

State of Florida
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Request for Information No.: FLHSMV-RFI-011-22
Florida Highway Patrol Drive Track and Access Road

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The State of Florida, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (hereinafter "FLHSMV" or "Department"), Division of Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), issues this Request for Information (RFI) seeking information from interested parties who can provide the Department with the labor, materials and construction of the FHP Drive Track and Access Road.

The Department desires to receive information from the Vendor community regarding available solutions designed and suitable to provide the labor, materials and construct the FHP Drive Track and Access Road. This RFI is designed to explore all avenues available in the constructing of roadways.

The following attachments and exhibits are incorporated herein by reference:

ATTACHMENT A – ESTIMATED COST
EXHIBIT 1 – ESTIMATED MATERIALS

The following Exhibits will be provided upon request:

EXHIBIT 2 – ACCESS ROAD PLANS
EXHIBIT 3 – DRIVE TRACK PLANS
EXHIBIT 4 – AERIAL PHOTOS

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- A. Division:** An organizational unit within a state agency or large unit. For purpose of this RFI, division refers to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).
- B. Response:** All information, documentation, and other materials submitted by the Vendor in answering to this RFI.
- C. Troopers:** Sworn law enforcement officers of the Florida Highway Patrol authorized to enforce the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the state of Florida.
- D. Vendor:** Any firm or person who submits a response to the Department regarding this RFI. Vendor, Contractor and Respondent may be used interchangeably throughout the RFI.

3.0 PURPOSE OF AN RFI

[Rule 60A-1.042](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), provides that an agency may request information by issuing a written RFI. Agencies are authorized to use an RFI in circumstances including, but not limited to, determining whether or not to competitively procure a commodity or contractual service, determining what solicitation process to use for a particular need, or researching general, special, and/or technical specifications for a solicitation.

A Vendor's response to an RFI is not an offer ([Rule 60A-1.042](#), F.A.C) and the agency may not use the Vendor's submission to justify a contract with that Vendor without otherwise complying with [Chapter 287](#), Florida Statutes (F. S.). Vendor responses to this RFI will be reviewed for informational purposes only and will not result in award of a contract.

Vendors submitting a response to an agency's RFI are not prohibited from responding to any related subsequent solicitation. Vendors are not required to submit an RFI response to participate in any subsequent solicitation.

4.0 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The table below contains the Calendar of Events for this RFI. Vendors should become familiar with the Calendar of Events as the dates and times may be subject to change. It is the Vendor's responsibility to check the Vendor Bid System (VBS) for any changes. All changes to the Calendar of Events will be through an addendum to the RFI. Vendors are responsible for submitting all required documentation by the dates and times indicated below (Eastern Time).

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
January 13, 2022		RFI is released on the VBS.
January 25, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Mandatory Site Visit.
January 27, 2022	3:00 p.m.	Questions due.
February 2, 2022		Anticipated answers to questions are released.
February 8, 2022	2:00 p.m.	RFI responses due.

5.0 ADDENDA TO THE RFI

The Department will post any addenda to this RFI on the Florida VBS at:

http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/search.criteria_form

Each Vendor is responsible for monitoring the VBS for new or changing information.

6.0 QUESTIONS

Questions or requests for clarification regarding this RFI shall be submitted in writing to the Procurement Officer identified in Section 9.0, Procurement Officer, by the date and time specified in the Calendar of Events or as amended by the Department. Questions will not be answered via telephone. The Department anticipates posting answers to questions received on the Vendor Bid System (VBS) by the close of business on the date stated in Section 4.0, Calendar of Events.

7.0 BACKGROUND

The Division of the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is comprised of approximately two thousand (2,000) sworn Troopers and two thousand four hundred (2,400) vehicles. These Troopers must respond promptly to calls for service including but not limited to: crash investigations, commercial motor vehicle enforcement, contraband interdiction, vehicular homicide investigations, driver license fraud investigations, background investigations, enforcement of traffic laws and regulations on the roadways, and response to manmade and natural disasters.

