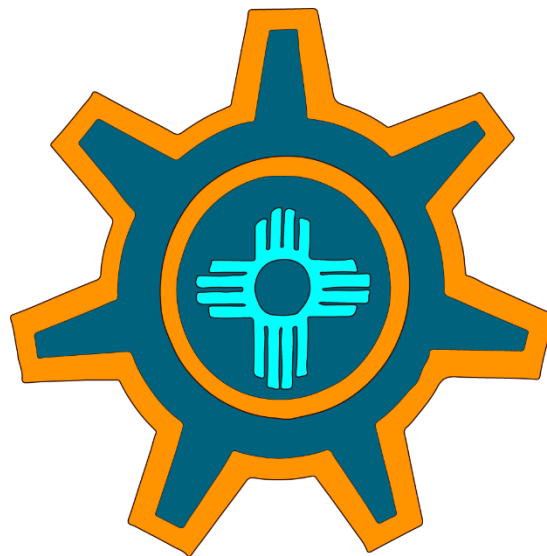


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NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION, INC.,
MCKINLEY COUNTY, CIBOLA COUNTY, NAVAJO NATION, AND
VILLAGE OF MILAN

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Northwest New Mexico Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)

RFP #: 2020-01

PREWITT-MILAN TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

OCTOBER 2020

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I. ADVERTISEMENT

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Transportation Planning Organization

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Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan

The Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) is requesting proposals from qualified firms or offerors for the purpose of hiring a contractor to perform a Four Corners Intermodal Transloading Equinox Master Plan Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan of the bi-county area of Cibola and McKinley County. The Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan Initiative is a combination of planned freight- and rail-related infrastructure and industrial developments that inter-connect with the Four Corners energy and agricultural clusters and the BNSF TransCon Line. Proposals shall be valid for ninety (90) days subject to all action by the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments. NWNMCOG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in part or in whole. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed container or envelope indicating the proposal title and number along with the offeror's name and address clearly marked on the outside of the container or envelope. **All proposals must be received and recorded by the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, 106 West Aztec Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301, no later than 4:00 PM (Mountain Daylight Time) on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.**

No Pre-Proposal Conference will be held for this opportunity.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT: All qualified offerors will receive consideration of contract(s) without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Proponents of this work shall be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended.

Request for Proposals will be available by contacting Martina Whitmore, Procurement Manager by telephone at (505) 722-4327, or by email at mwhitmore@nwnmcog.org or by accessing NWNMCOG's website at <http://www.nwnmcog.com/request-for-proposals.html>

ANY PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AFTER THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Publish on **October 29, 2020**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan
RFP #: 2020-01

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposals (RFP), the undersigned agrees that they have received a complete copy of this RFP consisting of 57 pages.

This acknowledgement of receipt should be signed and returned to the NWNMCOG Procurement Manager as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00PM on November 5, 2020. Only potential offerors who elect to return this form completed with the indicated intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of all offeror written questions and the NWNMCOG's written responses to those questions as well as RFP amendments, if any are issued. The following information will be used for all correspondence related to this Request for Proposals.

FIRM: DOES DOES NOT (Circle One) intend to respond to this Request for Proposals.

Firm: _____

Represented By: _____

Title: _____ Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

The above name and email address or mailing address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposals. Return this form to:

Martina Whitmore, NWNMCOG Procurement Manager
106 West Aztec Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301
Phone: (505) 722-4327; Email: mwhitmore@nwnmcog.org

Please return this form by November 5, 2020

II. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, through its Regional Transportation Planning Organization, has been provided funding to develop a Prewitt Area Transportation (PMTMP) master plan. The impetus for this plan has to do with the impending closure of the Escalante Power Plant near Prewitt, NM – by the end of 2020; along with the potential impact on McKinley Paper and coal mines that depend on waste stream and feed the powerplant, respectively. As well as, two planned industrial parks in Prewitt and Milan and the need to proactively plan transportation network development to accommodate current traffic and planned future development.

The **Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan** is a combination of planned freight- and rail-related infrastructure and industrial developments that inter-connect with the Four Corners energy and agricultural clusters and the BNSF TransCon Line. In this case, the “equinox” describes the equality, access, and availability of 21st century rail and freight transportation infrastructure.

Our regional business environment has been made fertile due to series of well-planned factors of production, strategic investments, and market forces, notably:

- (1) **Interstate 371 Highway:** A vital economic corridor linking Four Corners assets and products to major east-west transportation connections (I-40 and BNSF TransCon line) and global markets;
- (2) **Interstate 40 Exits:** This plan will encompass Exit 53 (Thoreau) to Exit 79 (Milan) along Interstate 40, which is a major truck and freight route for the country. Several of these exits have or are planned to have major repairs and replacement projects.
- (3) **County Road #19:** Through the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) and partnerships, this county road is being upgrade north of the Prewitt Industrial Cluster provided access to workforce from a number of Navajo Chapters in this area.
- (4) **Rail & Freight:** Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway has been working with its books of business and communities along its TransCon line to develop commercial, industrial, and shipping opportunities. Both the Prewitt and Milan Industrial Parks are working towards BNSF site certification.
- (5) Planning investments to date include:
 - **Target Industry Study & Best Fit Businesses**
 - **Supply Chain Analysis**
 - **Workforce Assessment**
 - **Prewitt Industrial Park Site Master Plan & Design**
 - **Milan Industrial Park Site Master Plan & Design**
- (6) **Accessible and Infrastructure Upgrades:** Through the site planning efforts of the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation and Cibola Communities Economic Development Corporation,

there are several infrastructures components that need to be enhanced and/or upgraded, including broadband connectivity and redundancy, water and wastewater infrastructure, and road connectors. The later piece has already included State and local road input and planning including Route 66 (NM118/124) to provide better dimensional access onto County Road #19 and to maintain this highway for workforce traffic; a potential new interchange that connects directly into the Milan Industrial Park and its road network; and a better connection from Thoreau over to Prewitt.

Even though much forethought and work has gone into the demand side of our transportation systems in and around this sub-region, we feel that we will soon be overwhelmed by a “market force tsunami,” which our local road and State highway infrastructure is woefully under-developed to support or sustain. Specifically, we have concerns about the following access roads into the industrial parks including access roads, county roads, highways, and regional connectivity.

We realize that new demands need to be paid for and maintained jointly by unified public, private, and tribal interests, and cannot just be absorbed and assumed by local, District, State, or Federal transportation budgets.

With this “perfect storm of opportunity” comes the need to balance development and to build in smart growth principles to expanded business activities. This situation is similar to the tremendous build-out of the Santa Teresa Inland Port, and we hope – for our region – that we can learn, adapt, and implement lessons learned and best practices from this experience to better prepare our communities for growth. Learning from this example, our Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization, its members and strategic partners have attended many of the New Mexico Transportation Planning efforts (including the Statewide Transportation Plan, Freight, and Rail plans) to voice our interest and concerns.

In October 2020, the NWNMCOG was provided a NMDOT work authorization for this project under for \$120,000 of State Planning & Research funding and \$30,000 in match to cover all project costs including eligible taxes.

B. SCOPE OF WORK

The Prewitt Area Transportation (PMTMP) Master Plan is a multi-site comprehensive approach to coordinate the planning and delivery of projects to improve access to the Prewitt Industrial Park and Milan Industrial Park with rail service and the transportation infrastructure serving these sites in the bi-county area.

The primary objectives of the project are to:

- (1) Provide an understanding of PMTMP study area and transportation planning issues in the multi- jurisdictional “checkerboard” lands of Northwestern New Mexico.
- (2) Assist in the gathering of land use, environmental, population, socio-economic data as a component for transportation and site development planning.
- (3) Assist with forecast of future conditions, evaluate impacts of growth, and identify future transportation system improvement needs within the PMTMP study area.
- (4) Analyze current and projected traffic, freight, and rail counts from which to model and build scenarios of land use and transportation system impact. Provide visual models through video, mapping, and other visual mediums.
- (5) Evaluate the existing inland ports and BNSF “rural outposts” and transportation systems with respect to current and future demand and the infrastructure necessary to handle expected future growth. Review public and private agreements regarding the development and maintenance of road and

bridge infrastructure within the defined boundaries of these facilities.

