The proposal, as submitted, should include all estimated costs related to the services requested by the RFP specifications. If selected, your proposal will be the basis for negotiating a contract with Shelby County Government. Your proposal must be received in the office of Purchasing **no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2008**. Proposals should be addressed to:

Debra D. Louis, Buyer
Shelby County Government
Purchasing Department
160 N. Main St., Suite 550
Memphis, TN 38103

All consultants or consultant teams are required to prepare a **Technical Proposal** and a **Cost Proposal**. In order to be considered responsive to this RFP, each proposal must conform to the following requirements. The consultant shall:

i. Submit a signed original and six (6) copies of the Technical Proposal (see requirements below). Number all pages consecutively.
ii. Submit a signed original and six (6) copies of the Cost Proposal (see requirements below) in a sealed, separate package.

Clearly indicate the following on the outside of each Technical Proposal and Cost Proposal.

The packages containing the originals (clearly identified as originals) and the required number of copies of your Technical Proposal and Cost Proposal must be sealed and marked with the Proposer's name and address of the prime consultant and "**CONFIDENTIAL, "PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – HOUSTON LEVEE ROAD ALIGNMENT CORRIDOR STUDY, RFP #09-010-25**" noted on the outside.

Sincerely,

Debra D. Louis, Buyer
Shelby County Government
Purchasing Department

cc: Martha Lott
Rick Copeland
Maura Sullivan
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Tim Moreland
Paul Morris

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I. INTRODUCTION

Shelby County Government (the "County"), on behalf of the Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization ("Memphis MPO"), is seeking proposals from interested and qualified professionals to work as a consultant to provide a road alignment corridor study for Houston Levee Road. This Request for Proposal ("RFP") is being released to invite interested and qualified consultants to prepare and submit proposals in accordance with instructions provided where one successful candidate will be selected and invited to enter into a contractual relationship with Shelby County for the Services outlined in this RFP. In this RFP, the terms Proposer and Provider are used interchangeably unless the context indicates otherwise.

II. MINIMUM PROPOSER REQUIREMENTS

All Proposers must:

1. Have a minimum of three (3) years experience in the areas of transportation planning, traffic engineering, and facilitating public participation.
2. Have on staff a certified engineer.
3. Retain sufficient personnel to fulfill the requested services by the proposed deadline.
4. Have all appropriate licenses and certifications required to perform the Services.
5. **Apply** and **qualify** for an Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) certification number through our EOC Administration (*see the details outlined in Section VII General Requirement / e. Selection Criteria*).
6. Adhere to the requirements of the "Living Wage Ordinance #328", Section VI, Item i.
7. Adhere to all Title VI requirements and provide proof/documentation if necessary.

Please Note: ***As a part of doing business with Shelby County, each individual, company or organization is required to obtain a vendor number and an "Equal Opportunity Compliance" certification number. The vendor # is obtained through the Purchasing Department and the EOC certification is obtained through the Shelby County EOC Administration. If you have any questions regarding the vendor # please call the Purchasing Department @ 901-545-4360 or download the Bidder's List Application & the W-9 at http://www.shelbycountytn.gov/FirstPortal/dotShowDoc/dotContent/Government/CountyServices/AdminandFinance/bidder_app.pdf and http://www.shelbycountytn.gov/FirstPortal/dotShowDoc/dotContent/Government/CountyServices/AdminandFinance/fw9.pdf***

If you have any questions regarding the EOC qualification, please call 901-545-4336 or download the document at http://www.shelbycountytn.gov/FirstPortal/dotShowDoc/Government/CountyServices/AdminandFinance/eoc_contract_comply_v2.pdf

You may respond to this solicitation if you have at least applied for a vendor # and the certification. Please include a copy of the applications that you submitted with your proposal response.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence, proposals and questions concerning the RFP are to be submitted to:

Debra D. Louis, Buyer
Shelby County Government
160 N. Main St. Suite 550
Memphis, TN 38103

Respondents requesting additional information or clarification are to contact Ms. Debra D. Louis in writing at debra.louis@shelbycountytn.gov or at the address listed above. Questions should reference the section of the RFP to which the question pertains and all contact information for the person submitting the questions. ***IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE TO ANY RESPONDENT, VERBAL QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE ANSWERED. The deadline for submitting questions will be November 12, 2008 by 12:00 p.m. (CST).*** These guidelines for communication have been established to ensure a fair and equitable process for all respondents.

Please be aware that contact with any other personnel (other than the person clearly identified in this document) within Shelby County regarding this RFP may disqualify your company from further consideration.

IV. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION & DEADLINE

All proposals must be received at the address listed above no later than **November 21, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m. (CST).** Facsimile or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted since they do not contain original signatures. Postmarks will not be accepted in lieu of actual receipt. Late or incomplete proposals may not be opened and considered. Under no circumstances, regardless of weather conditions, transportation delays, or any other circumstance, will this deadline be extended.

V. PROPOSAL TIMELINE

Shelby County reserves the right to modify this timeline at any time. If the due date for proposals is changed, all prospective Proposers shall be notified.

