

**05-07-12 Posting Date
Consultant Selection Documentation On-Line**

The Department's Consultant Selection documentation is now available on this website under "ODOT Postings and Selection History". By accessing the Agreement drop down menu, projects are listed by web posting date from 04/16/07 forward. Under the Action drop down menu, the short list selection and short list ratings are available; the Letter of Interest can be accessed under the short list rating by left-clicking on the Consultant name.

**04-30-12 Posting Date
Ohio Department of Transportation
Programmatic Consultant Selection Schedule 2012**

The consultant selection schedules for the May 2012 and September 2012 Programmatic Groups are now posted on the Consultant Services page of the Department's website under the heading "General Information".

**04-30-12 Posting Date
TRAC Re-Evaluation of Economic Factors**

Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducts an annual application cycle for project sponsors seeking funds from the Major New Capacity Program. The application process includes the evaluation of transportation, community and economic growth, and sponsor investment factors which are scored on a numerical scale in accordance with the TRAC Policies & Procedures (June 2011). Scoring information is used to aid TRAC in the development of the Major New Program List which establishes funding commitments for project development and construction. TRAC has well established process for evaluating transportation factors with known system data but has had difficulty with developing a process to accurately identify, quantify, and rank **economic benefits** of proposed projects as part of the Community and Economic Growth and Development Factors analysis. The goal of this study is to evaluate economic impact analysis conducted for transportation projects to identify potential TRAC policy and procedural improvements. A consultant agreement to conduct the study will be included in the **May 14, 2012 Programmatic Consultant Selection Group**. The preliminary Scope of Services is available through the following link:

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/Consultant/Consultant/TRACEconomicROI_ScopeApproach.pdf

**04-30-12 Posting Date
Revised Rates for Calculation of Net Fee**

The revised average overhead rate for net fee calculation will be 154.13%, with a separate rate of 175.99% for geotechnical work. These rates were calculated based on a weighted average with the weighting based on funds encumbered from FY 2008 through FY 2012 (as of 12-31-111). Sixty (60) firms were included in calculations for the overall rate, and ten (10) firms were included in the geotechnical rate.

The revised rates will **apply to proposals for agreements and modifications received in Consultant Services on or after May 7, 2012**, and similarly for task order proposals (for existing agreements) received in District or other offices.

The revised average overhead rates are permanently posted under the heading General Information. Questions should be directed to Dan Krajcovic, Mat Mauger, Jim Prosch, or John Ray in the Office of Consultant Services.

04-30-12 Posting Date
CUY-480-18.42, PID No. 90591
Programmatic Posting Schedule and Materials

This deck replacement design project is scheduled for the September 10, 2012 Programmatic Consultant Selection Group. The partial deck replacement feasibility study is currently in process. Preliminary findings from the finite element analysis indicate that part width construction is feasible and bridge re-decking is the preferred alternate. Total structure replacement is no longer a necessary alternate under consideration. The current consultant will further study the feasibility of half width construction with either 1) steel retrofitting and no limitations on deck pour sequence or 2) limitations on the deck pour sequence with minimal or no retrofitting.

The complete report is expected to be posted on the district ftp site (ftp://ftp.dot.state.oh.us/pub/Districts/D12/Production/Consultant_Programmatic/) in July, but no later than one month prior to the September 10, 2012 programmatic. Please check the Announcements section of the Consultant Services website for updates.

04-16-12 Posting Date
JEF-7-10.00 Emergency Project

The Department has posted a request for letters of interest for JEF-7-10.00, PID No. 93192 for design of a slope remediation consisting of an excavation to lay back the failing slope and install D50 barrier wall along the shoulder. Drainage will be added as needed. In addition, the consultant will prepare the Right of Way Plans and perform all Environmental work required.

04-09-12 Posting Date
Director's Consultant Fee Resolution Board

In January 2011 the Department established the Consultant Selection Review Team, which included representatives from the Department and the American Council of Engineering Companies, to evaluate all aspects of ODOT's consultant selection and contracting processes. In order to offer consultants the same right of appeal afforded to contractors under the Director's Claim Board process, the Review Team recommended that the Department establish a procedure for appeal of fees offered by the Department.

The Department has now developed standard procedures for the Director's Consultant Fee Resolution Board, which provides a forum to attempt to reach agreement concerning fair and

reasonable compensation in instances when the Department and a Consultant are unable to reach agreement in initial negotiations.

Standard procedures for the Director's Consultant Fee Resolution Board have now been posted to the Consultant Services page of the Department's website under "General Information".

04-02-12 Posting Date
ODOT/ACEC Partnering Conference – 2012
Discussion Topics – Request for Additional Comments

On Thursday May 3, 2012 the Department and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio are jointly sponsoring a conference that will include panel discussions to explore four key topics. In an effort to ensure thorough discussion of each topic, the Department and ACEC are requesting additional comments, suggestions and questions concerning each topic. The discussion topics and possible comments are listed below. Please use the link below to provide any suggestions for additional comments, suggestions or questions concerning each topic. Feel free to include details of any specific situation or issue that you have experienced in order to provide concrete examples for the discussion. The intent of the conference is to have an open discussion with all attendees so be as open and candid as you like.

ODOT/ACEC Partnering Discussion Comments

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_ACEC_Survey

Please provide your suggestions by April 20, 2012.

Discussion Topics

1. Project Management

Could improved project management by both ODOT and consultants provide improved project quality and faster project delivery.

Possible Comments: What issues would you like to see addressed? What problems have you had on projects? What works well?

