

**OHIO TURNPIKE AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**
682 Prospect Street
Berea, Ohio 44017

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES**

PROJECT NO. 71-15-04 AND 71-15-05

REF: REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS BRIDGES AT MILEPOSTS 122.3, 128.5, 132.4
AND 145.8 IN ERIE AND LORAIN COUNTIES, OHIO (PROJECT NO. 71-15-04)
AND AT MILEPOSTS 178.0, 179.5 AND 199.2
IN SUMMIT AND PORTAGE COUNTIES, OHIO (PROJECT NO. 71-15-05)

Issue Date to Selected Interested Firms: **August 24, 2015**

Inquiry End Date: **5:00 P.M. (Eastern), September 4, 2015**

Proposals from Selected Interested Firms to be received no later than:
5:00 P.M. (Eastern), September 11, 2015

ATTENTION OF RESPONDENTS IS DIRECTED TO:

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE END OF THE INQUIRY DATE

Q#3 For the Good Faith Efforts documentation, we would like to handle all services in-house for this particular project. How do I complete the form – should I just explain this in number 1. and then put “N/A” under all other numbers?

A#3 *Though this question was submitted after the end of the inquiry deadline, the Commission provides the following response due to the importance and nascency of the issue:*

The demonstration of the respondent's good faith efforts to achieve MBE/DBE participation are uniquely required for each project individually.

The Commission expects its consultants to assist in achieving its aspiration to utilize minority and disadvantaged firms in a manner commensurate with the opportunities presented under its contracts and the availability of such firms in the marketplace. In pursuit of this goal, the Commission requires respondents to use and fully document their good faith efforts to ensure minority or disadvantaged firms have the fullest possible opportunity to participate in the opportunities available under each respective project. One example of exerting good faith efforts is selecting and packaging portions of the project services in a manner that increases the likelihood that the certified firms will express interest in participating on the project. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out services into economically feasible units to facilitate participation through subcontracting. If the respondent fails to identify any opportunities (or availability of certified firms for those opportunities) for participation under a given project, the respondent's responses on the form must justify the failure and demonstrate that the failure occurred despite the good faith efforts of the respondent.