

RFP for LTRC 18-5ST

Investigating Available State-of-The Art Technology for Determining Needed Information for Bridge Rating Strategies

Q1. Is getting academia on your team is a plus or requirement for securing this proposal?

A1. Getting academia on your team is not a requirement for securing this proposal.

Q2. If a bridge consulting firm has not worked for DOTD in the past, is this a requirement to be selected?

A2. No, this is not a requirement. However, bridge design/maintenance/construction background will help the research get a better understanding of the objective stated in the request for proposal (RFP).

Q3. Is a master's degree or PhD required for this proposal?

A3. Not at all. LTRC realizes that there are a lot of engineers in the private sector that do not hold a master's or PhD degree but do possess an extensive experience in bridge rating area.

Q4. Is the entire FORM 1913 Rev. 02/15 (Proposal form) required to be filled out since a fee of \$100,000 has already been finalized?

A4. Yes. The form will provide the members of the project review committee (PRC) the chance to get an idea about the proposer, education, work background, and evaluate/rate all submitted proposals accordingly. It will allow the members to decide whether the proposer has technical background, testing facilities, if needed that can help in conducting the research study. The fee of \$100,000 is an estimated amount based on our experience. Different proposers may request amounts little higher or little less based on what the proposers envision what the cost would be for conducting needed research.

Q5. It states that the deliverables for this proposal include Task 1: Literature Review and Task 3: Final Report, Technical Summary, and Summary Presentation. Does the proposal include completing both tasks in full content or an understanding of our approach to these two tasks?

A5. Task 3 contains all work and finding performed and obtained throughout the length of the study. The Technical Summary as a one to two page write-up summarizing the

work reported in the final report. The presentation is when the researcher meets with the project review committee (PRC) to present the final findings of the research work.