2. Responsibility and Accountability

Do consultants and ODOT hold themselves accountable for project delivery schedules, review times, quality of deliverables and adherence to the scope of services.

Possible Comments: How can each side improve? What are ways to track or measure performance, accountability, etc.

3. Contract Negotiations

Do ODOT's fee negotiation standards and practices result in fees that are unfairly low and negatively impact consultant performance?

Possible Comments: What do you like/dislike about the process? Suggestions concerning changes?

4. ODOT's Consultant Evaluation System

Is ODOT's Consultant Evaluation System fulfilling its original purpose of providing reliable performance ratings for use in selection decisions, and meaningful feedback to consultants.

**04-02-12 Posting Date
Office of Consultant Services
Prequalification System
Correction to Consultant Names**

The Office of Consultant Services' prequalification database includes prequalified consultants, firms that previously held a contract, subconsultants and firms that have previously submitted a letter of interest.

It has been the past and current practice of Consultant Services to use a "last name first" type system for the names of certain consultants to readily locate those firms within the alphabetized list of firms. We have decided to change this convention to reflect the correct legal name of those firms.

Please note that the location of the names of some firms within the prequalification list and the electronic letter of interest system will change as these lists are presented alphabetically.

**03-19-12 Posting Date
Selection Documentation for January Programmatic**

Selection documentation will be available for review of the January 17, 2012 Programmatic after **MARCH 26, 2012**. Appointments to view the documentation may be set up by contacting Jayne Knost at jayne.knost@dot.state.oh.us

**03-12-12 Posting Date
ODOT/ACEC Ohio Partnering Conference
Thursday May 3, 2012
OCLC Conference Center
Dublin, Ohio**

The Department and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio are jointly sponsoring a conference that will bring together the Ohio Department of Transportation's executive management team and administrators from all 12 ODOT districts with members of ACEC Ohio for the express purpose of improving day-to-day working relationships between ODOT and its engineering consultants, with the ultimate goal of delivering better transportation projects for the citizens of Ohio.

Key topics will be explored in a series of panel discussions, each of which will be followed by an open forum involving all conference registrants. Prior to the conference, all registrants will be offered the opportunity to submit questions and comments anonymously.

Online registration, including the agenda and general information, is available through the following link:

<http://www.regonline.com/odotacecohiopartneringconference>

03-12-12 Posting Date
Geotechnical Consultant Workshop

On **May 8, 2012**, the ODOT Office of Geotechnical Engineering (OGE) will hold a Geotechnical Consultant Workshop at the Central Office Hilltop Complex (1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio) in the auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Information and topics to be presented and discussed are as follows:

- OGE/ODOT Geotechnical Update
- Compaction Testing Certification
- Cleveland Innerbelt: Geotechnical Progress Report
- The Application of Light Weight Deflectometer for Use in Mechanistic Empirical Pavement Design in Other States
- Quality Assurance Testing of Lime-Stabilized Subgrade Soil Using the Automatic Dynamic Cone Penetrometer and the Lightweight Deflectometer
- Structure Geotechnical Issues
- Specification and Guideline Changes and Issues
- General Question/Answer

Questions and comments are encouraged throughout the Workshop. However, please refrain from asking project specific questions.

There is no need to pre-register. Attendance at the entire workshop is worth 4.75 continuing professional development hours. If you have any questions, please call Steve Sommers at 614-275-1356 or send questions by e-mail to steven.sommers@dot.state.oh.us

03-12-12 Posting Date
Consultant Audit Materials
Audit Circulars Removed from Website

Please note that effective March 2, 2012 the Department's Contract Audit Circulars are no longer in use and have been removed from the ODOT website. ODOT follows the audit procedures recommended in the AASHTO Uniform Audit & Accounting Guide (2010 Edition), and a cross reference has been provided to show how the topics addressed in the prior Circulars are discussed in the AASHTO Guide.

The Compensation Matrix from former Circular 2 will remain in effect until the National Compensation Matrix (NCM) is released for use.

Several tools/practice aids from the prior Circulars are still available. These tools include sample overhead schedules, cost-of-money and cost-of-ownership (related party rent) templates, and a worksheet to assist in determining allowable vehicle costs.

The information and tools described above are available through the Office of External Audits webpage (<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Finance/Auditing/Pages/Consultants.aspx>). A link to that site is also provided on the Consultant Services page under General Information – Consultant Audit Materials.

03-06-12 Posting Date
Updates to Project Development Process
Consultant Training

As you know, the Ohio Department of Transportation has worked on updates to the Project Development Process (PDP) during the last year. Many of these updates include taking advantage of FHWA's *Every Day Counts* Initiative, streamlining processes, and improving scoping.

We would like to take an opportunity to meet with the consultant community and provide details of the PDP modifications and how they will benefit the development of projects as we move forward. This training session will build upon the last training session held in early January. It will include project examples, application of the new deliverables, more details about scoping and application of the process.

The training will be held on **Tuesday, March 20, 2012** from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The training will be held in the ODOT Auditorium located at 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. A webcast will be available for those that elect not to attend in person.

For those planning to attend in person, please register for the training so that we may have the appropriate number of materials prepared for participants. Please register at http://www.dot.state.oh.us/projects/pdp/Pages/PDP_Training_Registration.aspx by March 19, 2012.

The webcast can be accessed through the following link:
<http://media.dot.state.oh.us/DOTMediasite/Viewer/?peid=5d1663da0c934b60a957dfdc2e38dab>

Copies of the handouts will be available through the Office of Environmental Services webpage prior to the Training.