- (6) Develop a comprehensive and prioritized assessment of transportation needs in the PMTMP study area, including BNSF transcon line and subsequent active rail spurs, Prewitt Industrial Park with Rail Service, Tri-State Prewitt Generating Station, and Milan Industrial Park.
- (7) Develop and implement a framework for ranking & prioritizing short-, mid-, and long-term projects (e.g., roads, highways, & railways).
- (8) Provide a detailed financing plan for projects identified and prioritized both for planning, design, construction and maintenance, including Public-Private partnerships (P3) and tenant lease payments for ongoing upkeep, maintenance, and eventual replacement.
- (9) Recommend “comprehensive solutions” to address the multi-jurisdictional issues, shortfalls in revenue for maintenance and expansion of the transportation infrastructure, traffic management and control. Options may include: doing nothing, agreements between jurisdictions, the creation of a special transportation or port district, or other innovative solutions.
- (10) Design a stakeholder/public involvement process that is inclusive and that ensures the participation of all agencies, interested parties and others affected by PMTMP projects and the transportation infrastructure serving the PMTMP study area.
- (11) Foster consistency between the planning processes of different agencies in order to create a mechanism for updating the plan on a regular basis and making it a living document.
- (12) Collaborate, share information, and work in concert with past planning products, including economic development plans as listed at <http://www.nwnmcog.com/power-grant.html>, NM Freight and Rail Plans, Regional Transportation Plan, NM Transportation Plan, and the 2016 Freight-Related Opportunity Study.
- (13) Ensure that the PMTMP Plan process is accepted and embraced by stakeholders throughout the PMTMP study area.
- (14) Project milestones shall be developed, tracked, and reported using MS Project, MS Teams, and/or other software and updates and status reports shall be provided to the NWRTPPO, stakeholders, and Study Team.
- (15) Ensure that the PMTMP Master Plan both reflects and is incorporated as a component of Federal, State, and local plans (including NMDOT’s 2040 Transportation Plan).
- (16) Establish a process to ensure dialogue among federal, state, regional, tribal, and local stakeholders in the PMTMP study area to identify future site needs and connecting transportation infrastructure needs and to coordinate projects and update the plan on a regular cycle (e.g., every 3 to 5 years).

Scope of Services include:

TASK 1: Project Work Plan & Schedule

This joint document constitutes the project work plan and schedule. It describes, in detail, all tasks and deliverables associated with the project. It defines the timeframe and major milestones of the project from commencement to completion and it illustrates, including map format, the anticipated Study Focus Area and Area of Influence.

TASK 2: Promotional Plan

The Promotional Plan will be developed to promote the Prewitt/Milan Transportation Master Plan and inform stakeholders primarily in Thoreau, Prewitt, Bluewater, and Milan. The intent of the plan is to

provide opportunities to keep stakeholders and the public up to speed on the project.

TASK 3: Stakeholder Outreach Plan

A Stakeholder Outreach Plan (SOP) will be developed to specify all project outreach activities, levels of support and staffing/resource commitments among Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Working Group (TWG) members. The Study Team will conduct a survey of private and public leaders at stakeholder agencies to determine their level of awareness, interest and commitment, along with any concerns or anticipated benefits they wish to express for this project.

TASK 4: Formation & Management of Policy Advisory Committee & Technical Working Group

To facilitate the direction of the Plan, a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) consisting of executive level managers from participating stakeholder agencies will be created based upon recommendations from regional leaders in consultation with the NWNMCOG and Lead Engineering Firm. The PAC will be responsible for providing direction, approving the project parameters, and establishing criteria for future project evaluations. In addition, a Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of senior technical staff from the agencies participating in the PAC and/or other private or public agencies with experience around industrial development within the region impacted, will serve to provide support to the Study Team throughout the project. The TWG will be responsible for providing requested data and information and making recommendations to the PAC. The Study Team will be responsible for facilitating all committee meetings and keeping notes of pertinent information and directives resulting from meeting discussions.

TASK 5: Public Outreach

The Study Team will design, schedule, promote, lead, document and provide English/Navajo project education and outreach services for a series of interactive workshops and meetings in the bi-county study area. These shall take place at appropriate points in the planning process after the PAC and TWG have been established. The intent is to help community members to understand the goals of the Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan, the planning process, and the protocols involved with site developments and plan area-supportive transportation projects. The public events will serve a number of specific purposes, including:

- Giving the public opportunities to identify issues of concern and opportunities for improvements related to Prewitt/Milan area transportation and employment issues at the outset of the planning process.
- Providing opportunities to share information about projects proposed in the plan area over short-, mid-, and long-term horizons.
- Providing opportunities for the public to make comments, express concerns, or offer other suggestions regarding site development and related area-supportive transportation projects affecting their communities.
- Providing opportunities for the public and private entities to understand who is participating in the PAC and TWG group and allow for the development of communication between community representatives and members of these groups.

The Study Team will develop and maintain a list of attendees of public events and other individuals who wish to receive meeting materials and notification that events will be taking place.

TASK 6: Plan Summary and Inventory of Existing and Future Projects

Task 6.1 – Current Conditions Assessment:

The Prewitt/Milan Transportation Master Plan Team (PMTMP Team) will gather current and projected population and socio-economic data in the PMTMP region. Other data, specific to site developments

and both rail and trucking transportation networks, will also be collected. This includes existing volumes, vehicle classifications, roadway segment capacities, and PMTMP roadway segment volume/capacity ratios, and area rail capacities. Planning processes currently used by each participating agency to determine and prioritize transportation and area infrastructure needs will also be documented. The assessment will also include a review of relevant transportation studies to prepare an inventory of committed (programmed) and planned transportation projects in the Focused Study Area and Area of Influence.

Task 6.2 – Future Conditions Forecast:

Projections for future demand for PMTMP facilities will be estimated using collected information, appropriate tools, and published studies and reports. An analysis of base Prewitt and Milan Industrial Park and transportation networks (existing + committed projects) will be conducted to determine effectiveness and deficiencies for meeting future travel demand.

TASK 7: Ranking of Projects

Using data and information collected and assessed in Task 6, mid- and long-term operation and capital improvement needs and projects for site developments and related transportation networks will be identified. If warranted by the forecasts, the needs analysis will identify alternatives, including potential expansion and the location of new area developments and related transportation infrastructures for rail and trucking.

Criteria for evaluation and ranking future (short-, mid- and long-range) site developments and related transportation projects will be developed for each mode. The PAC will be responsible for defining and adopting the criteria and associated criteria ranking for establishing project needs and projected schedules based on recommendations from the TWG.

The Study Team will develop a system to evaluate and rank short-, mid-, and long-term projects over a 20-year time horizon, starting with Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022. The system shall be applied to prioritize site development and 4CITE area-related transportation projects.

TASK 8: Project Website

The Study Team will develop a project website to provide background information, study updates, newsletters, and any information that needs to be shared with the public and other interested parties. The Contractor shall update the website regularly during the course of the project and link it to the NMDOT and NWNMCOG public website.

TASK 9: Monitoring System

The Study Team will assess and recommend a planning process to ensure future stakeholder participation. As a product, the Study Team will develop a project monitoring system to allow participating stakeholders (and potentially other approved entities) to monitor the progress of project implementation between future updates. The monitoring system shall be developed for use by the participating governments overseeing and maintaining the system after its development.

TASK 10: Draft and Final Document

The selected engineering firm in consultation with the PAC and TWG Teams will prepare the draft and final versions of the Prewitt / Milan Transportation Master Plan. The plan will:

- Document the Master Plan-development process, including input received from the public and stakeholders as well as the work products of Tasks 1 through 9 of this Scope of Work.
- Describe a procedure for ensuring continued dialogue among federal, state, regional, tribal, and local stakeholders in bi-county area to coordinate current and future site developments and

associated transportation infrastructure needs and project priorities.

- Summarize individual projects by site and type (road, rail, and related infrastructure).
- Rank projects and assign them into short-term, mid-term, and long-term time horizons.
- Provide estimates of the life-cycle costs for each project, broken down into capital costs, operating costs, maintenance costs, and finance costs (if applicable) within each year of the 20-year time horizon of the plan.
- Compare estimated costs to estimated funding to create a fiscally constrained project program over the time horizon of the plan. The program should be compatible with the NMDOT's Statewide transportation Improvements Program (STIP) format.

The Study Team and supporting selected engineering firm will present the draft version of the Master Plan to both the public and the TWG for review and comment. Following incorporation of the comments and appropriate responses/revisions, the Study Team will submit the draft final to the PAC for approval. The submittal shall include a summary of all public comments received. Following PAC approval, the Study Team will submit the Final Master Plan to the New Mexico Department of Transportation, and the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments.

