

New Jersey Turnpike Authority
Engineering Department

Order for Professional Services No. P3986
Design Services for Contract No. P300.680 Operational Improvements between
Garden State Parkway Interchanges 130 and 131

Response to Inquiries
Request for Expressions of Interest

1. **Inquiry:**

Will the Authority allow the borders to be reduced to 0.5 inches and increase the resume limits for 2 pages per resume?

Response:

The requirements of minimum page borders and Resumes page limit shall follow the Solicitation for Requests for Expressions of Interest, Subsection A1.

2. **Inquiry:**

Will the Authority allow the extension of the due date of the EOI?

Response:

The Expressions of Interest submission date will not be changed.

3. **Inquiry:**

Is it acceptable to submit proposals using electronic signatures for the "Original" copy mentioned on the page 3 of the RFEOI?

Response:

The electronic signatures are accepted for this RFEOI.

4. **Inquiry:**

Should Consultants provide the signed Certification of Staff Availability?

Response:

Yes. The Consultants shall provide the signed Certification of Staff Availability form as requested in Subsection C13

5. **Inquiry:**

Can the Authority provide the wetland investigation report including data sheets documenting the basis of the wetland delineation?

Response:

Wetland investigation information is included in the EO215 Environmental Impact Statement submission, which is included in the background materials.

6. **Inquiry:**

Did Authority perform a habitat assessment for black-crowned night heron, cattle egret, Indiana bat, tricolored bat and monarch butterfly?

Response:

All the necessary habitat assessment should be included in the final design phase.

7. **Inquiry:**

Have Bat surveys been performed in accordance with USFWS procedures for all bridges in the project area?

Response:

The survey should be included in the final design phase if it is necessary after evaluation.

8. **Inquiry:**

Will the railbed survey be provided as part of the railroad survey?

Response:

The existing railroad survey information is included in the Final Preliminary Design Report, page 86 of 99 .

9. **Inquiry:**

Please confirm if the Preliminary Engineering Team will be performing the additional surveys and expansion of the APE as requested by HPO in order to address potential visual effects and contributing status/individual eligibility as noted under the section "Historic Architecture".

Response:

All the necessary work to satisfy the HPO requirements shall be performed in the Final Design phase

10. **Inquiry:**

Can it be assumed that no Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey is required as part of a Phase IB archaeological survey to investigate for potential human remains?

Response:

It will be evaluated as part of the Final Design Scope.

11. **Inquiry:**

The 1947 as-built plan data for the GSP's construction does not appear to have been considered as part of the Phase IA archaeological survey sensitivity assessment. Will a review of this data and more recent geotechnical boring profile logs be required to make a modified sensitivity assessment to determine if Phase IB archaeological survey is still warranted in areas previously assessed with a high sensitivity and to determine if traditional hand-dug shovel test pits are even a feasible methodology depending upon the thickness of circa 1947 fill material emplacement for GSP construction?

Response:

As stated in the RFEOI letter, the Successful Qualified Firm shall prepare all required documents to satisfy the requirements of Environmental Permitting.

12. Inquiry:

Areas of pre-1947 marshland and tributaries within the project footprint do not seem to have been considered as part of the Phase IA archaeological sensitivity assessment. Can such areas be reassessed with a low sensitivity during the Phase IB archaeological survey?

Response:

As stated in the RFEIOI letter, the Successful Qualified Firm shall prepare all required documents to satisfy the requirements of Environmental Permitting.

13. Inquiry:

Shall it be assumed that the APE-Archaeology delineated during the Phase IA archaeological survey will not be expanded in size, but may be reduced in size based on the Preliminary Engineering Cut and Fill boundary lines and stormwater basin locations? Will NJTA provide a GIS shapefile for the APE-Archaeology and APE-Architecture as previously defined in the EIS?

Response:

As stated in the RFEIOI letter, the Successful Qualified Firm shall prepare all required documents to satisfy the requirements of Environmental Permitting. No GIS shapefile will be provided.

14. Inquiry:

In reference to the EOI 215 NJDEP Response Letter, dated January 7, 2025, has the cultural resources survey requested by the HPO been completed?

Response:

It shall be included as part of the Final Design Scope.

15. Inquiry:

Please provide the permissible Conrail track outages as coordinated with Conrail.

Response:

Coordination with Conrail for permissible outages will be part of the Final Design Scope.

16. Inquiry:

In reference to the EOI 215 NJDEP Response Letter, dated January 7, 2025, has the cultural resources survey requested by the HPO been completed?

Response:

It shall be included as part of the Final Design Scope.

17. Inquiry:

Please provide relevant correspondence, meeting minutes, etc. with Conrail and utility companies from the Preliminary Engineering phase.

Response:

All the documents will be provided to the Successful Qualified Firm at the kickoff meeting.

18. **Inquiry:**

Was the use of long-term lane reductions on the GSP NB/SB Roadways considered for use in construction of Structure Nos. 131.1S and 131.1N? If so, please provide assessment data/results?

Response:

It shall be evaluated as part of the Final Design Scope.

19. **Inquiry:**

Please confirm whether the noise barrier location will be stand-alone or structure-mounted?

Response:

It shall be evaluated as part of the Final Design Scope.

20. **Inquiry:**

Please provide the Alternatives Analysis Report (AECOM), dated September 9, 2024 referenced in Section 1 of the Final PD Report?

Response:

The report is uploaded to the background materials under PD report.

21. **Inquiry:**

Please provide the Final Traffic Report for 2019 Existing and 2045 No-Build Conditions (HDR), dated May 10, 2024 referenced in Section 3.6 of the Final PD Report.

Response:

The report is included in the Alternatives Analysis Report, which is uploaded to the background materials under PD report.