Request for Proposals Released	**Friday, October 24, 2008**
Proposal Due Date	**Friday, November 21, 2008 by 3:00 pm**
Notification of Award	**December 2008**

Services to Commence	**January 2009 or immediately upon execution of the contract**

The County may reproduce any of the Proposer's proposal and supporting documents for internal use or for any other purpose required by law.

VI. PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

a . Contingencies

This RFP does not commit the County to award a contract. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals if the County determines it is in the best interest of the County to do so. The County will notify all Proposers, in writing, if the County rejects all proposals.

b. Modifications

The County reserves the right to issue addenda or amendments to this RFP.

c. Proposal Submission

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in the manner set forth in this RFP. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that its proposals arrive on or before the specified time.

d. Incurred Costs

This RFP does not commit the County to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this RFP and Proposers agree that all costs incurred in developing this RFP are the Proposer's responsibility.

e. Final Authority

The final authority to award a contract rests solely with the Shelby County Purchasing Department.

f. Proposal Validity

Proposals submitted hereunder will be firm for at least ninety (90) calendar days from the due date unless otherwise qualified.

g. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

Provider understands and acknowledges that the County is a governmental entity subject to the laws of the State of Tennessee and that any reports, data or other information supplied to the

County is subject to being disclosed as a public record in accordance wit the laws of the State of Tennessee. All proposals and other materials submitted become the property of Shelby County Government. All proposal information, including detailed price and cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and before the time of a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Thereafter, proposals will become public information.

h. LOSB

The County encourages the utilization of locally-owned small businesses as sources of subcontract work. The County notifies all respondents that all firms and/or individuals shall comply with the regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

LOCALLY OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PURCHASING PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS:

(i) The Administrator of Purchasing in conjunction with the Administrator of EOC shall identify certain goods and services required by the County to be set aside for special purchasing procedures for locally owned small businesses.

(ii) Only certified locally owned small businesses will be allowed to submit competitive bids on the goods or services identified under paragraph (i) above.

(iii) The Administrator of Purchasing shall, in conjunction with the Administrator of EOC, annually review the Shelby County Capital Improvement Program to determine those projects with a construction cost of $250,000 or more. Contracts amounting to at least ten (10%) of the construction costs of such project shall be awarded to locally owned small businesses as defined herein, except as set forth in sub-paragraph (vi) of this section, either as part of the conditions of the solicitation for general contractors bidding on these projects, or as separate bids issued by the County for subcontracts that may be assigned to general contractors.

(iv) After adhering to all other bidding and purchasing requirements of the County, not inconsistent with this part, if no bids are received from locally owned small businesses, then the County may solicit bids for the goods or services from all other sources.

(v) On all purchases and/or contracts entered into by the County, the Purchasing Administrator or his or her designee shall have the right to negotiate with any supplier of goods or services to the County for the inclusion of locally owned small business subcontractors and/or suppliers in the contract award.

(vi) Failure by a supplier or contractor to include locally owned small business sub-contractors or suppliers in its bid or contract may be grounds for rejection of said bid or contract unless the supplier or contractor can show documented evidence of good cause why none were included.

(vii) Any locally owned small business awarded a contract or purchase order under this section shall not sublet, subcontract or assign any work or services awarded to it without the prior written consent of the Mayor or the Purchasing Administrator.

(viii) As to those purchases below the requirement for a formal bid solicitation (currently, under $15,000) and not included in the locally owned small business set aside, the Administrator of Purchasing shall determine if any locally owned small business offers that product or service. If so, at least one such eligible locally owned small business should be included in the vendors contacted for an opportunity to bid, and the Administrator of Purchasing may, at his discretion, designate in a purchase order the purchase of such goods and services from the identified locally owned small business.

(ix) In those situations where a locally owned small business as defined herein, engages in open competitive bidding for County contracts, the Administrator of Purchasing shall provide for a preference for the locally owned small business where responsibility and quality are equal. Said preferences shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the lowest possible bidder meeting specifications. The preference shall be applied on a sliding scale in the following manner:

a. A preference of up to five percent (5%) shall be allowed for contracts up to $500,000.00;

b. A preference of up to three and five-tenths percent (3.5%) shall be allowed for contracts up to $750,000.00;

c. A preference of two and one-half percent (2.5%) shall be allowed for contracts up to $1,000,000.00;

d. A preference of two percent (2%) shall be allowed for contracts that exceed $1,000,000.00.

(x) For construction contracts over $2,000,000.00, the Administrator of Purchasing shall provide for a preference of two percent (2%) to general contractors meeting the requirements of Section 1, Subparagraph B, if fifty percent (50%) or more of the total work comprising the bid has been or will be awarded to certified locally owned small businesses. The fifty percent subcontracting threshold must be met prior to contract execution.

(xi) The Administrator of Purchasing may divide a single bid package for any purchase of goods and services into two or more smaller bid packages in any case that the Administrator of Purchasing reasonably believes that the smaller bid packages will result in a greater number of bids by locally owned small businesses.

