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**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Turner Diagonal Project**

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be released on Thursday, July 25, 2019 for the Turner Diagonal and I-70 Interchange Design-Build Project by the Kansas Turnpike Authority. The I-70 and Turner Diagonal project is comprised of the Turner Diagonal interchange with I-70, the adjacent truck staging areas, and associated improvements along both I-70 and Turner Diagonal in Wyandotte County. The announcement will be in the Kansas Register and the RFQ will be available here: [http://www.drexeltech.com/.](http://www.drexeltech.com/)  Additionally, the RFQ can be picked up at Drexel Technologies on a CD. See the Drexel Technologies website for pricing. All purchases are non-refundable. Drexel Technologies can be contacted by phone at (913) 371-4430 or electronically at [http://www.drexeltech.com/.](http://www.drexeltech.com/) RFQ documents will be shipped only if the requesting party assumes responsibility for all related shipping charges. Corporate, certified, or cashier’s checks shall be made payable to Drexel Technologies.

Prospective design-build teams must submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) by 12:01 PM CST on Friday, August 16, 2019. The SOQ presents, in general terms, the design-build teams’ qualifications for the project.

A two-step process will be used to select a design-build team. This RFQ to solicit SOQs is the first step. The KTA will evaluate which teams are most qualified to successfully deliver the project and will short list up to four teams based on the SOQs and publish the shortlist on Friday August 30. The second step, a Request for Proposals (RFP), will be released on Monday, September 9, 2019 and in final form on Monday, October 7, 2019. The winning team will be announced Friday, November 1, 2019.

The Turner Diagonal Project area is generally described as I-70 from the east facing ramps at 78th Street to 65th Street, Turner Diagonal from State Ave to Riverview Ave., and the trucking staging areas immediately west of 72nd Street. In December 2018, the United Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS (UG) was awarded a U.S. DOT BUILD Grant to partially fund the design and construction of the Turner Diagonal Project. The KTA, UG, and Kansas Department of Transportation have formed a partnership to deliver the Turner Diagonal Project via a design-build procurement. To satisfy the requirements set forth in the BUILD grant agreement, the proposed interchange concept shall be a diverging diamond and it must achieve substantial completion on or before October 16, 2020.

If you are a contractor, designer, DBE/WBE, or specialty business this RFQ may be of interest to you. If you are interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications, please look for the RFQ on day, Thursday, July 25, 2019.