During enforcement actions, FHP troopers regularly drive their vehicles at high speeds on crowded interstate highways. Statistically, FHP troopers patrol approximately 46 million miles annually. The Florida Highway Patrol issued nearly 600,000 speeding citations over the past two years, of which 83% were for speeds over 70 miles per hour (mph) and 17% were for speeds over 90 mph. During the apprehension of these violators, FHP troopers may achieve high speeds of 100 mph or more. Additionally, FHP troopers were also involved in 377 pursuits over the past two years, which often involved operating the patrol vehicle in high-speed conditions. Based on current traffic incident models, an FHP trooper's first exposure of driving at speeds of 100 mph or more in a law enforcement vehicle occurs on one of Florida's roadways around the motoring public. Currently, the FHP Training Academy utilizes the driving track of the Florida Public Safety Institute (FPSI) Training Academy. This driving facility is less than one mile long (.8 mile) and is suitable for low-speed driving exercises. Due to the limitations of the current facility, law enforcement recruits are not exposed to the real-world driving conditions in which they will work upon graduation from training. By providing a safe and controlled environment in which to experience real-world emergency driving, the Florida Highway Patrol will be better able to enhance the safety of both officers and the public.

The Department began the process of constructing a drive track for emergency driving training purposes in 2018 and solicited for materials only. The Department previously partnered with another entity to provide the necessary labor and equipment to construct the track within the allocated budget. However, natural disasters and other factors forced them to reprioritize their workforce and have since informed the Department they will be unable to complete the effort.

As outlined above and to enhance training for law enforcement recruits, the Department is interested in completing the construction of the drive track including the access road to the current site. Without the availability of labor support from the prior entity, the

Department must contract with a private Vendor to construct the driving track and access road.

8.0 MANDATORY SITE VISIT

A mandatory site visit will be held at the date and time specified below.

The purpose of the site visit is to tour the site, assess current track conditions/stockpiles of materials, discuss the contents of the RFI and to accept verbal questions from Contractors concerning the project.

This will be the only opportunity to visit the site.

Date and Time: January 25, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. EST

Location: Florida Highway Patrol Training Academy
75 College Dr. #220
Havana, FL 32333

9.0 PROCUREMENT OFFICER

The Procurement Officer, acting on the behalf of the Department, is the sole point-of-contact regarding all matters relating to this RFI. All questions and requests for clarification are to be directed to:

Stephanie Sanford
Bureau of Purchasing and Contracts
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
850-617-3184

StephanieSanford@flhsmv.gov

and

Purchasing@flhsmv.gov

10.0 PROJECT GOALS

Some construction on this project has been completed and will be visited during the mandatory site visit. The Department is looking to enter into one (1) contract with a contractor to finish the rest of the work on the FHP Drive Track and begin and finish construction of the Access Road.

For reference purposes, the Department expects that a Contractor will need to provide the following list of items set out below. However, the Department is open to receiving any information that would detail a solution that meets the stated need to complete the FHP Drive Track and construct the Access Road. The list of anticipated items needed is as follows:

10.1 The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools and transportation needed to complete the construction of the FHP Drive Track and Access Road.

10.2 The Contractor shall provide the following Florida Department of Transportation specification grade items:

1. FDOT Specifications, Road Base Type B Stabilization:

The predominant existing soil classifications are A-3 - Fine Sand, and A-2-4 - Silty Fine Sand (<20% Passing No. 200 Sieve). The Contractor shall provide the quantity of clay material only, defined by AASHTO Soil Classification System A-2-6 that will be blended with existing soils to achieve the required compaction requirements of the Type B Stabilization with a LBR 40;

2. FDOT Specifications, Prepared Soil Layer; Finish Soil, 6”:

The Contractor shall deliver and stockpile the square yard quantity of topsoil;

3. FDOT Specifications, 6” Limerock Base LBR 100 (Optional Base-Group 4):

Limerock base tons are calculated using 100 lbs./square yard, per inch of limerock base;

4. FDOT Specifications Section 300 Grade, Prime Coat: Based upon an application rate of 0.15 gallons, per square yard;

5. FDOT Specifications Section 300 Grade, Tack Coat: Based upon an application rate of .06 gallons, per square yard;

6. FDOT Specifications, Type SP Structural Course (Traffic B);

7. FDOT Specifications, Asphalt Concrete Friction Course (9.5 Traffic B); and

8. FDOT Specifications, Miscellaneous Asphalt:

The FDOT specifications, referenced above, are available at the following web site:

