

# 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 qualified consulting firms to perform structural inspection of various elements of the I-40 Mississippi River Bridge (Hernando DeSoto Bridge) between West Memphis, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee.

The work generally consists of structural inspection of the two main bridge spans above the roadway in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). The superstructure components inspected will include the truss chords, web members and all joints, bracing members and the connections of the wire rope hangers. The interior portions of the truss joints and adjacent bracing member connections will be closely inspected for deficiencies. Technical rope access methods will be utilized to inspect the bridge members.

The work must be supervised and all reports stamped and signed by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Arkansas.

A letter of interest, together with primary contact information and Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts I and II available at [http://arkansashighways.com/consultant\\_services/advertisements/sf330\\_e2014-10-31.pdf](http://arkansashighways.com/consultant_services/advertisements/sf330_e2014-10-31.pdf), should be addressed to:

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Four (4) sets of paper responses and a copy in PDF format on a Compact Disc (CD) must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. (CDT) on April 20, 2012. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work.

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