



Minnesota Department of Transportation: Metro District
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Re: Request for Letters of Interest for I494: Airport to Highway 169 Design Build: Project 2

Greetings,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Metropolitan District) is soliciting Letters of Interest (LOI) from companies interested in providing Design-Build services for the design and construction of **Phase 2** of the I494 Airport to Highway 169 project. This project involves the completion of the EZPass lane project on I494 from TH 169 to 24th Ave, as well as completion of the I35W and 82nd Street interchange. The project is scheduled to be let in fall of 2026 and is anticipated to be about \$300M in construction cost. Major scope items include concrete paving, grading, retaining walls, five new bridges including the CPKC railroad bridge over 494, bridge rehabilitation work, drainage, watermain and sanitary sewer, and noisewalls. More information regarding the project can be found here:

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494-airport-hwy169/index.html>

Information regarding the Design-Build procurement, including preliminary design files, will soon be posted here (or linked from here):

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/designbuild/i494-airport/index.html>

Companies interested in receiving project notices and notifications, including a notice of the Request for Qualifications release, should send their LOI by email to:

Greg Asche, P.E.

Greg.asche@state.mn.us

The Letter of Interest must state the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the person who the Department may contact at your company to provide further information about the project. No particular format is required for this letter: an email is acceptable.

A rough procurement schedule for the project is as follows:

- RFQ Release – Summer, 2022
- Submit SOQs – Winter 2025-2026
- Shortlist Teams/RFP Release – Late Spring, 2026
- Letting – Fall of 2026
- Construction Start – Spring 2027

This project will make use of Best Value scoring.

A project information workshop will be scheduled near the RFQ release in 2026. Potential teams may contact MnDOT staff (Greg Asche – construction Project Manager, Andrew Lutaya – design Project Manager, or Peter Davich – Design-Build Program Manager) regarding the project until that time.

While the submission of a Letter of Interest and attendance at the project information workshop are not prerequisites for participating in the procurement process, interested firms and parties are strongly encouraged to submit and attend.

The Department reserves the sole right, without incurring any liability, to change any aspect of the proposed procurement described above, including the right not to proceed with the procurement and/or the right to proceed in a different manner or on a different timeline than as described above.

Sincerely,

Greg Asche, PE, Project Manager

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