<http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/Implemented/SpecBooks/January2018/Files/118eBook.pdf>

10.3 The following materials have been received by the Department from prior work to date on the project, and are to be used as part of completing the Drive Track:

1. Top finish soil – 33,600 square yards, has not been used, stockpiled on site;

2. Limerock base- 4,458 square yards, approximately 1,260 square yards is stockpiled on site;

3. Drainage Components including:

a. Pipe culvert – 1392 linear feet

b. Pipe culvert- 1080 linear feet

c. Inlets – 6

d. Manholes – 3

- e. D2 Geotextile fabric – 1000 square feet
 - f. Concrete rip-rap – 36 cubic yards
4. All guardrail is on site including approximately 6,500 linear feet of guardrail TL-3 and 4 units of guardrail end anchorage assembly flared.

10.4 Estimated Quantities

Quantities set about above are estimated and for informational purposes only, and should not be construed as representing actual, guaranteed, or minimum amounts needed for a potential contract.

11.0 REQUESTED INFORMATION

The Vendor shall prepare its RFI response simply and economically in electronic format, providing a straightforward, concise description of the solution(s) available. Responses are to be organized as directed below.

A. Provide a cover letter identifying the Vendor’s contact information.

If applicable, the cover letter shall also include a statement that a “Redacted” response **is not** included, and that the “Original” response is suitable for public release. See subsection 12.1, Response Submission.

B. Provide a description for the requirements in the RFI response organized by Tab as outlined below:

Tab A - Overview

1. A description of the Vendor’s understanding and approach to accomplishing the goals described in Section 10.0 Project Goals.

Tab B – Projected Timeline

1. A description of the projected construction schedule including milestones for both the Access Road and Drive Track outlined separately.

TAB C - Estimated Cost

Provide estimated cost information on Attachment A, which includes but not limited to, the following:

1. Materials estimated cost
2. Labor estimated cost
3. Contingency- Estimated dollar amount.

12.0 RESPONSE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 Response Submission

The Vendor shall submit:

12.1.1 An electronic version of the original RFI (marked “Original”) and of the redacted version of the redacted RFI (marked “Redacted”), if applicable (see, Section 13.0, Proprietary Information).

The software used to produce the electronic files must be Microsoft Word 2010 and/or Excel 2010 or later. These electronic files must be logically named and clearly labeled. The **redacted** version of the RFI should be suitable for release to the public. Any confidential or trade secret information covered under [section 812.081](#), F.S., should be either redacted or completely removed. The redacted RFI shall be marked “REDACTED” and must contain a transmittal letter authorizing release of the redacted version of the RFI in the event the Department receives a public records request.

***Please note: If a redacted copy is not provided, the Department will provide a copy of the original submittal upon any public records request.**

12.2 Delivery of RFI Submittal

All RFIs shall be submitted **via EMAIL ONLY** and addressed to the Procurement Officer identified in Section 9.0, Procurement Officer, and must be received by or before the date and time indicated in the Calendar of Events. Vendors are advised to examine their RFI responses carefully and to ensure all requirements are met and that the RFI response is delivered no later than the time indicated in the Calendar of Events. Hardcopy/paper submissions will not be accepted.

Vendors shall submit the RFI response (one copy of each: ORIGINAL and REDACTED) via email to the Procurement Officer indicated in Section 9.0, Procurement Officer. The email shall contain the RFI number **FLHSMV-RFI 011-22 – OFFICIAL RFI** and company name.

13.0 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Any portion of the submitted response which is asserted to be exempt from disclosure under [Chapter 119](#), F. S., shall be clearly marked “exempt”, “confidential”, or “trade secret” (as applicable) and shall also contain the statutory basis for such claims on every page. In accordance with Section 119.075, F.S., pages containing trade secrets shall be marked “trade secret as defined in [section 688.002](#), F. S.” Failure to segregate and identify such portions shall constitute a waiver of any claimed exemption and the Department will provide such records in response to public records requests without notifying the Vendor. Designating material simply as “proprietary” will not necessarily protect it from disclosure under [Chapter 119](#), F. S.

14.0 VENDOR COSTS

Vendors are responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and submission of their Request for Information response including any site visit. The State of Florida, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will not be responsible for any vendor-related costs associated with responding to this request.