



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL
MOBILITY AUTHORITY

December 18, 2024 AGENDA ITEM #5

Discuss and consider approving the ranking of firms for negotiations of a contract for the development of schematic design and environmental study for the 290E Phase IV Project

Strategic Plan Relevance: Stewardship, Collaboration and Safety

Department: Engineering

Contact: Mike Sexton, P.E., Director of Engineering

Associated Costs: TBD

Funding Source: Project Funds/General Fund/Operating Fund/Bond Sale Funds

Action Requested: Consider and act on draft resolution

Summary:

On October 16, 2019, the City of Manor passed a resolution in support of a potential extension of the 290E Manor Expressway eastward and asked its regional transportation partners to move forward with the Project. Similarly, the City of Elgin passed a resolution on November 5, 2019, supporting an extension of the 290E Manor Expressway eastward to Elgin. On February 26, 2020, the Mobility Authority authorized the commencement of a feasibility study for the project. On August 16, 2024, TxDOT provided a letter approving the Mobility Authority to begin an environmental and schematic study of a US 290 toll extension.

Staff initiated procurement efforts for development of schematic design and environmental study for the 290E Phase IV project services with the issuance of a request qualifications (RFQ) on October 28, 2024. A chronology is provided below:

October 28, 2024	Issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
November 18, 2024	RFQ Response Deadline
December 2, 2024	Scoring of Responses to the RFQ

The following three firms¹ submitted statements of qualifications (SOQs):

- CP&Y, Inc. DBA STV Infrastructure
- HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.

Scoring was based upon an evaluation of the SOQs and interviews. An overview of the process, scoring and recommendation will be presented at the Board meeting.

A contract will be negotiated in accordance with Policy Code 401.035.

Action requested/Staff Recommendation: Approve the Executive Director to negotiate with the most highly qualified provider, based on the shortlist of ranked firms, for the development of schematic design and environmental study for the 290E Phase IV Project for schematic design and environmental study services. If the Executive Director cannot agree on the terms of a contract with the most highly qualified provider, authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the next most highly qualified provider. Once a satisfactory contract has been negotiated, the Executive Director will present the proposed contract to the Board for its approval.

Backup provided: Draft Resolution

¹ The firms are list in alphabetical order for purposes of this AIS. The ranked list to be approved by the Board of Directors will be presented during the December 18, 2024 meeting.

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-0XX

**APPROVING THE RANKING OF FIRMS FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF A CONTRACT
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL
STUDY FOR THE 290E PHASE IV PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the cities of Manor and Elgin passed resolutions in support of a potential extension of the 290E Manor Expressway eastward from 290 Toll along US 290 from SH 130 to Elgin, Texas (290E Phase IV Project); and

WHEREAS, following a feasibility study, conducted by the Mobility Authority for the 290E Phase IV Project, the Texas Department of Transportation authorized the Mobility Authority to begin an environmental and schematic study in August 2024; and

WHEREAS, On October 28, 2024, the Mobility Authority issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) to firms interested in providing services for the development of schematic design and environmental study of the 290E Phase IV Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mobility Authority received responses to the RFQ from three firms by the November 18, 2024 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the responses were reviewed by an evaluation committee and interviews were conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the RFQ and the Mobility Authority Policy Code; and

WHEREAS, following the review of responses and interviews, the evaluation committee prepared a ranked list of the respondents beginning with the most highly qualified respondent, as shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends that the Board approve the ranked list of the respondents prepared by the evaluation committee, and as provided in Section 401.035 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code, authorize the negotiation of a contract for services for the development of schematic design and environmental study of the 290E Phase IV Project with the most highly qualified respondent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the ranking of the respondents as shown in Exhibit A, and the selection of the most highly qualified respondent to provide services for the development of schematic design and environmental study of the 290E Phase IV Project to the Mobility Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the process provided in Section 401.035 of the Mobility Authority Policy Code, the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate a contract with

the most highly qualified respondent and if a satisfactory contract cannot be negotiated, the Executive Director shall formally end negotiations and enter into negotiations with the next most highly qualified respondent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once a satisfactory contract has been negotiated, the Executive Director shall present the proposed contract to the Board for its approval.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 18th day of December 2024.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:

James M. Bass
Executive Director

Robert W. Jenkins, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

Ranked List

(To be provided at the board meeting)