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**KNIK ARM BRIDGE & TOLL AUTHORITY (KABATA)
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3) PUBLIC INFORMATION GUIDELINES**

KABATA has embarked on a typical competitive government contracting process (“Request for Proposals”) to solicit, identify and engage a qualified private sector partner to finance, design, construct, operate and maintain the Knik Arm Crossing Project (Project) with KABATA.

This “Request for Proposals” process consists of two steps:

1. To identify what company or groups of companies are qualified by sufficient financial capacity, experience and management, design, engineering, construction, and personnel resources to complete the Project as KABATA’s private sector partner (Qualified Proposers).
2. To consult with all the Qualified Proposers, develop and issue a Request for Proposals to all Qualified Proposers, select (or not) the best proposal for the State and KABATA and to then contract with the Qualified Proposer having the best proposal to proceed with the financing, design and construction of the Project and its subsequent operation and maintenance.

It is the firm policy, commitment and obligation of the KABATA to conduct its procurement processes in the most open and transparent manner possible and to provide the public all publicly available information in a timely manner consistent with:

1. Preserving and ensuring a fair and competitive procurement process to achieve the best interests of the State,
2. Fairness to those conducting business with the State,
3. Protection of private persons dealing with the State in their constitutional right of privacy, and
4. Subject to compliance with State competitive procurement statutes and regulations.

In accordance with these considerations, statutes and regulations and to achieve these goals, KABATA and the Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT&PF) employees and consultants have signed a confidentiality agreement to preserve the fair and competitive contracting process.

- Q. Where is KABATA in its procurement process?
- A. KABATA is evaluating the qualifications of the two groups of Proposers who submitted Statements of Qualifications.
- Q. What is the next step in the selection process?
- A. Identification of Qualified Proposers and the initiation of Step 2.

Q. How long will the selection process take?

A. Approximately 9 months to one year:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tentative Schedule</u>
Shortlist Qualified Proposers	April 2007
Industry review	Spring 2007
Issue RFP	Summer 2007
Proposals due	September 2007
Concessionaire selection	End of 2007
Final negotiations	Winter 2007/Spring 2008
Award/execution/final close	Winter 2007/Spring 2008

Q. Who has submitted Statements of Qualification?

A. The two groups of Proposers are:

Knik Arm Crossing Constructors (Knik Arm Crossing LLC)

- Macquarie Bank Limited
 - Macquarie Holdings (USA) Inc.
 - Macquarie Securities (USA) Inc.
- Kiewit/Manson JV
 - Kiewit Pacific Co.
 - Manson Construction Company
- Parsons Transportation Group Inc.
- Golder Associates Inc.
- VMS Inc.

Knik Arm Crossing Consortium

- Bouygues Travaux Publics S.A.
- URS Corporation
- ARUP Engineering Services
- ENTRIX Inc.
- USKH Inc.

Q. Will the Statements of Qualifications submitted to KABATA be made public?

A. The Statements of Qualifications, except trade secrets and proprietary data belonging to the Proposer, will be available for public inspection and copying in accordance with AS 36.30.230 when KABATA issues its notice of intent to award a contract.

Q. Who will review the Statements of Qualifications?

A. A team of KABATA and ADOT&PF personnel experienced in evaluating Statements of Qualifications assisted by expert legal, financial, traffic, toll, and technical consultants.

Q. Who are KABATA's consultants?

A. Legal: Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott
Financial: CitiGroup Global Markets, Inc.
Traffic & Toll: Wilbur Smith Associates
Technical: To be determined
Legal Representation: Attorney General of State of Alaska.

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