

LEGAL NOTICE  
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**Public Announcement of  
Request for Letters of Interest  
for Design Build Services  
DB Green Line B Branch Short Term Accessibility Improvements  
Contract No. A26CN05**

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 MBTA Contract No. A26CN05 DB Green Line B Branch Short Term Accessibility Improvements, Boston, MA (the "Project"). 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 THE SELECTION OF THE DB ENTITY**

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 ("SOQ") shall be set forth in the RFQ.

**MINIMUM SINGLE PROJECT LIMITS**

A Design Build Entity will be required to meet the following MBTA Pre-Qualification

<b>Work Class</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Prequalification Limit</b>
Class 1	General Transit Construction	\$40,000,000
Class 3	Trackwork	\$10,000,000

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.

**DBE GOAL**

- Construction DBE Goal 18%
- Design DBE Goal 4%

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.

## **PROJECT TEAM**

Agency: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority  
Designer: Jacobs Engineering Group  
MBTA Project Manager Rabi Basnet, P.E.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of the B Branch Short Term Accessibility Improvements Project is to upgrade inaccessible station platforms to meet accessibility standards for nine (9) station locations along Commonwealth Avenue in the City of Boston on the B-Branch. The project will also realign the tracks at Blandford Portal to enhance safety and operations. Barriers to accessibility at multiple grade crossings will be addressed, ensuring safer and more convenient use for passengers.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

This Project will complete final design and construction to create accessible stations along the Green Line B-Branch in Boston, MA. Work will consist of rebuilding station platforms to raise and widen boarding areas to achieve accessibility requirements and to assure that each station provides compliant pathways to the Public Right-of-Way. The project will also improve safety by separating platforms from vehicular traffic. Additionally, the project will realign the tracks at Blandford Portal to enhance safety and operations. Barriers to accessibility at multiple grade crossings will be addressed, ensuring safer and more convenient use for passengers.

As a result of this project, platforms will be raised to a height of 8” above the adjacent top of rail for at least 140 ft. Platforms will be widened to at least 7 ft 6 inches, including detectable edges to support accessibility to low floor trains. Platforms will be outfitted with amenities including benches, wayfinding signage, customer assistance areas and lighting. Standby power generators will be located at each upgraded station.

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The RFQ and its addenda will be issued electronically on Bid Express to those firms who have submitted an LOI.

RFLOI Issuance:	July 23, 2025
DB RFQ Issuance:	August 15, 2025
Virtual Informational Meeting:	August 22, 2025
DB SOQ Due:	September 12, 2025
DB RFP Issuance:	September 2025
DB RFP Due:	November 2025
DB Notice to Proceed:	February 2025
Construction Start:	Fall 2026
Project Substantial Completion (use and/or occupancy):	Fall 2027

## **PROJECT FUNDING**

The Project is funded with State and Federal funds. The contract value is estimated at approximately \$ 74,000,000.

## **RFLOI 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 by 11:00 AM on August 12, 2025.

All responses must be submitted via email to [altdelivery@mbta.com](mailto:altdelivery@mbta.com) with the subject line labeled "Letter of Interest – A26CN05.

Each LOI must include the following information to ensure that a notice of the RFQ's availability will be received by the interested firm.

- Name of the Firm
- Firms mailing address
- Primary Contact's name and email address
- Secondary Contact's name and email address
- Telephone number

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.

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In order to receive the most up-to-date information relating to this Project, the MBTA encourages interested firms to periodically visit the MBTA website:

[https://bc.mbta.com/business\\_center/bidding\\_solicitations/current\\_solicitations/](https://bc.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/)

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