02-27-12 Posting Date
Infrastructure Management and Assessment Tool (IMAT)
Selection Procedures

On March 5, 2012, the Department will post a request for letters of interest for an agreement that will develop a paperless infrastructure management assessment tool application. The system will operate on an electronic media utilizing touch screen technology for field data collection and integration of data from the field to the office.

The objective of this application is to facilitate field data collection activities by enhancing or replacing a current application with a new version compatible with the Windows 7 environment, while adding some additional features for more efficient data collection options. The current application is designed to collect pavement condition ratings (PCR). ODOT is interested in enhancing the application to incorporate a local pavement assessment tool (LPAT), road inventory assessment tool (RIST), highway performance monitoring system tool (HPMST), and

Core Manager System (CMS). ODOT intends to develop each of these tools in a phased approach, in the order listed above. The application must be fully customizable to ODOT's needs, and present a user-friendly interface.

The selection process will include presentations by approximately three shortlisted firms.

02-27-12 Posting Date
CUY-480-18.42, PID No. 90591
Programmatic Posting Schedule

CUY-480-18.42, PID No. 90591, deck replacement design has been moved from the May 14, 2012 Programmatic Group to the September 10, 2012 Programmatic Group. The partial deck replacement feasibility study will be available in April 2012 and will be located on the ODOT FTP site: ftp://ftp.dot.state.oh.us/pub/Districts/D12/Production/Consultant_Programmatic/.

02-20-12 Posting Date
Right of Way Prequalification Training

The **Right of Way Prequalification Training** course is being offered on **March 21, 2012**. **Registration must be complete by March 9, 2012**. Please review the 02-13-12 Announcement below regarding changes to the Right of Way Plan Development category.

02-20-12 Posting Date
Local Government Website Procedures
Updated Sample Documents – Requests for Letters of Interest

Please note that the sample requests for letters of interest provided by the Department for use on local government projects have been revised to reflect the Departments current selection procedures. Local governments should use the revised documents for all new website postings.

Changes made to the documents include:

1. The list of prequalification categories has been revised to reflect new categories added by the Department including: Limited Right of Way Plan Development; Geotechnical Field Exploration Services; Geotechnical Drilling Inspection Services
2. Firms included on the current Federal list of firms suspended or debarred are not eligible for selection.
3. Item No. 5 of the Letter of Interest Content section has been revised to reflect ODOT's current requirements.
4. The Selection Rating Form has been revised to reflect ODOT's current selection factors and weights, and Notes 3 and 4 have been revised.

02-13-12 Posting Date
Consultant Prequalification Requirements and Procedures – February 2012
Revised Document

The Department has released a revised Manual that includes a new prequalification category and updates to several other categories. A summary of the changes and implementation procedures for each category are listed below. The new document has been posted to the Consultant Services page of the Department's website under the heading "Consultant Prequalification".

Summary of Changes by Prequalification Category Including Implementation Procedures

Limited Right of Way Plan Development

Summary of Changes

A new prequalification category has been added to allow smaller firms to prepare right of way plans on rural projects with six or fewer parcels. The current prequalification category (Right of Way Plan Development) has been renamed Complex Right of Way Plan Development. Firms currently prequalified in this category will be automatically prequalified in both categories.

Implementation

The Limited Right of Way Plan Development category will be used for selection effective with the Programmatic Group scheduled for posting on May 14, 2012. Firms may submit requests for prequalification in the new category effective immediately.

Training

The **Right of Way Prequalification Training** course is being offered on ~~March 9, 2012~~. **March 21, 2012. Registration must be complete by March 9, 2012.** Complete course information including registration instructions is available at the following link:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Pages/ROWTraining.aspx>

Geotechnical Testing Laboratory

Summary of Changes

1. The American Association of Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) has been eliminated as an accrediting agency
2. The following test categories have been moved to the list of tests that require AMRL certification:

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| D2974 | Determination of Organic Content in Soils by Loss on Ignition |
| D4644 | Slake Durability of Shales and Similar Weak Rocks |
| D5731 | Determination of the Point Load Strength Index of Rock |
3. The following test categories have been eliminated.

| <u>ASTM</u> | <u>TITLE</u> |
|-------------|--------------|
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D7012 Compression Strength and Elastic Moduli of Intact Rock Core Specimens

Implementation

New firms requesting prequalification must meet the requirements. Firms currently prequalified must meet the requirements upon the next scheduled update of their AMRL certification.

Geotechnical Field Exploration Services

Summary of Changes

1. The requirements for drill crew chiefs (formerly supervisors) have been clarified.
2. The addresses of the National Drilling Association (NDA) and National Highway Institute (NHI) have been revised.

Implementation

New firms requesting prequalification must meet the requirements. Firms currently prequalified must meet the requirements upon the next scheduled update (every two years) of their prequalification.

Geotechnical Drilling Inspection Services

Summary of Changes

1. The requirement for 10 filtered groundwater samples has been deleted.
2. The addresses of the National Drilling Association (NDA) and National Highway Institute (NHI) have been revised.
3. The ODOT Soil and Rock Classification Course is listed as offered by the University of Akron.

Implementation

No impact on firms currently prequalified.

Environmental Services – Various Prequalification Categories

Summary of Changes

All required training courses must be updated at intervals as follows:

- “Managing the Environmental and Project Development Process” - 10 years
- “Categorical Exclusion” - 5 years
- “Section 4(f)” - 5 years

"Ecological Training" - 5 years
"Waterway Permits Training" - 5 years
"Section 106/National Register Eligibility" - 5 years

Implementation

New firms requesting prequalification must meet the requirements. Firms currently prequalified must meet the requirements upon the next scheduled update (every two years) of their prequalification.