Finally, the Study Team will develop and present a PowerPoint presentation to disseminate information on the plan finding to institutions and organizations that participated in coordination of planning and implementation of the PMTMP area developments and related transportation facilities in the bi-county area and at least McKinley County, Cibola County, and Village of Milan.

The selected Offeror shall perform the following deliverables to be prepared during the course of the Master Plan, these will be developed into Task Orders with the contracted offeror:

- Project Work Plan (PWP)
- Project Work Schedule (PWS)
- Periodic reports to NWRTPo and NWNM Council of Governments and Stakeholders on PMTMP implementation
- Promotional Plan
- List of stakeholder agencies with contact information
- Memorandum summarizing the results of stakeholder executive surveys regarding awareness of project opportunity and willingness / intent to participate (and possibly contribute financially or with staff time)
- Stakeholder Outreach Plan (SOP)
- Public notice of PAC meetings, consistent with all federal and state requirements
- Meeting facilitation services
- Meeting notes Overview Videos
- Schedule of public events – showing how each is linked to an element of the PMTMP
- Promotional strategy for public events
- Implementation of the promotional strategy by the Consultant
- Summary of planning documents
- List of existing PMTMP assets and site inventories
- Inventory of conceptual, planned, continuing, and recently completed projects

- Traffic, Freight, and Rail counts and analysis including future projections
- Project monitoring system
- A brochure listing the priority projects included in the Master Plan
- A PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Master Plan
- Technical Memo No. 1: PMTMP Sites Focus Review
- Technical Memo No. 2: Existing Future Conditions
- Technical Memo No. 3: Draft Projects for Evaluation
- Draft Master Plan
- Final Master Plan

C. SCOPE OF PROCUREMENT

The Agency intends on establishing a contract with an immediate two (2) year term year term that follows the effective date and terms in the executed contract.

D. PROCUREMENT MANAGER

The Agency has designated a Procurement Manager who is responsible for the conduct of this procurement whose name, address and telephone number is listed below. All deliveries via express carrier should be addressed as follows:

Martina Whitmore
Procurement Manager
Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
106 W. Aztec Avenue
Gallup, NM 87301
Ph. (505)722-4327
Email: mwhitmore@nwnmcog.org

Any inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be submitted to the Procurement Manager in writing. Offerors may contact ONLY the Procurement Manager regarding the procurement. Other Agency employees do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the Agency.

E. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions and abbreviations that are used throughout this procurement document.

“Agency”, or “NWNMCOG” means the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments.

“Close of Business” means 4:30 PM Mountain Standard or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect on the date given.

“Contract” or “Agreement” means a written agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.

“Contractor” means a successful Offeror who enters into a binding contract.

“Determination” means the written documentation of a decision by the Procurement Manager

including findings of fact supporting a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file.

“Desirable” The terms “may”, “can”, “should”, “preferably”, or “prefers” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor (as opposed to “mandatory”).

“Evaluation Committee” means a body appointed by the Agency management to perform the evaluation of Offeror proposals.

“Finalist” is defined as an Offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

“Mandatory” The terms “must”, “shall”, “will”, “is required”, or “are required”, identify a mandatory item or factor (as opposed to “desirable”). Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the Offeror’s proposal.

“Offeror” is any person, corporation, or partnership that chooses to submit a proposal.

“Procurement Manager” means the person or designee authorized by the Agency to manage or administer a procurement requiring the evaluation of competitive sealed proposals.

“Request for Proposals” or “RFP” means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

“Responsible Offeror” means an Offeror who submits a responsive proposal and has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that his / her / their financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible personal property described in the proposal.

“Responsive Offer” or “Responsive Proposal” means an offer or proposal which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to, price, quality, quantity, time-line and/or delivery requirements.

III. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule for the procurement, describes the major procurement events and the conditions governing the procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Manager will make every effort to adhere the following schedule:

#	Action	Responsibility	Date
1	Issue of RFP	NWNMCOG	10/29/2020
2	Pre-proposal Conference (N/A)	NWNMCOG & Offerors	Not Applicable
3	Acknowledgement of Receipt of Request for Proposals / Distribution List Response Due	Offerors	11/5
4	Deadline to Submit Additional Written Questions	Offerors	11/12
5	Response to Written Questions/RFP	NWNMCOG	11/16
6	Submission of Proposal (4:00PM, MST)	Offerors	11/24
7	Proposal Evaluation	Evaluation Committee	December 2020
8	Selection of Finalists	Evaluation Committee	December 2020
9	Oral Presentations by Finalists (if applicable)	Offerors & RFP Review Committee	December 2020
10	Best and Final Offers	Offeror	December 2020
11	Finalize Contract	Offeror/NWNMCOG	January 2021
12	Contract Award / Notice to Proceed	NWNMCOG	January 2021

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the sequence of events shown in Section III, Paragraph A.

1. Issue of RFP

This RFP is being issued by the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, as part of its Northwest NM Regional Transportation Planning Organization program.

2. Pre-proposal Conference

No pre-proposal conference will be held for this opportunity, unless determined to be needed by informal questions of prospected offerors.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of RFP / Distribution List Response Due

Potential Offerors should hand deliver, email, or return by facsimile or by registered or certified mail the "Acknowledgement of Receipt Form" that accompanies this document to have their organization placed on the procurement distribution list. The form should be signed by an authorized representative of the organization, dated and returned by the close of business on **November 5, 2020**.

The procurement distribution list will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions and any RFP amendments.

Failure to return this form shall constitute a presumption of receipt and rejection of the RFP, and the potential Offeror's organization name shall not appear on the distribution list.

4. Deadline to Submit Additional Written Questions

Potential Offerors may submit additional written questions as to the intent or clarity of this RFP until the close of business on **November 12, 2020**. All written questions must be addressed to the Procurement Manager.

5. Response to Written Questions/RFP Amendments

Written responses to written questions and any RFP amendments will be distributed on **November 16, 2020** to all potential Offerors whose organization name appears on the procurement distribution list.

Additional written requests for clarification of distributed answers and/or amendments must be received by the Procurement Manager no later than one (1) day after the answers and/or amendments were issued.

6. Submission of Proposal

ALL OFFEROR PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. MDT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020.

Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. The date and time will be recorded on each proposal. Proposals must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Manager at the address listed in Section II, Paragraph D. Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to **RFP #2020-01, Prewitt – Milan Transportation Master Plan**. Proposals submitted by facsimile, email, or any other electronic form will not be accepted.

A public log will be kept of the names of all Offeror organizations that submitted proposals. Pursuant to Section 13-1-116 NMSA 1978, the contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed to competing Offerors prior to contract award.

7. Proposal Evaluation

The evaluation of proposals will be performed by an evaluation committee appointed by the Agency. This process will take place during the month of **December 2020**. During this time, the Procurement Manager may initiate discussions with Offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposals, but proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the Offerors.

8. Selection of Finalists

The Evaluation Committee will select and Procurement Manager will notify the finalist Offerors in the month of **December 2020**. Only finalists will be invited to participate in the subsequent steps of the procurement. The schedule for the Oral Presentations will be determined at that time.

9. Oral Presentation by Finalists (if applicable) and Final Stakeholder / Public Review

Finalist Offerors may be required to present their proposals to the Evaluation Committee. The Procurement Manager will schedule the time and location for each Offeror presentation. Presentations, if required, will be held in **December 2020** and will be limited to one (1) hour in duration.

10. Best and Final Offers From Finalists

Finalist Offerors may be asked to submit revisions to their proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers in **December 2020**. Best and final offers may be clarified and amended at the finalist Offeror's oral presentation.

11. Finalize Contract

The contract will be finalized with the most advantageous Offeror in the months of **January 2021**. In the event that mutually agreeable terms cannot be reached within the time specified, NMDOT reserves the right to finalize a contract with the next most advantageous Offeror without undertaking a new procurement process.

12. Contract Award / Notice to Proceed

NMDOT anticipates awarding the contract in the months of **January 2021**. These dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Agency.

The contract shall be awarded to the Offeror or Offerors whose proposal is most advantageous, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points.

13. Right to Protest

Any protest by an Offeror must be timely filed within fifteen (15) days and in conformance with Section 13-1-172 NMSA 1978 and applicable procurement regulations. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the request for proposals number. It must also contain a statement of grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits. The protest must be delivered to:

Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments
Attn: **Evan J. Williams, Executive Director**
106 W. Aztec Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13, NMSA 1978 and NMAC 1.4.1.

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Offerors must indicate their acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement section in the letter of transmittal. Submission of a proposal constitutes acceptance of the Evaluation Factors contained in Section VI of this RFP.

