

EXHIBIT A

INITIALISMS AND DEFINITIONS

The following acronyms and definitions are used in this document and are defined as shown below:

DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
IA	Independent Assurance
NDOT	Nebraska Department of Transportation
OJT	On the Job Training
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
SOQ	Statement of Qualifications

Term	Definition
Acceptance	All factors used by NDOT to evaluate the degree of compliance with contract requirements and to determine the corresponding value for a given product. Acceptance activities for Design include reviews of plans, specifications, and other documents prepared by the Design-Builder. Construction Acceptance activities include sampling, testing, and inspection of Design-Builder's Work
Addenda / Addendum	Supplemental additions, deletions, and modifications to the provisions of the RFQ issued after the advertisement date of the RFQ.
Affiliate	Includes parent companies, subsidiary companies and partners (in the reporting entity), and other financially liable parties for that entity.
Design-Build Agreement	The written agreement between NDOT and the Design-Builder setting forth the obligations of the parties with respect to the Project, including, but not limited to, the performance of the

	Work, the furnishing of labor and materials, and the basis of payment.
Conflict of Interest	Shall mean a circumstance arising out of a Proposer member's existing or past activities, including past activities as a consultant to or employee of NDOT, business interests, familial relationships, contractual relationships, and/or organizational structure (i.e., Affiliates, etc.) wherein (i) the Proposer member is or may be unable to render impartial assistance or advice to NDOT, (ii) the Proposer member's objectivity in performing the scope of work sought by NDOT is or might be otherwise impaired, (iii) the Proposer member has, or is perceived to have, an unfair competitive advantage; (iv) the Proposer member's performance of services on behalf of NDOT does or may provide an unfair competitive advantage to a third party; or (v) regardless of whether accurate, there is a perception or appearance of impropriety or unfair competitive advantage benefiting the Proposer member or a third party as a result of the Proposer member's participation on the Project.
Design-Builder	The team, if any, which is selected pursuant to the RFP by NDOT to design and construct the Project.
Designer (Design Firm)	The Major Participant or in-house designer of the contractor that has primary responsibility for design services for the Project. The designer is the engineering firm of record who will have primary responsibility for design work under the contract. "Firm" shall mean the firm that employs the Design Manager.
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	A for-profit small business concern as defined in 49 CFR Part 26.
Key Personnel	Individuals from the Proposer's organization, as identified in the Proposer's SOQ, to fill the positions specified in <u>Section 3.6</u> of the RFQ. Additional key personnel positions for the Project may be identified in the RFP.
Lead Contractor	The Major Participant that has primary responsibility for the actual construction of the Project.
Major Participant	<p>"Major Participant" in this RFQ is defined as any of the following entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All general partners or joint venture members of a Proposer Team • All individuals, persons, proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, corporations, professional corporations, limited liability companies, business associations, or other legal entity however organized holding (directly or indirectly) a 15% or greater interest in the Proposer Team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any Subcontractor that is anticipated to perform work valued at 10% or more of the Contract amount • Lead engineering/design firm(s) • Each engineering/design subconsultant that is anticipated to perform 20% or more of the design work • Any other entity the Proposer would wish to formally add to their team to enhance their SOQ.
Project	The 50th Street to I-480 Interstate 80 (I-80) improvements, which is the subject of this RFQ.
Proposal	The proposal submitted by a short-listed Proposer in response to the RFP, including any revisions thereto.
Proposer	The entity comprised of an individual, person, proprietorship, firm, partnership, limited liability partnership, professional corporation, limited liability company, business association, corporation, joint venture, combination thereof, or other legal entity however organized, participating in the procurement process for the Project and that if successful, will enter into the Contract with NDOT to design and construct the Project.
Quality Program	The core programmatic elements required for Design Quality Assurance implementation and Construction Quality Assurance implementation.
Request for Proposals (RFP)	A written solicitation issued by NDOT seeking Proposals to undertake the Project to be used to identify the Design-Builder offering the best value to NDOT. The RFP will be issued only to short-listed Proposers.
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)	The written solicitation issued by NDOT by which it may determine a limited number of the most qualified Proposers to be short-listed and therefor eligible to receive the RFP for the Project.
Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)	The information prepared and submitted by a Proposer in response to this RFQ.
Work	The furnishing of labor, materials, equipment, and other incidentals necessary to, or convenient for the successful completion of, the design- build services for the Project and the carrying out of the duties and obligations imposed by the Contract.