Aquatic Ecology and Wetland Delineation

Summary of Changes

The requirements have been revised to require a knowledge of *Wetlands Delineation Manual* (USACE 1987), the Regional Supplements to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual [Midwest (v.2) and North Central/North East (v.2)] and the Interim Regional Supplements to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual [Eastern Mountains & Piedmont] and the OEPA Water Quality Standards and the assorted OEPA assessment tools (i.e. ORAM, QHEI, HHEI, etc.). (previously only the *Wetlands Delineation Manual* (USACE 1987) and the OEPA Water Quality Standards and assorted OEPA assessment tools (i.e. ORAM, QHEI, HHEI, etc.) were listed).

Implementation

New firms requesting prequalification must meet the requirements. Firms currently prequalified must meet the requirements upon any change in personnel that provide the basis of prequalification.

Stream and Wetland Mitigation

Summary of Changes

The requirements have been revised to require least one individual on permanent staff who has designed at least at least one successful stream mitigation project and one successful wetland mitigation project (previously two (2) successful stream and/or wetland mitigation projects).

Implementation

New firms requesting prequalification must meet the requirements. Firms currently prequalified must meet the requirements upon any change in personnel that provide the basis of prequalification.

**02-06-12 Posting Date
Office of Statewide Planning & Research
Request for Proposals**

The Research program has an open solicitation for proposals. The link to the posting is as follows:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/SPR/Research/RFP/Pages/default.aspx>

**02-06-12 Posting Date
National Highway Institute Course Offered
Subsurface Investigation Prequalification**

The course is being offered by the National Drilling Association (NDA). ODOT Consultant Prequalification Requirements and Procedures, issued June 2010 state that after July 1, 2011, in addition to experience requirements, 2 prequalification categories require certification of personnel by the NDA. The course being offered is part of the certification process. For the category of Geotechnical Field Exploration (2.18), the field drill crew supervisor shall be certified. Only drill crew supervisors that meet these requirements are eligible to supervise geotechnical field explorations in the field. For the category of Geotechnical Drilling Inspection Services (2.19), at least one drilling inspector shall be certified. Only drilling inspectors that meet these requirements are eligible to perform these duties in the field.

Date/Time/Location: February 27 - 29, 2012
The Ramada Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
4900 Sinclair Road, Columbus, OH 43229
Phone: 614-846-0300 or 877-609-6086

Detailed course and registration information can be found at:

<http://shop.nda4u.com/xcart/home.php?cat=256>

Questions regarding the NHI Subsurface Investigation Qualification course may be addressed to the NDA office at 877-632-4748.

**01-30-12 Posting Date
Updated Table of Organization for ODOT District 4**

The following is a link to the updated ODOT District 4 Table of Organization:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D04/Planning/Pages/default.aspx>

**01-31-12 Posting Date
Template Issues**

Please note that some initial problems with the new templates have now been corrected. If you downloaded the templates prior to January 20th and experience problems, please download again to use the recently corrected versions.

**01-23-12 Posting Date
Nuclear Moisture/Density Gauge Compaction Testing
Operator Qualification Requirements**

Please see the letter below from the Office of Materials Management concerning qualification requirements for nuclear moisture/density gauge compaction testing.

January 18, 2012

Re: Nuclear Moisture/Density Gauge Compaction Testing

To whom it may concern:

You are receiving this letter because your firm has previously been selected for a construction inspection contract by the Department. The Department is currently considering revising our methods of soils moisture/density testing from internal personnel to consultant and/or contractor compaction testing using nuclear moisture/density gauges.

The proposed process changes will include a two part Department developed technician prequalification program including:

1. A NICET Level 2 operator qualification requirement, currently mandated by Department Supplemental Specifications 878 and 879.
2. Each technician must pass a hands-on examination using their gauge. This prequalification would generally follow ODOT Supplement 1015. In addition, each firm's gauge(s) will be verified in the prequalification process and listed as Department acceptable testing equipment.

These qualifications will need to be met by any consultant/contractor gauge users for use on Department projects.

The Department will be running a preliminary test of the practical examination process sometime in mid-March of this year to test and evaluate our proposed qualification procedures before our specifications change require the qualifications.

We invite volunteers willing to participate in this test of the new process. Because of the Department's consistent use of the Troxler 3440 series gauges, volunteering firms using other manufacturer's gauges are strongly encouraged to participate in the test run of the preliminary prequalification. If you are willing to volunteer please contact adam.kieffer@dot.state.oh.us

Participation in no way impacts any future possible certification and might even save you later trip. We appreciate your participation in the Department's efforts to create the most realistic and proficient qualification process possible.

Best Regards,

Lloyd Welker Jr., P.E.
Administrator, ODOT Office of Materials Management

12-26-11 Posting Date
2012 Ohio DOT Asphalt Concrete Level 2 and 3 School and Testing Schedule

Information concerning training and testing schedules is available through the following:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/Consultant/Consultant/Level2-Schedule-IOC-12-21-11.pdf>

**12-12-11 Posting Date
Submission of Indirect Cost Rate Information**

As required by Federal law (23 CFR 172), Engineering Consultants must submit updated indirect cost rate information annually. Accordingly, ODOT's Supplemental Accounting System Questionnaire (SASQ) process requires the submission of indirect cost rate information no later than six months after the close of a Consultant's fiscal year. (July 1 is the deadline for Consultants with fiscal years ending December 31.)