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the Offeror in preparation, transmittal, presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the Offeror.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contract that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime Contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of the contract with NWNMCOG. NWNMCOG will make contract payments only to the prime Contractor.

4. Subcontractors

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal. Major subcontractors must be identified by name and their qualifications must be included as an attachment to the proposal. The prime Contractor shall be wholly responsible for the entire performance whether or not subcontractors are used.

5. Certifications and Licenses

Potential Offerors must have the proper certifications and licenses to do business in New Mexico as follows:

Corporations:

- File Articles of Incorporation with the Public Regulation Commission and record with the County pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 53-4-6.
- Name of registered agent pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 53-5-2.
- Certificate of Authority from the Public Regulation Commission indicating that the corporation is authorized to conduct business in New Mexico pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 53-17-6 and 53-17-8.
- Obtain a Federal employer identification number.
- Register with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and obtain a tax identification number to report gross receipts taxes.

Limited Liability Companies:

- Registered office and registered agent for service of process that is either a New Mexico resident or domestic corporation, limited liability company, or partnership that is located in New Mexico.
- File an Application for Registration with the Public Regulation Commission to conduct business in New Mexico and must obtain a Certificate of Good Standing from the Public Regulation Commission to conduct business in New Mexico.
- Obtain a Federal employer identification number.
- Register with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and obtain a tax identification number to report gross receipts taxes.

Limited Partnerships:

- Apply for Certificate of Registration with the New Mexico Secretary of State pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 54-2-1 through 54-2-48.
- File a Statement of Qualifications with the New Mexico Secretary of State pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 54-1A-101 through 54-1A-1206.
- Obtain a Federal employer identification number.
- Register with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and obtain a tax identification number to report gross receipts taxes.

General Partnerships:

- File a Statement of Partnership Authority with the Secretary of State pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 54-1A-101 through 54-1A-1206.
- Obtain a Federal employer identification number.
- Register with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and obtain a tax identification number to report gross receipts taxes.

Sole Proprietorships and Joint Ventures:

- Obtain a Federal employer identification number.
- Register with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and obtain a tax identification number to report gross receipts taxes.

6. Insurance Requirements

Offeror must have professional liability, and commercial and automotive liability each for \$1,000,000 before we will execute a contract.

7. Amended Proposals

No amended proposals will be allowed in this opportunity. NWNMCOG personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.

8. Offerors' Rights to Withdraw Proposal

Offerors will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The Offeror must submit a written withdrawal request signed by the Offeror's duly authorized representative addressed to the Procurement Manager. The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is governed by the applicable procurement regulations.

9. Proposal Offer Firm

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices, will be considered firm for ninety (90) days after the due date for receipt of proposals.

10. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

The proposals will be kept confidential until a contract is awarded. At that time, all proposals and documents pertaining to the proposals will be open to the public, except for the material that is proprietary or confidential. The Procurement Manager will not disclose or make public any pages of a proposal on which the Offeror has stamped or imprinted "proprietary" or "confidential" subject to the following requirements.

Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the Offeror's organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7 NMSA 1978. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of data for which an Offeror has made a written request for confidentiality, the NWNMCOG Procurement Manager shall examine the Offeror's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the Offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data.

11. No Obligation

This procurement in no manner obligates the Agency or any of its programs to the use of any proposed professional services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by the appropriate authorities.

12. Termination

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the Procurement Manager determines such action to be in the best interest of the Agency.

13. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such termination will be affected by sending written notice to the Contractor. The Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the Contractor as final.

14. Legal Review

NWNMCOG requires that all Offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any Offeror concerns must be promptly brought to the attention of the Procurement Manager.

15. Governing Law

This procurement and any agreement with Offerors that may result shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

16. Prohibited Bidding

Pursuant to Section 10-16-13 NMSA 1978 no state agency or political subdivision of the State shall accept a bid or proposal from a person who directly participated in the preparation of specifications, qualifications or evaluation criteria on which the specific competitive bid or proposal was based. A person accepting a bid or proposal on behalf of a state agency or political subdivision of this State shall exercise due diligence to ensure compliance with this section.

17. Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue

If a recipient of this RFP chooses to offer a proposal, the Offeror understands and agrees that by submitting such proposal to the Agency, they thereby consent to and agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of New Mexico for the resolution of any disputes arising under or resulting from the contract selection and/or approval process in response to this RFP, or any dispute arising under or resulting from the performance of any contract resulting from this RFP, which cannot be resolved informally. The Offeror, by submitting such proposal, waives any objection to the personal jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of New Mexico over the Offeror. By submitting such proposal, the Offeror agrees and consents that the McKinley County District Court shall have venue and jurisdiction over all matters arising or derived from this RFP.

18. Basis for Proposal

Only information supplied by NWNMCOG in writing through the Procurement Manager or in this RFP should be used as the basis for the preparation of Offeror proposals.

19. Cost Proposal.

No cost proposal is being solicited with this proposal. Once the Evaluation Committee selects the top offeror based on the technical proposal evaluation, will that offeror be asked to provide a detailed cost proposal. If that cost proposal far exceeds available budget or

cannot be negotiated for any reason, the NWNMCOG may then move to the next ranking offeror.

20. Contract Terms and Conditions

The Contract between NWNMCOG and the Contractor will follow the format specified by the Agency and contain the terms and conditions as set forth in "Appendix A" (Contract Terms and Conditions for Federal Funding). NWNMCOG reserves the right to negotiate with a successful Offeror provisions in addition to those contained in this RFP.

The contents of this RFP, as revised and/or supplemented, and the successful Offeror's proposal will be incorporated into and become part of the Contract. In the event the Offeror's proposal conflicts with the RFP, the RFP governs, and, in the event the Agreement conflicts with the proposal, the Agreement governs.

Should an Offeror object to any of the Agency's terms and conditions, as contained in this Section or in "Appendix A", that Offeror must propose specific alternative language. The Agency may or may not accept the alternative language. General references to the Offeror's terms and conditions or attempts at complete substitutions are not acceptable to NWNMCOG and will result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal.

Offerors must provide a brief discussion of the purpose and impact, if any, of each proposed change followed by the specific proposed alternate wording.

21. Offeror's Terms and Conditions

Offerors must submit with the proposal a complete set of any additional terms and conditions which they expect to have included in a contract negotiated with NWNMCOG.

22. Contract Deviations

Any additional terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation, will be discussed only between NWNMCOG and the selected Offeror and shall not be deemed an opportunity to amend the Offeror's proposal.

23. Contract Negotiations

Contract negotiations may be held in accordance with applicable provisions of 1.4.1.39 NMAC Procurement Code Regulations.

24. Offeror Qualifications

The Evaluation Committee may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the Offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will reject the proposal of any Offeror who is not a responsible Offeror or fails to submit a responsive offer as defined in Sections 13-1-83 and 13-1-85 NMSA 1978.

25. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The Evaluation Committee also reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements provided that all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirements and/or doing so

does not otherwise materially affect the procurement. This right is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Committee.

26. Change in Contractor Representatives

The NWNMCOG reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representatives are not, in the opinion of the NWNMCOG, meeting its needs adequately.

27. Notice

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kick-backs.

28. Agency Rights

The Agency in agreement with the Evaluation Committee reserves the right to accept all or a portion of a potential Offeror's proposal.

29. Right to Publish

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, potential Offerors and contractors must secure from the Agency written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement or the subsequent contract. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal or termination of the contract.

30. Ownership of Proposals

All documents submitted in response to this Request for Proposals shall become the property of the NWNMCOG.

31. Confidentiality

Any confidential information provided to, or developed by, the contractor in the performance of the contract resulting from this RFP shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the contractor without the prior written approval of the NWNMCOG.

The Contractor(s) agree to protect the confidentiality of all confidential information and not to publish or disclose such information to any third party without the NWNMCOG's written permission.

32. Electronic Mail Address Required

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). Offeror must have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence.

33. Use of Electronic Versions of this RFP

This RFP is being made available by electronic means. If accepted by such means, the Offeror acknowledges and accepts full responsibility to insure that no changes are made to the RFP. In the event of conflict between a version of the RFP in the Offeror's possession and the version maintained by the NWNMCOG, the version maintained by the NWNMCOG shall govern.

34. Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

Offeror must complete, sign, and return the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form (See "Appendix C") as a part of their proposal. This requirement applies regardless whether a covered contribution was made or not made for the positions of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Failure to complete and return the signed unaltered form will result in disqualification.

