

Short-List Consultant Interview Schedule

August 31, 2021

RFQ-2110: US-81 Expressway Expansion, York to Columbus

Location: The selection committee will conduct interviews with each consulting firm/team in the Highway Commission Room at the Nebraska Department of Transportation, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln NE, at the times specified below.

Schedule:

Thursday, September 9, 2021	
Time	Firm
9:40 am	Benesch
Friday, September 10, 2021	
Time	Firm
9:00 am	Burns & McDonnell
10:00 am	Schemmer

Details: In-person interview will include a 30 minute prepared interview followed by 15 minutes of Q&A.

Consultants shall have their presentation on their laptop for display on the screens in the Highway Commission Room. An HDMI cable will be used to connect the consultant's laptop to the flat screen monitors.

Please email interview presentation slides in PDF format to NDOT.pdRFQinfo@nebraska.gov **PRIOR TO YOUR INTERVIEW**. Please name your interview slides ***Firm name_RFQ-2110_Interview.pdf***.

Presentation Focus: The panel will be well versed in the organizational structure, project experience, and technical responses provided in the Statement of Qualification for this RFQ. NDOT asks that you not focus a lot of time presenting on those areas unless there have been changes you want to highlight. Instead, the focus should be on demonstrating a deeper level of understanding of the challenges associated with this corridor and the mitigation strategies/solutions available to address them. The panel has identified several additional areas of interest during the interviews:

- Demonstrate team has adequate resources to deliver this major corridor on an aggressive schedule, and still deliver other critical projects that may be on similar or competing schedules. What are keys to maintaining project schedule?

- Traditionally, EAs and EISs have taken several years to complete. If the class of action for this corridor is an EA, what is your strategy to deliver NEPA in one year?
- Describe the unique environmental challenges associated with the Davis creek overtopping west of Osceola. Include discussion on environmental constraints and “permittable” strategies/solutions.
- Plan for public outreach that maintains consistency along the entire corridor yet maintains/acknowledges the identity and individual concerns of the communities.
- Strategy and selection criteria for US-81/N-92 intersections. Considerations for location of transitions into and out of communities.
- Each firm should be prepared to answer a wide variety of Committee questions at the conclusion of their prepared presentation.