The list of Engineering Consultants with current, approved rates is available at this link:
http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/Consultant/Consultant/ConsultantOverheadRates_2010-2011CertifIssued.pdf

If your company does not appear on the list, please submit your most recent cost information in compliance with the SASQ process described at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/DIVISIONS/FINANCE/AUDITING/Pages/Consultants.aspx>

DEADLINE: Cost submissions must be received no later than January 16, 2011. Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your company's prequalification with ODOT.

Note: Recent changes to the ODOT information technology system have resulted in limitations to the size of email attachments that can be received. Accordingly, individual files are **limited to 50 MB**. When submitting in accordance with the SASQ process, Consultants are advised to send emails as follows:

1. Firm name and year of overhead schedule must appear in the subject line.
2. The body of the email must include a listing of all attached files.

Submittal Method: All documents must be submitted via email to
ODOT.Cost.Submissions@dot.state.oh.us.

Documents will not be accepted in hard copy format or via fax.

Questions may be direct to Scot Gormley, ODOT Office of External Audits, at (614) 644-0384.

**12-05-11 Posting Date
Revised Project Development Process (PDP)
Preliminary Training Session
Scheduled January 5, 2012**

As you know, the Ohio Department of Transportation has worked on updates to the Project Development Process (PDP) throughout 2011. Many of these updates include taking advantage of FHWA's *Every Day Counts* Initiative, streamlining processes, and improving scoping. With the updates being nearly complete, all new projects being scoped in December

2011 and thereafter, including those in the January 17, 2012 Programmatic Group, will follow the new updates.

We would like to take an opportunity to meet with the consultant community and provide details of the PDP modifications and how they will benefit the development of projects as we move forward.

On Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, ODOT will host a preliminary training session to educate consultants on the PDP revisions and how to incorporate into the scoping process for future projects. The training will be held in the ODOT Auditorium located at 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, and a webcast will be available for those that elect not to attend in person.

Consultants should plan to send those staff who are responsible for scoping projects, contract managers and project managers that will be involved with upcoming projects. This training is not intended for all consultant staff, but for those who will be involved in scoping new projects with the PDP early in 2012. A separate, comprehensive, PDP training session will be scheduled for consultants in February or March 2012. This training session will provide details necessary for extended development of projects.

For those planning to attend in person, please register for the training so that we may have the appropriate number of materials prepared for participants. Please register at http://www.dot.state.oh.us/projects/pdp/Pages/PDP_Training_Registration.aspx by December 30, 2011.

The webcast can be accessed through the following link:

<http://media.dot.state.oh.us/DOTMediasite/Viewer/?peid=97d6a9df67094bc4b7bb0b084aa31e99>

Copies of the handouts will be available through the Office of Environmental Services webpage a few weeks prior to the Training.

12-05-11 Posting Date
Traffic Academy
Maintenance of Traffic Training Class

The Office of Traffic Engineering is offering a Maintenance of Traffic training class scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2012, starting at 9:00 am in Conference Room GA. Completion of this course is a requirement for prequalification in Complex Roadway Design. Complete information and registration instructions are available on the Traffic Academy page of the Office of Traffic Engineering web site as follows:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Operations/Traffic/TrafficAcademy/Pages/default.aspx>

12-05-11 Posting Date
Federal Highway Administration Guidance Concerning
Consultant Selection and Contract Administration
Update to FHWA "Questions and Answers"

Please note that the Federal Highway Administration has issued a revised list of "Questions and Answers" that help to explain and supplement the rules under Federal Regulation 23 CFR 172. When Federal funds are used in consultant contracts, ODOT's policies for both LPA Local Let and ODOT Let projects require that local governments follow Federal Regulation 23 CFR 172 in

selecting consultants, negotiating agreements and administering contracts. The revised document is available under the Local Government section of ODOT's Consultant Services webpage.

11-28-11 Posting Date
VAR-STW Access Ohio 2040
PID No. 92315
New Selection Process - Project to be Re-Posted

A consultant agreement to update Access Ohio was included in a group of projects posted to ODOT's website on October 24, 2011. The Department has decided to re-post the project with a revised scope of services and more emphasis placed on experience in long range statewide transportation planning. The revised project will be posted to the Consultant Services page of ODOT's website effective November 28, 2011. Letters of Interest will be due on December 19, 2011.

10-24-11 Posting Date
Additional Prequalification Category
Proposed Revision to Add "Limited Right of Way Plan Development"
For Review and Comment

In order to provide opportunities for smaller firms to prepare right of way plans, but still ensure that all legal requirements are met and sufficient experience and training requirements remain in place, the Department has developed a new prequalification category for "**Limited Right of Way Plan Development**".

The requirements for the new category along with the revised text of the entire Right of Way Plan Development section are being provided for review and comment prior to implementation of the new prequalification category. The revised section is available for review at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/Consultant/Consultant/RWPrequalNon-Complex10-24-2011.docx>

Please direct any comments to Dan Krajcovic at dan.krajcovic@dot.state.oh.us, on or before October 31, 2011.