35. Employee Pay Equity Reporting

Each Offeror submitting a proposal shall comply with the requirements of Executive Order 2009-049, New Mexico Pay Equity Initiative. **The Executive Order and required forms can be obtained from the following link:**

http://gsd.sks.com/statepurchasing/Pay_Equity.aspx

Failure to submit these forms will deem the proposal non-responsive.

If the offeror has ten (10) or more employees OR eight (8) or more employees in the same job classification, offeror must complete and submit the required reporting form (PE10-249 or PE250, depending on their size at the time) with their bid or proposal for evaluation purposes.

For contracts that extend beyond one (1) calendar year, or are extended beyond one (1) calendar year, offeror must also agree to complete and submit the required form annually within thirty (30) calendar days of the annual bid or proposal submittal anniversary date and, if more than 180 days has elapsed since submittal of the last report, at the completion of the contract.

Should offeror not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, offer must agree to provide the required report within ninety (90) calendar days of meeting or exceeding the size requirement.

Offeror must also agree to levy these reporting requirements on any subcontractor(s) performing more than 10% of the dollar value of this contract if said subcontractor(s) meets, or grows to meet, the stated employee size thresholds during the term of the contract.

Offeror must further agree that, should one or more subcontractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, offer will submit the required report, for each such subcontractor, within ninety (90) calendar days of that subcontractor meeting or

exceeding the size requirement.

36. Disclosure Regarding Responsibility

Any prospective Bidder/Offeror (hereafter Offeror) and/or any of its Principals who seek to enter into a contract greater than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) with any state agency or local public body for professional services, tangible personal property, services or construction agree to disclose whether they, or any principal of their company:

- A. Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for award of contract by any federal entity, state agency or local public body.
- B. Have within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes related to the submission of offers; or commission in any federal or state jurisdiction of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violation of Federal criminal tax law, or receiving stolen property.
- C. Are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any (federal state or local) government entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph B of this disclosure.
- D. Have preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal or state taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000.00 of which the liability remains unsatisfied.
 - 1. Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:
 - a. The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge of the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.
 - b. The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.
- E. Have within a three year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal or state agency or local public body.

Principal, for the purpose of this disclosure, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity or related entities.

The Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Manager or Buyer if, at any time prior to contract award, the Offeror learns that its disclosure was erroneous when submitting or became erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

A disclosure that any of the items in this requirement exist will not necessarily result in withholding an award under this solicitation. However, the disclosure will be considered in

the determination of the Offeror's responsibility. Failure of the Offeror to furnish a disclosure or provide additional information as requested will render the Offeror nonresponsive.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the disclosure required by this document. The knowledge and information of an Offeror is not required to exceed that which is the normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings. The disclosure requirement provided is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award and is a continuing material representation of the facts.

If during the performance of the contract, the contractor is indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any offenses named in this document the contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Procurement Manager or Buyer.

If it is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous disclosure, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer may terminate the involved contract for cause.

Still further the State Purchasing Agent may suspend or debar the contractor from eligibility for future solicitations until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the State Purchasing Agent.

37. Conflict of Interest; Governmental Conduct Act.

The Offeror warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement. The Offeror certifies that the requirements of the Governmental Conduct Act, Sections 10-16-1 through 10- 16-18, NMSA 1978, regarding contracting with a public officer or state employee or former state employee have been followed. This must be addressed as part of the letter of transmittal and will ultimately be a condition of contract execution.

IV. RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Offerors shall submit only one proposal in response to this RFP.

B. NUMBER OF COPIES

Offerors shall deliver one (1) original and six (6) identical copies of their proposal to the location specified on or before the closing date and time for receipt of proposals.

C. PROPOSAL FORMAT

All proposals must be typewritten on standard 8.5 x 11 paper (larger paper is permissible for charts, spreadsheets, etc.) and placed within a binder with tabs delineating each section. All proposals must be a **maximum forty (40) pages** (printed sheet faces) of text no smaller than 10 point in narrative sections and including graphics. All pages shall be numbered except for those specifically excluded from the page count. Exclusions to this limitation will be the letter of transmittal, required forms, table of contents, letter of introduction, covers, dividers, resumes, and other information and any acknowledge receipt of amendment forms.

1. Proposal Organization

The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, at a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated:

- a) Letter of Transmittal
- b) Table of Contents
- c) Proposal Summary
- d) Response to Mandatory Specifications
- e) Response to NWNMCOG Terms and Conditions
- f) Offeror's Additional Terms and Conditions
- g) Other Supporting Material

Within each section of their proposal, Offerors should address the items in the order in which they appear in this RFP. All forms provided in the RFP must be thoroughly completed and included in the appropriate section of the proposal. All discussion of proposed costs, rates or expenses must occur only in the cost response section.

Any proposal that does not adhere to these requirements may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

Offerors may attach other materials (within page limit guidelines) that they feel may improve the quality of their responses. However, these materials should be included as items in a separate appendix.

2. Letter of Transmittal

Each proposal must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal. The letter of transmittal MUST (See "Appendix B"):

- a) identify the submitting organization;
- b) identify the name and title of the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate the organization;
- c) identify the name, title and telephone number of the person authorized to negotiate the contract on behalf of the organization;
- d) identify the names, titles and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted for clarification;
- e) explicitly indicate acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section III, Paragraph C.1;
- f) be signed by the person authorized to contractually obligate the organization;
- g) acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP.

V. SPECIFICATIONS

A. Information

The contract is scheduled to begin in or around January 2021. NWNMCOG intends on awarding a contract with an immediate two (2) year timeframe for this project.

B. Mandatory Specifications

Offerors should respond in the form of a thorough narrative to each mandatory specification. The narratives along with required supporting materials will be evaluated and awarded points accordingly. Failure to address mandatory specifications/requirements will deem your proposal non-responsive. A brief explanation of each evaluation category is listed below. Information in one category may overlap information in other categories. Offerors are encouraged to fully address each category completely, as points are assigned for response to each. Responses to the RFP shall include information and past project experiences specific to the team submitting the proposal. The evaluation criteria to be used by the Evaluation Committee for the proposal review and the corresponding point values for each criteria are as follows:

1. Specialized Design and Technical Competence - Offeror's must provide information about the specialized design and technical competence of the business, including a joint venture or association, regarding the type of services required including an understanding of the scope of work. **(400 points)**
 - Comprehensive and Innovative – Proposals must describe an approach to each task that is: (a) comprehensive yet concise, (b) one that anticipates many possible complications and outcomes and is prepared to address them, and (c) identifies innovative approaches that are actionable on the part of the Offeror.
 - Understanding and Approach to Scope of Work (SOW) – Proposals must demonstrate a thorough understanding and proposing a unique approach or demonstrating exception insight into all of the tasks being proposed.
 - Total Number of Staff Hours Committed to the Project – Proposals must describe commitment of staff hours to completing the tasks and thus the overall project.
 - Public Involvement and Web-based Communications – Proposals must detail its approach to public involvement and web-based communications, including outreach to key stakeholders and minority and disadvantaged populations; and demonstrates fluency and experience in web-based, inter-active communications and mapping exercises.
 - Quality of Spatial Analysis and Graphic Communications – Proposals must describe key staff's capabilities in conducting Spatial analysis and graphics as a form of communication, in terms of clarity, ease of comprehension, consistency and strength.
2. Capacity and Capability - Offerors must provide information that demonstrates the capacity and capability of the business, including any consultants, their representatives, qualifications and locations, to perform the work, including any specialized services, within the time limitations. Offerors must submit summarized resumes of proposed key staff members who will be performing services under the contract. Resumes must include the name of the individual(s) proposed and shall include a thorough description of their education, knowledge,

and relevant experience as well as certifications or other professional credentials. Resumes must describe the specific relevant experience of the staff member(s) in relation to the role that member will perform for this contract. **(300 points)**

- Specific experience preparing or assisting with other master plans on behalf of NM Department of Transportation (NMDOT).
- Prior planning-related work experience resulting in successfully completed projects with the NMDOT.
- Transportation planning in the region or work with or on the Navajo Nation.
- Identify the project manager and describe his or her experience and availability to work on this project starting in January 2021 through December 2022.
- Identify other key staff that will be assigned to this project and their role and past experience.
- Include an Organization chart that clearly delineates lines of authority for key staff and project team, as well as for the offeror’s organization.

