

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL PROPOSERS

I-5719/U-5800/U-6044

I-85 widening from US 321 (Exit 17) to east of NC 273 (Exit 27); NC 7 (Main St.) at NC 7 / US 74 and NC 7 / US 29 - 74 (Wilkinson Blvd.) in Belmont, SR 2200 (Cox Road) from I-85 to US 29 / 74 in Gastonia

NCDOT will hold a Pre-Advertisement meeting via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, with prospective proposers interested in submitting responses to the upcoming Request for Qualifications for the I-85 Widening Design-Build Project in Gaston County. The purpose of this meeting will be to collect information regarding the design-build industry's interest in the project and to improve the design-build industry's understanding of the project requirements.

The meeting will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

NCDOT Staff will also be available for one-on-one meetings with prospective proposers throughout the remainder of the day Tuesday February 6th and on Wednesday February 7th, 2024. One-on-one meetings will be set up as individual Teams Meetings.

One-on-one meetings will be scheduled in one-hour increments. Meeting times will be assigned on a first request basis. Send your email request for a one-on-one meeting to designbuild@ncdot.gov.

Registration for the meeting is at the following link:

[I-5719 Pre-Advertisement Meeting](#)

Project information is at the following link:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Design-Build-Letting-Details.aspx?let_id=I-5719%20and%20U-5800

This meeting is not mandatory and will not have bearing on the potential short-listing process.

Anticipated Procurement Type

NCDOT plans to utilize a two-phase design-build best value procurement incorporating a weighted criteria formula.

Anticipated Scope of Work

In general, the I-5719 / U-5800 / U-6044 Design-Build Project adds lanes to I-85 from US 321 (North Chester Street – Exit 17) to east of NC 273 (Beatty Drive – Exit 27), improves the NC 7 (Main Street) and US 29 / 74 (Wilkinson Boulevard) intersection in Belmont, and widens SR 2200 (Cox Road) from I-85 to US 29 / 74 in Gaston County. The approximately 10.5-mile project provides an eight-lane divided facility along I-85. The project also reconstructs approximately 0.7 miles of railroad for Piedmont and Northern Railway.

The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion and improve mobility along I-85 and improve traffic operations and safety at the NC 7 (Main Street) and / US 29 / 74 (Wilkinson Boulevard) intersection, and along SR 2200 (Cox Road) from I-85 to US 29 / 74, and the SR 2200 (Cox Road / Armstrong Park Road) / US 29 / 74 (East Franklin Boulevard) intersection.

Anticipated Design-Build Procurement Schedule

March 2024 – Request for Qualifications

April 2024 – Announcement of Short-listed Teams and first industry draft RFP

August 2024 – Final Request for Proposals

October 2024 – Technical Proposals Due to NCDOT

November 2024 – Letting

Any questions regarding this open-forum meeting should be directed to Timothy T. McFadden - State Alternative Delivery Manager with the North Carolina Department of Transportation by email at designbuild@ncdot.gov or at 1595 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1595

Additional project information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i-85-widening-gaston-county/Pages/default.aspx>