10-24-11 Posting Date
Office of Statewide Planning & Research
Research Section
Requests for Proposals

The Research Section of the Office of Statewide Planning & Research currently has 3 Requests for Proposals posted on ODOT's website. Information concerning the RFPs can be found at the following location:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/SPR/Research/RFP/Pages/default.aspx>

10-24-11 Posting Date
ORDC/ODOT Announces Railroad Preempted Traffic Signal Training

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) in conjunction with ODOT is offering a technical training session on the design and operational standards for railroad preempted traffic signals. Attendance is highly recommended for any ODOT, local government personnel, or consultant that will design or review railroad preempted traffic signals. ODOT will include attendance at an approved ODOT/ORDC class on Railroad Preempted Traffic Signal Training as a subfactor in the selection of a consultant for any project with a railroad preempted traffic signal.

The 1-day technical training classes will be held as follows:

Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This session will be held in the Lower Level Auditorium at ODOT Headquarters, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Please note that this training is the same course that was offered in December 2009, as a two-day course. This course has been condensed into one day but will cover the same material. Please be on-time and expect to stay the full time allotted.

This session is being offered free of charge, however, advance registration is strongly recommended. Please forward your name, company or agency affiliation, business address, business phone number, email address, and which session you will be attending to John Rayburn, Ohio Rail Development Commission, email: John.Rayburn@dot.state.oh.us, telephone: 614-728-9609.

10-10-11 Posting Date
Preliminary Notification
Website Posting for New Agreements
Tentative Posting Date: October 24, 2011

The Department plans to post a Request for Letters of Interest on October 24, 2011, for the three projects listed below.

Statewide Surveys - Task Order Type Agreement

- A single agreement to include:
 - Two statewide surveys: Customer Preferences Survey & Customer Satisfaction Survey
 - Option for additional public involvement activities

The Customer Preferences Survey is intended to define the transportation issues that are of importance to Ohioans. The results of this survey will be used to develop the goals and objectives of Access Ohio 2040 (statewide transportation plan update). The Customer Preferences Survey will be the first public participation effort for the statewide transportation plan update. The Customer Satisfaction Survey is intended to capture customers' opinions on ODOT's performance. The survey must be designed so that it can be repeated on a regular basis in the future.

The selection process will include presentations/interviews.

Access Ohio Plan

- Assist ODOT staff in conducting an update to the Ohio Statewide Transportation Plan (Access Ohio 2040)

The Plan update will be entitled Access Ohio 2040. Access Ohio 2040 is intended to **guide**, **inform** and **support** ODOT's transportation decision making, rather than simply being a "wish list" for future projects. The Plan will be based on a comprehensive inventory and analysis of existing and projected future conditions on Ohio's transportation networks. Plan analyses will incorporate the financial, social, environmental, and economic factors and trends that both affect transportation conditions and to which transportation programs, policies, and projects respond. The Plan update process will be conducted consistent with the statewide transportation planning regulations embodied in 23 CFR 450.

The selection process will include presentations/interviews.

Pavement Research – Automate/Improve PCR Data Collection

The objective of this research is to evaluate current technology to automate and/or improve the ODOT PCR data collection and analysis procedures.

The ODOT pavement management process uses the pavement condition rating (PCR) to determine the current condition of the pavement, predict the future condition of the pavement, select rehabilitation treatments, and allocate funds to the districts. The PCR is a manual distress survey of pavements on the state system by a crew of three people and on the local system by a crew of two people. Improvements in laser line scanning technology, data processing and storage, pavement image processing, and imaging analysis has resulted in systems that can collect pavement surface distress data at highway speed in variable light conditions. Some of the data can be processed on the fly and the remainder of the data can be processed in the office at work stations. However, it is important the data processed by the automated systems and the workstations produce approximately the same individual distress extent/severity ratings and PCR numbers obtained from the manual ratings since this data has been used to develop decision trees, GQL queries, budget allocation procedures, etc., currently used by ODOT. Research is needed to determine if technology currently available can be used to automate or semi-automate the PCR data collection and analysis procedures at ODOT. The selection process will include presentations/interviews.

10-10-11 Posting Date September 2011 Programmatic Group Tentative Schedule for Presentations/Interviews

Presentations/interviews have been tentatively scheduled as follows:

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| 10/28/2011 | FRA-070-13.54 (Project 4) PID 77372 |
| 11/04/2011 | FRA-070-11.28 (Project 6) PID 81828 |

10-04-11 Posting Date

**September 2011 Programmatic Group
Technical Problems
Response date Revised to October 4, 2011**

Due to technical problems with the Department's Electronic Letter of Interest System that occurred last night a few hours prior to the cutoff for submittals, the due date for submittal of Letters of Interest has been extended to 11:59 pm today (Tuesday October 4, 2011). Firms that experienced difficulties should first check to see how much if any information was retained in the system, and then complete the normal submittal process.

For firms that successfully submitted your letter of interest no action is needed. We have reviewed the letters of interest received (106) and found that all required information was included.

**10-04-11 Posting Date
September 2011 Programmatic Group
Technical Problems**

We have received a number of messages indicating that the Electronic Letter of Interest System malfunctioned last night a few hours prior to the cutoff for submittals. We are working now to resolve the situation and allow all firms that intended to submit a letter of interest to do so. If your firm was unable to submit a letter of interest please refer to this location for further direction which will be provided as soon as possible.

For firms that successfully submitted your letter of interest no action is needed. We have reviewed the letters of interest received (106) and found that all required information was included.

**09-23-11 Posting Date
VAR-Ohio Turnpike PMC
PID No. 91997
Ohio Turnpike Public Private Initiative, Project Management Consultant
Selection for Presentations/Interviews**

The Office of Budget and Management and the Ohio Department of Transportation have selected the following firms for presentations/interviews:

- Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.
- KPMG Corporate Finance LLP
- Macquarie Capital
- Morgan Stanley
- Public Financial Management, Inc.

