

# ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

## REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) is seeking letters of interest from marine qualified manufacturers to design, build, and deliver two (2) tugboats to replace the Peel Ferry Tugboats currently operating on Bull Shoals Lake, located in Marion County, Arkansas.

The work generally consists of providing tugboats for pushing 80 ton barges transporting up to 50 tons (130 tons total), in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States Coast Guard (USCG). A roundtrip takes approximately 40 minutes comprising of: 15 minutes of travel, followed by 10 minutes of unloading and loading of vehicles, and then a return trip of 15 minutes. Push point connections are required to match those on the existing barges.

A letter of interest, together with general information on the company, including experience of similar work, management resources, financial capability, and current work load should be addressed to:

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Five (5) sets of responses must be received no later than 4:30 pm (CDT) on Friday, May 7, 2010. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

Responses received by the deadline will be evaluated and companies will be selected based on the qualifications, experience, management resources, financial capability and current work load. Selected companies will be furnished a scope of work and will be requested to submit detailed proposals for accomplishing the work.

AHTD complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, FHWA Guidance and any other Federal, State, and/or local laws, rules and/or regulations.