p> <p>Firms that are interested in becoming a part of a proposing team should contact professional organizations – like the AGC of Missouri or ACEC-Missouri – to express their interest in identifying firms to contact.</p> <p>Once qualified teams have been identified, they will be identified on the program's Web site.</p>
10/05/06	<p>Do Subcontractors have to be listed with respective teams in the Statement of Qualifications?</p> <p>Will design subcontractors require Bridge Office qualification for bridge design work?</p>
	<p><b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – The RFQ requires submittal of Key Personnel and Major Participants. MoDOT retains the right to approve any changes in these items, throughout the process. Construction Subcontractors are required to be listed on the approved list of MoDOT Contractors or Subcontractors.</p> <p>No, design subcontractors do not require Bridge Division qualification for bridge design work.</p>
10/05/06	<p>What is the email file size limitation for proposal submittals to MoDOT?</p>
	<p><b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – MoDOT does not have a limit to the size of email files, either incoming or outgoing. If a proposer experiences difficulty with submission of any files to MoDOT, they should contact the Safe &amp; Sound Bridge Improvement Team.</p>
10/05/06	<p>The RFQ notes that no communication shall be made with representatives of MoDOT, Federal Highway ..... consultants and contractors assisting with the procurement. Do we have any consultants and/or contractors working on the procurement?</p>
	<p><b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – We do not currently have any consultants or contractors working on the Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program procurement. We will notify interested parties through the web site should this change.</p> <p>The ITP, Section 5.5 states, "Pursuant to 23 CFR 636.116, consultants and sub consultants who assist MoDOT in the preparation of an RFP document are not allowed to participate on a Proposer's team." There are currently no outside consultants or contractors working on the Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program procurement. Should this change, we will post this information to interested parties on our web site. Consultants or sub consultants who have performed work on other MoDOT RFPs are not prohibited from proposing on the Safe and Sound RFP.</p>
10/05/06	<p>Is the draft Bridge listing or other background information available in an format which can be manipulated/edited?</p>

	<b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – Yes, the Draft Bridge Listing is available in Excel format, and was posted on the Web site on October 2, 2006.
<b>10/16/06</b>	Our firm is planning on sending reps to the <b><u>Safe and Sound</u></b> Meeting on October 27th. Will the meeting be held in the main MoDOT building in Jeff City? Is pre-registration necessary? Will an attendance list be circulated and available for all attendees before meeting end?
	<b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – The meeting on October 27 will be held in Room 492 of the Harry S. Truman Office Building, which is located immediately southwest of the State Capitol, at 301 W. High Street.  Pre-registration is not necessary. A sign-in sheet will be circulated and copies will be available for all those who attend.
<b>10/16/06</b>	Will MoDOT post on the public web site the GIS ESRI shapefile for the point locations and the bridge number attribute (STRUC_DESI) for all the draft candidate structures?
	<b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – Yes. The shape files of the draft candidate structures have been added to the project's FTP site at: <a href="http://www.modot.mo.gov/safeandsound/ProgramDocuments.htm">www.modot.mo.gov/safeandsound/ProgramDocuments.htm</a>
<b>10/16/06</b>	Will MoDOT consider changing the due dates for Statements of Qualification until after the I-64 team selection is announced?
	<b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – MoDOT will maintain the current published schedule ( <i>Statements of Qualification due Nov. 9, 2006</i> ) in order to provide as much time as possible for short-listed teams to work on their proposals for the Safe & Sound project.  Some related changes, though, have been made to the Procurement Schedule based on feedback from industry. The deadline for submission of initial technical proposals has been pushed back to February 1, 2007, to provide maximum time for the preparation of the proposals.  Also, an additional milestone has been added to the schedule; the Final RFP will be issued on December 6, 2006, which will allow the Safe & Sound Leadership Team the opportunity to meet with all qualified teams at least once. The Final RFP must be issued prior to receiving and reviewing technical proposals.
<b>10/16/06</b>	Can a contractor proceed into the RFQ and RFP process without being a pre-qualified contractor for MoDOT?
	<b>MoDOT RESPONSE</b> – Contractors or Contractor Teams may proceed into the RFQ/RFP process without completing the standard MoDOT Contractor Prequalification process, since we will be evaluating Statements of Qualification for this design-build project in order to short-list teams for proposals. The Contractor or Joint Venture will be required to complete this standard process prior to Final Technical Proposals (currently scheduled for March 15, 2007).