**09-12-11 Posting Date
Revisions in Selection Procedures and Letter of Interest Content
Effective September 12, 2011**

Please note that effective with the September 12, 2011 Programmatic Group, the Department has made significant revisions in consultant selection procedures including changes in the

selection rating form, letter of interest content and procedures related to the DBE program. Please read the instructions included with the Request for Letters of Interest carefully to ensure compliance with the revised procedures.

Significant revisions include:

1. "Project Cost Containment" has been eliminated as a as a selection factor and the 10 points re-allocated to "Project Approach".
2. "Knowledge and experience concerning relevant ODOT standards, procedures and guidance documents" has been added to the list of items to be addressed within the Project Approach.
3. For task order and other on-call type agreements, instructions have been added to address the capabilities of the proposed team and specific assigned staff to complete assignments in a timely and efficient manner
4. Resumes, if requested, are now limited to two pages per individual.
5. Note 4 in the Selection Rating Form Notes has been revised to reflect more emphasis placed on staff commitments in the Department's evaluation of the selection factor "Firm's Current Workload/Availability of Personnel"
6. For projects noted as having DBE goals, the letter of interest must show that the consultant has made good faith efforts to meet the goal. Good faith efforts may include: (1) Documentation that the consultant has obtained enough DBE participation to meet the goal; or (2) Documentation that it made adequate good faith efforts, as defined in 49 CFR 26.53, to meet the goal, even though it did not succeed in obtaining enough DBE participation to do so.
7. Firms included on the current federal list of firms suspended or debarred are not eligible for selection.

09-02-11 Posting Date
VAR-Ohio Turnpike PMC
PID No. 91997
Ohio Turnpike Public Private Initiative, Project Management Consultant
Revision in Selection Schedule

The Department issued the press release included below early yesterday afternoon. As noted, release of the shortlist has been postponed until September 23, 2011 and the presentations are tentatively scheduled for October 27, 2011.

ODOT/OBM Extend Publication of Ohio Turnpike Advisor Short-list

COLUMBUS (August 31, 2011) – Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jerry Wray announced today that the State will take three additional weeks to analyze proposals from consultants who are seeking to advise the state as it considers its options for leasing the Ohio Turnpike. The extra consideration time was sought after the state received more proposals than

expected. The additional time will allow for proposals to receive the full consideration necessary in order to make the best decision.

“The governor has made it clear to me and OBM’s Director Keen that Ohio will only pursue a turnpike lease if it’s in the best interest of Ohioans. Given that charge and given the importance of this decision we’re going to take the time to study all of the consultant proposals carefully to select the team that will provide best counsel. Leasing the turnpike could dramatically boost support of new transportation spending, especially at a time when the future of federal funding looks very unstable. We remain very committed to this idea and to studying it right, but it’s admittedly a controversial idea for some people so we’re trying to go out of our way to be transparent about the process and provide updates as the process moves and adjusts, as it is now,” said Director Jerry Wray.

Moving forward, ODOT and OBM will publish the short-list of advisors on September 23, with presentations tentatively being scheduled for October 27.

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For more information contact:

Melissa Ayers, Central Office Communications, at 614-644-8640

**08-29-11 Posting Date
VAR-Ohio Turnpike PMC
PID No. 91997
Ohio Turnpike Public Private Initiative, Project Management Consultant
Letters of Interest Received**

The following firms submitted Letters of Interest for the project identified as VAR-Ohio Turnpike PMC:

1. BMO Capital Markets GKST Inc.
2. Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
3. Greenhill & Co., LLC
4. Ice Miller LLP
5. KPMG Corporate Finance LLP
6. Lazard Freres & Co. LLC
7. Macquarie Capital
8. Moelis & Company LLC
9. Morgan Stanley
10. Public Financial Management, Inc.
11. RBC Capital Markets, LLC
12. Seel Jackson Consulting, LLC
13. UBS Investment Bank
14. William Blair & Company

**08-15-11 Posting Date
FRA-Interstate Route 70/Interstate Route 71 Projects
Programmatic Posting Date September 12, 2011**

Various environmental and preliminary engineering Information is available for the projects included in the September 12, 2011 Programmatic Consultant Selection Group identified as:

FRA-315/70/71, PID No. 81828
FRA-70-13.54 (Fourth Project), PID No. 77372

at the following posted ftp site:

ftp://dot%5CImontgom@ftp.dot.state.oh.us/pub/Districts/D06/download/September%202011%20Programmatic/70_71_315%20West%20Interchange%20and%20South%20Trench/

08-01-11 Posting Date
District 6 Consultant Workshop

ODOT District 6 will be hosting a workshop for consultants wishing to provide engineering services for the Central Ohio District. This will be your opportunity to meet and talk with District Administrators, Project Managers, and others on the Consultant Team prior to the September Programmatic.

The workshop is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
9:00 - Noon
Orange Township Hall
1680 East Orange Road
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035-9502

Speakers will present on a variety of topics including:

- Upcoming Programmatic Projects
- Changes in Selection/Negotiation Process
- Partnering

Please RSVP by e-mailing Edie.Charles@dot.state.oh.us by August 17, 2011.