3. Past Record of Performance - Offeror’s must demonstrate through historical documentation the firm’s past record of performance on contracts with government agencies and private industry with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, ability to meet schedules and budgets. Project schedules should provide information about the progress of work as related to owner schedules and goals as well as the overall success of projects and client satisfaction. References from past or present clients can be included. **(200 points)**

4. Proximity to or Familiarity with the Work - Offerors must explain the firm’s familiarity to the work or similar works of this nature particularly for the New Mexico Department of Transportation or other state department’s of transportation. **(100 points)**

5. Volume of Work Previously Done - Firms shall be scored on any work that has been previously awarded and is, on the date of the submittal, less than 75% complete. Information on the status of past work awarded shall be included in the "Project Listing Form" ("Appendix F") as a requirement of this RFP. The following formula on fees for work awarded that are less than 75% complete shall be utilized in assessing scores:

Less than		\$667,000	10 points deducted
\$667,001	to	\$1,334,000	20 points deducted
\$1,334,001	to	\$2,000,000	30 points deducted
\$2,000,001	and over		40 points deducted

C. Mandatory Forms and Other Information

1. Letter of Transmittal

Offerors must submit with their proposals a completed Letter of Transmittal (“Appendix B”) with their proposal.

2. Completed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

Offerors must submit with their proposals a completed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form (“Appendix D”) with their proposal.

3. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage Form

Offerors must agree with the terms and submit a signed New Mexico Employees Health Coverage Form with the submittal of their proposal.
(See “Appendix E”)

4. Employee Pay Equity Reporting (Paragraph III.C.33)

Offerors submitting a proposal shall comply with the requirements of Executive Order 2009-049, New Mexico Pay Equity Initiative. **The Executive Order and required forms can be obtained from the following link:**

http://gsd.sks.com/statepurchasing/Pay_Equity.aspx

Contractors with less than 10 employees are exempt from the reporting requirements unless 8 or more individuals are in the same job classification.

Contractors with 8 or more employees in the same job classification are required to comply with the Executive Order.

If your firm is exempt from the Employee Pay Equity Requirements a statement must be submitted in this section of your proposals indicating that your firm is exempt from the reporting requirements.

VI. EVALUATION

A. Evaluation Factors/Points

The NWNMCOG will evaluate responsive proposals and assign a score in each category, not to exceed the maximum allowed score for that category, as determined through the Offeror's attention to the criteria detailed in the following sections. The amount of discussion to be applied to each listed topic is an individual choice of the Offeror, however, discussion should be detailed enough to inform and educate evaluators.

Proposals will be scored based upon a comparison of the information submitted by each Offeror against the evaluation criteria outlined below.

Evaluation Factor	Points Available
1. Specialized Design and Technical Competence	400
2. Capacity and Capability	300
3. Past Record of Performance	300
4. Proximity to or Familiarity with the Work	100
5. Volume of Work Previously Done (Max Deduction)	-40
SUBTOTAL	1000
Oral Presentations (if applicable)	300
TOTAL	1,300
Mandatory Forms and Other Information	
Offerors must have been in business for at least 5 years and be able to showcase experience in transportation planning, transportation infrastructure solution assessment and design, traffic impact analysis and modeling, and engineering.	Pass/Fail
C.1. Letter of Transmittal	Pass/Fail
C.2. Completed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form	Pass/Fail
C.3. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage Form	Pass/Fail
C.4. Employee Pay Equity Reporting (Paragraph III.C.33)	Pass/Fail

Total Written Maximum Allowable Points	1000 Points
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B. Evaluation Process

The evaluation process will follow the steps listed below:

1. All Offeror proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the mandatory specifications stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. The Procurement Manager may contact the Offeror for clarification of the response as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.7.
3. The Evaluation Committee may use other sources of information to perform the evaluation as specified in Section III, Paragraph C.22.
4. Responsive proposals will be evaluated on the factors in Section VI that have been assigned a point value. The responsible Offeror(s) whose proposal is most advantageous to the NWNMCOG, taking into consideration the evaluation factors in Section VI and successful negotiations, will be recommended for contract award as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.12. Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score. In the event of oral presentations responsible Offerors with the highest scores resulting from the written evaluations will be selected as finalist Offerors. Points awarded from the oral presentations will be added to the previously assigned points from the written evaluations to attain final scores.
5. No cost proposal is being solicited with this proposal. Once the Evaluation Committee selects the top offeror based on the technical proposal evaluation, will that offeror be asked to provide a detailed cost proposal. If that cost proposal far exceeds available budget or cannot be negotiated for any reason, the NWNMCOG may then move to the next ranking offeror.

APPENDIX A – CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL FUNDING

Contract No.

Vendor No.

Project No.

Control No.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, hereinafter referred to as “NWNMCOG,” acting through its Executive Director, and _____, hereinafter referred to as “Contractor.”

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. **Scope of Work.**

The Contractor agrees to perform the following professional services:

Give a detailed description of services requested.

Services shall be performed and be completed satisfactory to the NWNMCOG with the instructions provided by the Executive Director and Program Manager. The Contractor shall provide and charge only for those services

requested by the NWNMCOG. No services may be contracted except as agreed upon in advance by the parties to this Agreement.

Upon execution of this Agreement, the Contractor shall commence work at the NWNMCOG's request and services shall conform to the description of services as set forth herein or as hereafter mutually agreed to in writing.

2. Payment Provisions.

The NWNMCOG shall compensate the Contractor based on the rates and costs set forth as follows:

a. **Rates.** The Contractor agrees to perform billable work at the following rates per hour:

b. **Compensation.** Total compensation during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed \$_____, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties hereto of this Agreement, which amount includes all applicable gross receipts taxes during the term of this Agreement. The NWNMCOG will not compensate the Contractor for services or other deliverables provided prior to the full execution of the contract, after the expiration of the contract, or in excess of the maximum dollar amount of the contract, unless the maximum dollar amount is duly amended prior to providing the services or deliverables.

c. **Payment of Invoice.** Payment shall be made to the Contractor upon receipt of a detailed invoice based on completion of task orders for negotiated tasks, deliverables, and costs, not more than monthly and for satisfactory work completed and accepted by the NWNMCOG, unless the Contractor receives verbal or written notice that the invoice is inadequate.

d. **Acceptance.** The Contractor's satisfactory completion of this Agreement shall be a prerequisite for final payment. Final payment, including any retainage, shall be made within thirty (30) days after the work has been approved and accepted by the Executive Director or his duly authorized representative.

Within fifteen days after the date the NWNMCOG receives written notice from the Contractor that payment is requested for services or items of tangible personal property delivered on site and received, the NWNMCOG shall issue a written certification of complete or partial acceptance or rejection of the services or items of tangible personal property. If the NWNMCOG finds that the services or items of tangible personal property are not acceptable, it shall, within thirty days after the date of receipt of written notice from the Contractor that payment is requested, provide to the Contractor a letter of exception explaining the defect or objection to the services or delivered tangible personal property along with details of how the Contractor may proceed to provide remedial action. Upon certification by the NWNMCOG that the services or items of tangible personal property have been received and accepted, payment shall be tendered to the Contractor within

thirty days after the date of certification. If payment is made by mail, the payment shall be deemed tendered on the date it is postmarked.

After the thirtieth day from the date that written certification of acceptance is issued, late payment charges shall be paid on the unpaid balance due on the contract to the Contractor at the rate of one and a half (1½) percent per month. For purchases funded by state or federal grants to local public bodies, if the local public body has not received the funds from the federal or state funding agency, but has already certified that the services or items of tangible personal property have been received and accepted, payments shall be tendered to the Contractor within five working days of receipt of funds from that funding agency.

e. Payment of Taxes. The Contractor is responsible for making payment of gross receipts taxes to the New Mexico Department of Taxation and Revenue unless Contractor is exempt from payment of taxes.

3. Approval of Contractor Personnel.

Once work has started, changes of personnel will not be made by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the NWNMCOG. Replacement of any Contractor personnel, if approved, shall be with personnel of equal ability, experience and qualifications. The Contractor will be responsible for any expenses incurred in familiarizing the replacement personnel to insure their being productive to the project immediately upon receiving assignments. Approval of replacement personnel shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The NWNMCOG shall retain the right to request the removal of any of the Contractor's personnel at any time.

4. Effective Date and Term.

This Agreement shall not be effective until executed by the Executive Director of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments. The term of this Agreement is from the execution date of the Agreement and shall terminate on _____ unless terminated pursuant to Section Five of this Agreement. The NWNMCOG shall have the option of extending the Agreement. In no event shall the total term of the Agreement, including extensions, exceed four (4) years.

