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**Public Announcement of
Request for Letters of Interest for Design Build Services
DB GL C Branch Short Term Accessibility Improvements, Brookline, MA
Contract No. A26CN04**

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the "MBTA") hereby solicits Letters of Interest (LOI) from firms or teams (the "Design Build Entities") interested in providing Design Build (DB) services for the DB GL C Branch Short Term Accessibility Improvements, Boston and Brookline, MA (the "Project") under MBTA Contract No. A26CN04. The Project is being procured using a two-phase best-value DB procurement process pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149A, s. 14, et seq. and consistent with the MBTA's Design Build Procurement Procedures.

The MBTA intends to enter into a DB contract with the best-value Design Build Entity identified through a two-phase selection process including a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with a subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFQ will be utilized to identify qualified Design Build Entities to submit a proposal pursuant to Section 19 of M.G.L. c. 149A. The best-value selection criteria detail will be provided in the RFP. Respondents to this request for LOI will receive future notifications of the RFQ's availability and its amendments.

Criteria for qualification are expected to include, in no particular order, key personnel, team experience, safety record, experience in implementing FTA Civil Rights provisions including EEO, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE), Labor Work Force, and Title VI, financial capability, bonding capacity, legal and past performance, and other criteria deemed appropriate for evaluation, selection, and award by the MBTA's Governing Body. Complete instructions for the submission of the Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) shall be set forth in the RFQ.

A Design Build Entity will be required to meet the following minimum single project limits:

Work Class	Description	Prequalification Limit
Class 1	General Transit Construction	\$20,000,000

The requirements for showing the ability to meet the limits will be specified in the RFQ. The limits may be met by aggregating the respective qualifications of the key participants in the project, either as a major participant in the Design Build Entity or as a key subcontractor.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal is 22% of the design services and the construction portions of the work to be performed under the DB contract. Design Build Entities shall affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female consultant firms and construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin in consideration for award. Design Build Entities will also be required to comply with FTA Civil Rights Provisions including EEO, DBE, Labor Work Force and Title VI. Because the MBTA reserves the right to use federal funding, respondents should assume that FTA requirements for federally funded projects will apply.

The RFQ and its addenda will be issued electronically on box.com to those firms who have submitted an

LOI. The MBTA expects to respond to all LOI submissions with an RFQ in August 2024. The MBTA plans to award the DB contract in late Fall of 2024 with construction completed by the end of 2026.

Project Description:

The purpose of the GL C Branch Station Accessibility Upgrade Project is to create accessible station platforms for nine (9) station locations along Beacon Street in the Town of Brookline on the C-Branch. The project aims to bring all nine (9) station locations into compliance with FTA, ADA, NFPA, MAAB, and all applicable MBTA regulations, guidelines, and design directives. The stations included in the design are Hawes Street, Kent Street, Saint Paul Street, Summit Avenue, Brandon Hall, Fairbanks Street, Tappan Street, Dean Road, and Englewood Avenue.

Scope of Work:

The scope for each station includes design of new platforms, pedestrian access paths along sloped walkways for 2 remote means of egress, pedestrian track crossings, platform furniture such as wayfinding signage, benches, and customer assistance call boxes, relocation of existing shelters, electrical and communications equipment for lighting and emergency life safety elements, and roadway modifications for curb lines, travel lane alignments, traffic signal adjustments, and elimination or restriping of parking spaces.

Project Funding: The Project is funded with grant R22A01. The contract value is estimated at approximately \$ 29,000,000

LOI Submittal: One electronic copy of an LOI from Design Build Entities or firms interested in receiving a notice of the availability of the RFQ should be received by the MBTA on August 7, 2024.

All responses must be submitted via email to altdelivery@mbta.com with the subject line labeled "**Letter of Interest – A26CN04**".

LOIs must provide a mailing address, telephone number, and email address for each Design Build Entity's designated primary contact to ensure that a notice of the RFQ's availability will be received by the interested Design Build Entity. Design Build Entities are advised to provide an email address for a secondary contact, in case the primary contact is inaccessible.

This is not an RFQ or RFP. The MBTA reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, to waive informalities, to advertise for new LOIs or proceed to do the work otherwise, or to cancel this procurement, as may be deemed in the best interest of the MBTA.

Project documentation is available on the MBTA website. In order to receive the most up-to-date information relating to the Project, the MBTA encourages interested firms to periodically visit the MBTA website:

http://bc.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/#design-build

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