(xii) The Administrator of Purchasing, upon approval of the County Mayor, may establish special insurance and bonding requirements for certified locally owned small businesses so long as they are not in conflict with the laws of the State of Tennessee.

(xiii) The Administrator of Purchasing, with the approval of the County Mayor, shall adopt and promulgate, and may from time to time, amend rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, governing the purchase of goods and services from locally owned small business concerns to effectuate and implement the Locally Owned Small Business Purchasing Program within the intent of this ordinance.

(xiv) The Administrator of EOC shall, in conjunction with the Administrator of Purchasing, provide a written quarterly report to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners which shall include a summary of the purchases selected for this program, a listing of the contracts awarded to locally owned small businesses for the period, and the dollar amounts of each such contract, and the percentage which such contracts bear to the total amount of purchases for the period.

i. Living Wage

Shelby County Government Ordinance # 328 "Living Wages" is hereby incorporated into this Request for Proposal and any resulting contract. Please make sure that you review and apply the requirements of the ordinance to your proposal response. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the review and award process. You may view and print the ordinance as a separate attachment for this RFP (***please do not forget to download ALL the additional attachments***).

VII. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

a. Background

The Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (Memphis MPO) is the regional transportation planning organization for Shelby County, TN, and portions of Desoto County, MS and Fayette County, TN. Memphis MPO is responsible for working with local, state and federal agencies, the private sector, citizens and stakeholders to plan coordinated transportation systems

designed to move people, goods and services affordably, efficiently and safely throughout the MPO area. The Memphis MPO was established by the federal government to ensure that transportation decisions within the MPO area are performed in a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative process.

The Memphis MPO, as the lead agency, is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services to conduct a Corridor Alignment Study for the Houston Levee Road Corridor from Shelby Drive in Shelby County, TN to Goodman Road in Desoto County, MS. Local public officials, special interest groups, resource agencies, and citizens will be invited to participate in the study process.

b. Scope of Contract

The County wishes to engage in a contractual relationship with the best-qualified consultant selected through a competitive process that will work well with the County in the performance of the Services in a manner that is cost-effective and practical.

c. Project Time Frame

The contract term will begin January 2009 or upon the execution of the contract and end December 31, 2009. The Provider must be prepared to begin immediately upon receipt of a Notice to Proceed.

d. Reservation of Rights

The County reserves the right, for any reason to accept or reject any one or more proposals, to negotiate the term and specifications for the services provided, to modify any part of the RFP, or to issue a new RFP.

The County may at any reasonable time, at its expense, make an audit of the Provider's books relative to the accounts.

e. Selection Criteria

Each response will be evaluated on the criteria outlined in Section XII of this document. Each bidder should set out in it's response to this RFP to clearly identify the qualifications of its company and each individual who will work on this project.

As part of the qualification process each vendor will be required to apply for an EOC # and provide workforce utilization information. Please contact the EOC Administration @ 901-545-4336 to obtain the necessary documents and to ask any questions that you may have regarding this information. The EOC application is available online at the following link:
http://www.shelbycountytn.gov/FirstPortal/dotShowDoc/Government/CountyServices/AdminandFinance/eoc_contract_comply_v2.pdf

During the evaluation process, Shelby County Government reserves the right to consider the vendor's EOC rating in the evaluation.

f. Additional Information and References

Any additional information that would be helpful to the County in evaluating a proposal, including a list of current and former clients with a similar profile to Shelby County, should be submitted. At least three (3) former clients who have terminated in the last five (5) years should be included on this list.

VIII. AWARD OF CONTRACT

Proposers are advised that the lowest cost proposal will not necessarily be awarded the contract, as the selection will be based upon qualification criteria as deemed by the County and as determined by the selection committee and the County Mayor.

IX. PURPOSE

To select the best-qualified evaluator and award a County-approved contract for professional services to perform the Services and to satisfactorily complete all activities associated with the Services.

Background

The purpose of this study is to evaluate all possible alternatives for the alignment of the Houston Levee Road Corridor from Shelby Drive in Shelby County, TN to Goodman Road in Desoto County, MS, which meets community and environmental needs.

Houston Levee Road serves as a vital north-south arterial roadway in Shelby County, TN beginning South of US Hwy 64 and extending to Shelby Drive in the southern part of the county. It has played an important role in the growth of the eastern portion of the county, providing much needed access to the developments and residential areas. With the exponential growth that the eastern portion of Shelby County and Northeastern portion of Desoto County are experiencing, improvements to the existing roadway system are needed. However, the alignment of this arterial corridor to the south of Shelby Drive through Shelby County to Desoto County has not been firmly established. The lack of an additional adequate north-south arterial is inhibiting further development and will ultimately lead to increased congestion on nearby existing roadways.

Services Required

The consultant should clearly be able to demonstrate in their proposal response the intent and scope of the project, the character of the deliverables, the services required for their delivery and the specific tasks that must be performed in the course of supplying these services.