5. Termination.

The NWNMCOG has the option of canceling this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. Upon receipt of the "Notice of Cancellation," the Contractor shall immediately suspend any further work unless otherwise directed by the NWNMCOG in writing. By such termination neither party may nullify obligations already incurred for performance or failure to perform for the work rendered prior to the date of termination of this Agreement. However, neither party shall have any obligation to perform services or make payment for services rendered after such date of termination.

Either party may terminate the Agreement for cause based upon any material breach of this Agreement by the other party, provided that the non-breaching party shall give the breaching party written notice specifying the breach and shall afford the breaching party a reasonable opportunity to correct the breach.

If within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written notice, the breaching party has not corrected the breach or, in the case of a breach which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, the breaching party has not begun and proceeded in good faith to correct the breach, the non-breaching party may declare the breaching party in default and terminate the Agreement effectively immediately. The non-breaching party shall retain any and all other remedies available to it under law.

6. Status of Contractor.

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent Contractors performing professional services for the NWNMCOG and are not employees of the NWNMCOG. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not have use of NWNMCOG vehicles or any other benefits afforded the NWNMCOG employees as a result of this Agreement.

7. Permits, Licenses, and Insurance.

Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that [\(entity name\)](#) is properly organized under the laws of the State of New Mexico, and is in good standing to do business in the State of New Mexico. The Contractor shall procure all permits and licenses, and insurance as required by law and pay all charges, fees, royalties, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of the work. The Contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage for its employees. If Contractor fails to comply with the Workers' Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, the NWNMCOG may cancel this contractual agreement effective immediately.

8. Assignment.

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without prior written approval of the NWNMCOG.

9. Subcontracting.

The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without prior written approval of the NWNMCOG.

10. Records and Audit.

The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred and to make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the Agreement period and for five (5) years from the date of final payment under the Agreement for inspection by the State.

11. Appropriations and Authorizations.

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made by the Legislature of New Mexico, or the Congress of the United States if federal funds are involved, for performance of this Agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made by the Legislature or the Congress of the United States if federal funds are involved, this Agreement shall terminate upon written notice being given by the NWNMCOG to the Contractor.

The NWNMCOG is expressly not committed to expenditure of any funds until such time as they are programmed, budgeted, encumbered, and approved for expenditure by the NWNMCOG or the NMDOT. The NWNMCOG's decision as to whether its funds are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final.

12. Release.

The Contractor, upon final payment of the amount due under this Agreement, releases the NWNMCOG, its officers, and employees, and the State of New Mexico from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the State of New Mexico to any obligation not assumed herein by the State of New Mexico, unless the Contractor has written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

13. Confidentiality.

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without prior written approval by the NWNMCOG.

14. The Product of Service; Copyright.

All materials developed or acquired by the Contractor shall become the property of the State of New Mexico and shall be delivered to the NWNMCOG no later than the termination date of this Agreement. Nothing produced in whole or in

part, by the Contractor under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Contractor. However, it is understood that some of the materials utilized in this project may have previously been copyrighted by the Contractor.

15. Conflict of Interest.

The Contractor warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required under this Agreement. The Contractor shall comply with any applicable provisions of the New Mexico Governmental Conduct Act, the New Mexico Financial Disclosures Act and the campaign disclosure provisions of the Procurement Code. The Contractor has completed a Campaign Contributions Disclosure Form which is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1.

16. Equal Opportunity Compliance.

The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the Contractor agrees to assure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual preference, age or handicap, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If

the Contractor is found to not be in compliance with these requirements during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

17. Civil Rights Laws and Regulations Compliance.

The NWNMCOG and Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work called for herein. The NWNMCOG and Contractor further agree to operate under and be controlled by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Executive Order 12898, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, the New Mexico Human Rights Act, and Executive Order No. 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR 60). Accordingly, 49 CFR 21 is applicable to this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference.

18. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage

1. If Contractor has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Contractor certifies, by signing this agreement, to:

(a) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than notice to proceed is issued in _____ if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed one million dollars or;

(b) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than April 30 or the date in April when the

Notice to Proceed is issued; if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$500,000 dollars or;

(c) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than the date Notice to Proceed is issued in April 2021; if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$250,000 dollars.

2. Contractor agrees to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) declined health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) declined health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.

3. Contractor agrees to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information: <http://insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/>.

4. For Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery contracts (price agreements without specific limitations on quantity and providing for an indeterminate number of orders to be placed against it); Contractor agrees these requirements shall apply the first day of the second month after the offeror reports combined sales (from state and, if applicable, from local public bodies if from a state price agreement) of \$250,000, \$500,000 or \$1,000,000, depending on the dollar value threshold in effect at that time.

This provision applies to all State Executive Branch Agency solicitations (Request for Proposals – RFP, Invitation to Bid – ITB).

19. Employee Pay Equity Reporting

Contractor agrees if it has ten (10) or more employees OR eight (8) or more employees in the same job classification, at any time during the term of this contract, to complete and submit the required reporting form (PE10-249 or PE250, depending on their size at the time) either within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award (if the contract did not result from a solicitation) or on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal for contracts up to one (1) year in duration (if the contract did result from a solicitation).

For contracts that extend beyond one (1) calendar year, or are extended beyond one (1) calendar year, contractor also agrees to complete and submit the required form-annually within thirty (30) calendar days of the annual contract anniversary date of the initial submittal date and, if more than 180 calendar days has elapsed since submittal of the last report, at the completion of the contract.

Should contractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, contractor agrees to provide the required report within ninety (90) calendar days of meeting or exceeding the size requirement. That submittal date shall serve as the basis for submittals required thereafter.

Contractor also agrees to levy these reporting requirements on any subcontractor(s) performing more than 10% of the dollar value of this contract if said subcontractor(s) meets, or grows to meet, the stated employee size thresholds during the term of the contract. Contractor further agrees that, should one or more subcontractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, contractor will submit the required report, for each such subcontractor, within ninety (90) calendar days of that subcontractor meeting or exceeding the size requirement. Subsequent report submittals, on behalf of each such subcontractor, shall be due on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal. Contractor shall submit the required form(s) to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department, and other departments as may be determined, on behalf of the applicable subcontractor(s) in accordance with the schedule contained in this paragraph. Contractor acknowledges that this subcontractor requirement applies even though contractor itself may not meet the size requirement for reporting and be required to report itself.

Contractor shall not be required to report more frequently than annually unless more than 180 calendar days has elapsed since submittal of the last report and the contract has reached completion. The requirement for reporting at contract completion shall not apply in the case of a one-time fulfillment of a purchase order.

20. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and Policy.

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 (49 CFR 26) or as may be amended, the Contractor shall agree to abide by and take all necessary and reasonable steps to comply with the following:

(A) DBE Policy: It is the policy of the Department to implement the provisions of 49 CFR 26, other pertinent regulations, and source legislation. The objectives are:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of United States Department of Transportation (DOT) assisted contracts in the DOT's highway, transit, and airport financial assistance programs;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBE's can fairly compete for DOT-assisted contracts:
3. To ensure that DOT's DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet the eligibility standards specified in 49 CFR 26 are permitted to participate as DBE's;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT- assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.

(B) DBE Obligations: The Department will establish the state DBE goal on

an annual basis. The approved FY 2010 state DBE goal is established at 12.41% for all federally assisted projects.

1. **Means of Attaining the State Goal:** The Department will meet the state DBE goal on federally assisted projects through race neutral measures. There will be no individual project goals on federally assisted projects unless an analysis of DBE utilization indicates that the goal falls substantially short of the annual goal and that good faith efforts have not been fulfilled. In the event the Department adopts race conscious measures to attain the state DBE goal, the Contractor shall be required to implement the individual project goal established by the Department.

- **Record Keeping Responsibilities:** The Contractor is responsible to assure that its DBE liaison officer completes and submits the appropriate forms required by the DBE Program to the Department's project manager or to the Department's Office of Equal Opportunity Program Bureau (OEOPB) at the following address:

**New Mexico Department of Transportation
OEOPB
Aspen Plaza, Suite 107
1596 Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505**

(C) **Department's DBE Program:** The Department's DBE Program, 18 NMAC 28.2 as required by 49 CFR 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Agreement. Implementation of this

program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this Agreement. Upon notification to the Contractor of its failure to carry out the terms and conditions of the DBE Program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 CFR 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 USC 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 USC 3801 et seq.).