07-25-11 Posting Date
FRA-Interstate Route 70/Interstate Route 71 Projects
Programmatic Posting Date September 12, 2011

On September 12, 2011, the Department will post the September Programmatic Selection Group requesting letters of interest including 2 projects along the Interstate Route 70/Interstate Route 71 Columbus Crossroads corridor:

FRA-315/70/71, PID No. 81828

Recommend cost constrained improvements to the west interchange maximizing use of existing infrastructure and minimizing or eliminating right of way impacts. The Purpose and Need will remain unchanged from the previous study, FRA-70-8.93, however a new alignment will be developed and the IMS and EA will be reevaluated.

FRA-70-13.54 (Fourth Project), PID No. 77372

Detailed design of the Interstate Route 70/Interstate Route 71 overlap between the Scioto River and Grant Avenue. New downtown connections will be made to Mound Street and Fulton Street. Includes work on Mound Street from Second Street to Fourth Street and on Fulton Street from Front Street to Fourth Street.

**06-20-11 Posting Date
District 4 IPS**

Based upon the reorganization and combination of the previous District 4 Planning and Production Departments into the newly formed Planning & Engineering Department, please note the following.

For all District 4 Consultant Agreements, invoices should be submitted to the following:

Gery Noirot, P.E. ODOT District 4 Consultant Administration Engineer
2088 S. Arlington Road
Akron, OH 44306

Please also inform all persons in your office, including clerical, to update their address books since many firms are still sending invoices to persons that have changed positions several years ago and/or persons who have not worked at ODOT for several years.

**06-06-11 Posting Date 06-09-11 REVISED
Schedule for Interviews/Presentations
Programmatic Consultant Selection Group No. 05-09-11**

Interviews/presentations for **HAN-75-14.39, PID No. 87005** and **LUC-75-4.52, PID No. 77254** are scheduled as follows:

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| LUC-75-4.52 | Thursday, June 23 rd |
| HAN-75-14.39 | Thursday, June 30 th |

Short listed consultants will be notified of the agenda.

**05-30-11 Posting Date
Statewide Planning Study
Posting Date June 6, 2011**

On June 6, 2011, the Department will post a request for letters of interest for a comprehensive planning study that will address the Department's planning requirements on a statewide basis. The Office of Statewide Planning and Research has evaluated planning projects that were selected earlier and determined that a single statewide comprehensive planning effort would better serve the needs of the Department. This comprehensive study will combine elements of the scope of services of projects rescinded including:

VAR-Northeast/Northwest Regional Transportation Study
VAR-Southeast Regional Transportation Study
VAR-North Central Transportation Plan
VAR-South Central Transportation Plan

VAR-Statewide Freight Study

05-30-2011 Posting Date
ODOT Bridge Preservation Award Nominations
Deadline: July 5, 2011

The Award Nomination Form for the ODOT/FHWA/Ohio Historic Preservation Office-sponsored Historic Bridge Preservation Awards is available below. The nomination includes instructions for submission. Please direct any questions to Tom Barrett, Office Of Environmental Services (614-466-3932).

http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/TransSysDev/Environment/Cultural_Resource/HISTORIC_BRIDGES/Pages/default.aspx

05-16-11 Posting Date
Revised Consultant Communications Policy

Please note that a revised policy concerning communication between Consultants and the Department during the consultant selection process has been posted to the Consultant Services page of the Department's website under the heading **Consultant Communications Policy**.

05-16-11 Posting Date
District 4 Contacts

Anthony Urankar, District 4 Deputy Director, is pleased to announce that the following individuals have assumed lead roles, effective May 9, 2011, in the District 4 Planning & Engineering:

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| <i>James G. Kinnick</i> | Planning & Engineering Administrator (330) 786-4819, James.Kinnick@dot.state.oh.us |
| <i>Dave Sicker</i> | Planning Engineer (330) 786-4950, David.Sicker@dot.state.oh.us |
| <i>Anthony Zumbo</i> | LPA Coordinator (330) 786-4847, Anthony.Zumbo@dot.state.oh.us |
| <i>Tom Powell</i> | Design Engineer (330) 786-4834, Thomas.Powell2@dot.state.oh.us |
| <i>Chris Huff</i> | Real Estate Engineer (330) 786-4853, Christopher.Huff@dot.state.oh.us |
| <i>Gery Noirot</i> | Consultant Administration Engineer (330) 786-2270, Gery.Noivot@dot.state.oh.us |

05-12-11 Posting Date
VAR-STW PPP Policy

PID No. 90895

Please note that a revision to the scope of services regarding the extent of legal services was briefly posted in error on 05/11/11. The scope of services remains as originally and currently posted.

**05-09-11 Posting Date
Revised Consultant Communications Policy**

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**05-09-11 Posting Date
Revised Rates for Calculation of Net Fee**

The revised average overhead rate for net fee calculation will be 156.29%, with a separate rate of 164.16% for geotechnical work. These rates were calculated based on a weighted average with the weighting based on funds encumbered from FY 2007 through FY 2011 (as of 12-31-10). Sixty (60) firms were included in calculations for the overall rate, and ten (10) firms were included in the geotechnical rate.

The revised rates will **apply to proposals for agreements and modifications received in Consultant Services on or after May 9, 2011**, and similarly for task order proposals (for existing agreements) received in District or other offices.

The revised average overhead rates are permanently posted under the heading General Information.

Questions should be directed to Dan Krajcovic, Jim Prosch or Mat Mauger in the Office of Consultant Services.

**05-02-11 Posting Date
VAR-STW PPP Policy
PDI No. 90895**

Questions and Answers for this item will be posted to the web site. All questions should be forwarded in writing to Lyle Flower, Administrator, Office of Consultant Services at Lyle.Flower@dot.state.oh.us

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End of ODOT Web Page Announcements