From: RI DOA Director To: Vendors

Subject: Two Upcoming I-195 Washington Bridge Project Solicitations (Providence, RI)

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Good afternoon:

In the coming weeks, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation will be seeking design-build proposals for two separate projects on an expedited basis: (1) the demolition of the existing westbound I-195 Washington Bridge; and (2) the construction of a replacement for the I-195 westbound Washington Bridge. The existing 1,900-foot-long westbound bridge spans the Seekonk River, carrying nearly 100,000 cars daily between the cities of Providence and East Providence, Rhode Island and is the primary east coast corridor to Cape Cod in Massachusetts. While the westbound bridge will be demolished to make way for new construction of a replacement structure, the eastbound bridge is a separate structure and will remain operational.

The State of Rhode Island will be advertising the Washington Bridge replacement project the last week of April. Once available, the solicitation will be posted on the <u>State Purchasing website</u>. This website also includes information about the solicitation process, registration as a vendor, and other details as appropriate. If you are new to RI purchasing processes, please see this list of <u>vendor resources</u> (including a training guide for new vendors) and the <u>bid board</u> for all open opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.



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