(D) Recipient/Contractor Assurances: Each contract the Contractor enters into with a construction contractor, design consultant, other consultant or recipient on a DOT-assisted project shall ensure that such contract and subcontracts shall include the following assurances:

1. Recipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE Program or the requirements of 49 CFR 26. The Department shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and the administration of DOT- assisted contracts. The Department's DBE Program, as required by 49 CFR 26 and as approved by DOT, is incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this Agreement. Upon notification to the recipient of its failure to carry out its approved program, the DOT may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 CFR 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 USC 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 USC 3801 et seq.).

2. The recipient shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color,

national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The recipient shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the recipient to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement or such other remedy, as the NWNMCOG deems appropriate.

21. Notice.

The New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities, or kickbacks in the procurement of this Agreement. In addition, the New Mexico Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, as amended, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation.

22. Applicable Law.

The Laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Agreement.

23. Contractor's Liability.

Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Department, acting through its agents, representatives and employees, from and against liability, claims, damages, losses or expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees, court costs and the cost of appellate proceedings) arising out or resulting from the negligence, act, omission or default of the Contractor, it agents, representatives or employees; provided that such indemnification shall not extend to liability, claims, damages, losses or expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of: (1) The preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, design or specifications by the NWNMCOG or the agents

or employees of the NWNMCOG: or (2) The giving of or failure to give directions or instructions by the NWNMCOG, where such giving of or failure to give directions or instructions by the NWNMCOG is the primary cause of bodily injury to persons or damages to property.

24. Severability.

In the event that any portion of this Agreement is determined to be void, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

25. Merger.

This Agreement incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, agreements, and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement.

No prior agreements or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall become valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

26. Amendment.

This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by an instrument in writing and executed by the parties hereto.

THIS SPACE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement
on the date and year written above.

**NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

BY _____ DATE _____
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Insert Contractor's full name here
CONTRACTOR

BY _____
DATE _____
(Insert Contractor's name here, and title, if any)

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the NWNMCOG's General
Counsel.

BY _____ DATE _____
NWNMCOG GENERAL COUNSEL

I hereby certify that _____, tax identification number _____, is registered with
the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department for payment of gross receipt
taxes.

TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

BY _____ DATE _____

APPENDIX B: LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

The undersigned certifies that they have read and understand the above General Requirements and Request for Proposals documents and that they accept these conditions and submit the attached proposal in full compliance with these conditions, the applicable proposal specifications and the Contract. I hereby propose to furnish goods or services specified in the Request for Proposals. I agree that my proposal will remain firm for a period of up to 90 days in order to allow the NWNMCOG adequate time to evaluate the qualifications submitted. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of any and all amendments to this Request for Proposals.

In submitting this proposal, the offeror represents that the offeror has familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the Request for Proposals dealing with federal, state, and local requirements which are a part of this proposal, and further that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, connection, discussion, or collusion with any person, firm, or corporation submitting a proposal for the same product or service. The offeror will comply with all federal and state laws, local ordinances and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the goods or services of the project.

This offeror further warrants that they are not currently debarred or suspended by any governmental entity, that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner of degree with the performance or services required under the Contract. The offeror certifies that the requirements of the Governmental Conduct Act, Sections 10-16-1 through 10-16-18, NMSA 1978, regarding contracting with a public officer or employee or former employee have been followed.

Name of Firm that will Contract with NWNMCOG Type of Business Entity (LLC, Corporation, Etc.)

Authorized Signature (Person Authorized to Contractually Obligate the Offeror) Date

Name Printed or Typed Title

Address, Phone, Fax, and Email:

If different than the person above, on a separate piece of paper, provide the name, title, and contact information for (a) Person Authorized to Provide Clarification on the Proposal and (b) Person Authorized to Negotiate the Contract.

APPENDIX C: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Prewitt Area Transportation Master Plan

RFP #: 2020-01

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposals (RFP), the undersigned agrees that they have received a complete copy of this RFP consisting of 57 pages.

This acknowledgement of receipt should be signed and returned to the NWNMCOG Procurement Manager as soon as possible, but no later than November 5, 2020. Only potential offerors who elect to return this form completed with the indicated intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of all offeror written questions and the NWNMCOG's written responses to those questions as well as RFP amendments, if any are issued. The following information will be used for all correspondence related to this Request for Proposals.

FIRM: **DOES** **DOES NOT** (Circle One) intend to respond to this Request for Proposals.

Firm: _____

Represented By: _____

Title: _____ Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

The above name and email address or mailing address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposals. Return this form to:

Martina Whitmore, NWNMCOG Procurement Manager

106 West Aztec Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301

Phone: (505) 722-4327; Fax: (505) 722-9211; mwhitmore@nwnmcog.org

Please return this form by or before November 5, 2020

APPENDIX D: CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28, et seq., NMSA 1978 and NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), as amended by Laws of 2007, Chapter 234, any prospective contractor seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body **for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources** must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body may cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract pursuant to Section 13-1-181 NMSA 1978 or a contract that is executed may be ratified or terminated pursuant to Section 13-1-182 NMSA 1978 of the Procurement Code if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

The state agency or local public body that procures the services or items of tangible personal property shall indicate on the form the name or names of every applicable public official, if any, for which disclosure is required by a prospective contractor.

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money

or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative

or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of (a) a prospective contractor, if the prospective contractor is a natural person; or (b) an owner of a prospective contractor.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Prospective contractor” means a person or business that is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person or business qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature Date

Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature Date

Title (Position)

APPENDIX E: NEW MEXICO EMPLOYEES HEALTH COVERAGE FORM

1. For all contracts solicited and awarded on or after January 1, 2008: If the Offeror has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Offeror must agree to:
 - (a) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than July 1, 2008 if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed one million dollars or;
 - (b) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than July 1, 2009 if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$500,000 dollars or
 - (c) have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees no later than July 1, 2010 if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$250,000 dollars.
2. Offeror must agree to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) decline health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) decline health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.
3. Offeror must agree to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information <http://insurenwmxico.state.nm.us/>.
4. For Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery contracts (price agreements without specific limitations on quantity and providing for an indeterminate number of orders to be placed against it); these requirements shall apply the first day of the second month after the offeror reports combined sales (from state and, if applicable, from local public bodies if from a state price agreement) of \$250,000, \$500,000 or \$1,000,000.

Signature of Offeror: _____ Date _____

APPENDIX F – PROJECT LISTING FORM

(Complete for Offeror and each consultant)

(Use separate sheet for each Firm of Project Team)

FIRM: _____ DATE: _____

PROJECT DIRECTLY AWARDED TO FIRM	AWARD DATE	CONTRACT DATE	AMOUNT	% COMPLETE
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL FEES				

Notes:

1. If any award is not proceeding in contract negotiations, please indicate the status in the "Remarks" below.
2. Fees do not include reimbursable expenses, which include: travel, per diem, printing, telephone or reproduction cost.
3. Federal funds shall be included in project calculations pursuant to 13-1-120B(6).
4. Any Award of Contract that has not resulted in a written contract offer to the Offeror, within 6 months of written notice, shall not be considered an award for the purposes of the Project Listing Form.
5. Contact the person designated in Section II, Paragraph D if there are ANY questions regarding the correct completion of this form. (Use additional sheets if necessary).

REMARKS:

I. ADVERTISEMENT

NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS Regional
Transportation Planning Organization

RFP #: 2020-01

Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan

The Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) is requesting proposals from qualified firms or offerors for the purpose of hiring a contractor to perform a Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan for the bi-county area of Cibola and McKinley Counties. The Prewitt-Milan Transportation Master Plan Initiative is a combination of planned freight- and rail-related infrastructure and industrial developments that inter-connect with the Four Corners energy and agricultural clusters and the BNSF TransCon Line. Proposals shall be valid for ninety (90) days subject to all action by the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments. NWNMCOG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in part or in whole. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed container or envelope indicating the proposal title and number along with the offeror's name and address clearly marked on the outside of the container or envelope. All proposals must be received and recorded by the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, 106 West Aztec Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301, no later than 4:00 PM (Mountain Daylight Time) on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

No Pre-Proposal Conference will be held for this opportunity.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT: All qualified offerors will receive consideration of contract(s) without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Proponents of this work shall be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended.

Request for Proposals will be available by contacting Martina Whitmore, Procurement Manager by telephone at (505) 722-4327, or by email at mwhitmore@nwnmcog.org or by accessing NWNMCOG's website at <http://www.nwnmcog.com/request-for-proposals.html>

**ANY PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AFTER THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE
WILL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Publish on October 29, 2020

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT