

**US 19W North**  
**Progressive Design-Build - Questions Received**

**Red font** indicates responses that will be reflected by adjustment to the Industry Draft RFQ.

<p>Could you confirm whether the teams will require any right of way acquisition services, or if they will be designing entirely within the existing right of way?</p>	<p>Currently, the Department has right of entry agreements in place and it is anticipated that temporary construction easements will be required once the extent of these easements can be identified through design. The Department and the Design-Build Team will likely share responsibility for acquiring temporary construction easements, and once design has progressed, rely on the Design-Build Team for information and assistance generating exhibits, and services needed for acquiring permanent right of way. There is no surety that the final design will be contained within the pre-storm right of way or maintenance limits.</p>
<p>Can the Department confirm our understanding that the lead design engineer only needs to identify NCDOT design projects in progress, for which they are the lead designer, and the lead designer doesn't need to identify subconsultant roles?</p>	<p>This information is requested to gauge the design firm's ability to design this project while not adversely affecting their progress on other NCDOT projects. <b>The RFQ will be modified</b> to clarify that it is only required to list on-going projects where the lead design firm serves as the prime firm on that design task; however, all roles for Design-Build and CMGC projects shall be listed.</p>
<p>Does the Department intend to have project specific insurance requirements or professional liability insurance requirements?</p>	<p>Not at this time. It is anticipated that the standard professional liability will be required of design firms and the standard insurance requirements of Article 107-15 of the 2024 Standard Specifications will be used in the contract documents.</p>
<p>RFQ states that SOQ's are due "no later than 3:00pm Eastern on January 6, 2025"; however, the timeline produced by the Department states that SOQ's are due January 9th. Please confirm the SOQ due date.</p>	<p>The due date is January 9<sup>th</sup>. This date was revised in Addendum #1 to the Industry Draft RFQ.</p>
<p>Has any assessment been done of the structures along the corridor that can be shared with the teams?</p>	<p>Any readily available assessments will be provided on the project website.</p>

<p>The affected area maps for both the US 19W - North Segment and the Toe &amp; Nolichucky River Basins projects show Murphytown Road as well as structure #'s 93 &amp; 143. Please confirm which project these elements are anticipated to be a part of.</p>	<p><b>The RFQ will be modified</b> to reflect that Murphytown Road and Structure #93 will be included in this project. Structure #143 will be included in the Toe Nolichucky Project and that RFQ will be revised at a later date.</p>
<p>We understand that an emergency contract is currently in place to establish a temporary road for emergency access. Can a timeline for completion and/or clarification of the scope of work relative to the ongoing emergency repairs be provided?</p>	<p>The current work strives to accommodate essential traffic on a temporary, paved, 2-lane road along the corridor. The current operations will likely be ongoing until complete or until such time that a Progressive Design-Build Team is selected and the scope of the first Early Work Package determined.</p>
<p>We understand the Department will seek reimbursement for emergency work completed from FHWA and/ or FEMA, can more information be provided on what portions of the project are anticipated to be reimbursed by which entity?</p>	<p>Generally, work along US 19 W will be eligible for FHWA ER funding and the remaining areas will be eligible for FEMA Public Assistance funding. A map will be developed (and provided later) to delineate between FEMA funding limits and the FHWA funding limits. Costs for those separate areas will need to be tracked separately.</p>
<p>Updated maps were provided in person during the Division 13 optional site visits. Can those maps please be provided?</p>	<p>These maps will be posted to the project website.</p>
<p>Will the restoration of Murphy Town Road be included in the 19W North project or the Toe-Nolichucky Project?</p>	<p><b>The RFQ will be modified</b> to reflect that Murphytown Road and Structure #93 will be included in this project. Structure #143 will be included in the Toe Nolichucky Project and that RFQ will be revised at a later date.</p>
<p>Is there any preliminary assessment data (bridge inspection reports, roadway inspection reports, geo-tech reports, survey data, etc.) that can be shared with proposers to assist in preparation of the project approach?</p>	<p>Any readily available assessments will be provided on the project website.</p>
<p>Can the department please clarify which bridges are to be included, either for assessment, repair or replacement within the 19W North project?</p>	<p>The bridge sites are identified on the Affected Areas map on the project website. Note that Structure #143 will not be a part of this project as mentioned in other responses. The scope of work at each bridge site will be jointly determined by the Department and the successful Design- Build Team.</p>

<p>What Early Works Packages, if any, is the contractor allowed to perform before the final acceptance of the NEPA permitting? This could include activities such as debris removal or other temporary disaster relief efforts.</p>	<p>No construction of the project may commence prior to the completion of NEPA, although we do not foresee NEPA as limiting progress on this project. Some temporary works to stabilize existing conditions and provide for essential traffic may continue for the near term.</p>
<p>Please provide anticipated duration to obtain necessary NEPA permits for work to commence</p>	<p>The Department has begun the NEPA process and anticipates completion of the initial NEPA document within two months. Construction permitting will depend on the timing of advanced design. We anticipate having more clarity on these issues early in the preconstruction period of this contract.</p>
<p>In the document titled "Industry Draft RFQ 19W North PDB 241217 v5" it is stated that the Statements of Qualifications must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern on January 6th, 2025. In the document titled "19 W North PDB Timeline" the Statements of Qualifications Due Date is listed as January 9, 2025. Please confirm which date is correct.</p>	<p>The due date is January 9<sup>th</sup>. This date was revised in Addendum #1 to the Industry Draft RFQ.</p>
<p>Please confirm if FEMA is expected to be involved in the pre-construction services, overall project scope, and establishing a GMP for the project.</p>	<p>Conversations continue among FEMA, FHWA, and NCDOT as to roles and responsibilities. At this time, it is not anticipated that FEMA will be involved in the day-to-day design approvals or negotiations but will remain involved at a higher level and the coordination with FEMA will largely be handled by NCDOT.</p>
<p>The department has released documents for US19W N as well as Toe and Nolichucky that detail the affected areas that each project will cover. In these documents the Northern boundary of US219W N and the Southern boundary of Toe and Nolichucky seem to overlap. The sections in question are: Murphytown road extending from Bridge 93 North to Whiteoak Flats, Bridge 93, and Bridge143. Please clarify which of the two projects will include these sections.</p>	<p><b>The RFQ will be modified</b> to reflect that Murphytown Road and Structure #93 will be included in this project. Structure #143 will be included in the Toe Nolichucky Project and that RFQ will be revised at a later date.</p>

We understand that there is currently no construction schedule for the progressive design-build Emergency Repair Designs. Could you please clarify whether it is NCDOT's intent to follow the regular design-build timelines or the express design-build timelines for this project? Are there any general timelines for completion of the construction after approved design?

While no contract time analyses have been completed, time is of the essence and an overall timeline of less than two years is desirable. If the question relates to design review times, than the standard Design-Build Submittal Guidelines will be referenced in the contract documents; however, the NCDOT is anticipating shorter time reviews than the standard 10 days.