# Your Options for Procuring Designer Services

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#### **MassDOT Procurement Practices**

- Federal Law
  - Public Law 92-582 ("Brooks Act")
- State Law
  - MGL Chapter 7, Section 38P
- MassDOT Standard Operating Procedures
- Architects and Engineers Review Board



## **A&E Review Board**

- Members and Meetings
- Prequalification
- Selection Procedures
  - RFR
  - Streamlined
- ✓ Resource Prequalification Information
  - http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/default.asp?pgid=content/preq ual01&sid=about



# **Municipal Project Guide**

- MassDOT / ACEC Document
- Provides Perspective on Relationships
- Stresses Importance of Soliciting and Retaining Qualified Consultants
- Provides a One-Page, Step-by-Step Project Summary Guide
- Provides Consultant Procurement Guidelines
- ✓ Resource Municipal Project Guide
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# **Project Summary Guide**

Municipal Project Summary Guide Helping Communities Move Projects Forward			
Project Inception	Consultant Procurement	Environmental, Design and ROW	Construction
Project Identification and Need	Planning and Preparation	Environmental Process	Advertising and Bidding
Project Development Preliminary Screening by District Prepare Project Need Form (PNF) Submit PNF to MassDOT District Conduct PNF Evaluation (MassDOT)  Output  Description  Output  Description  PNF Evaluation (MassDOT)	Conduct Qualifications-Based     Selection (QBS) Process     Develop a Procurement Plan     Develop an Imital Scope of Services     Develop a Cost Estimate/Budget     Develop a Project Schedule     Prepare RFR	Identify Necessary Environmental Approvals and Permits     Obtain Necessary Environmental Permits and Clearances     Laws and Regulations     Regulatory Thresholds     Permitting Clearance Timelines	Advertise Project for Construction     Issue Addenda as Needed     Bid Opening     Municipal Agreement (10% Agreement)
Project Planning  Define Existing Context: Confirm Project Needs Establish Goals and Objectives Initial Public Outreach Project Definition Project Review and Refinement Final Recommendations (Planning Report, if required)  Project Initiation	Selection Process  Provide Public Notice of the RFR Receive and Evaluate Proposals Rank and Short List Firms Conduct Interviews Final Ranking and Selection  Negotiation and Agreement Develop Final Scope of Services Request a Fee Proposal Negotiate Fee Execute a Consultant Agreement Provide Post-Selection Feedback	Conduct Public Outreach     Obtain Necessary Ground Survey Data     Prenare 25% Design and Obtain     Necessary Design Exceptions     Conduct Design Public Hearing     Prepare 75% Design     Prepare 100% Design     Prepare 100% Design     Prepare Final Cost Estimate     Confirm Adequate Funding Available     Obtain Traffic Control Agreement and Maintenance Agreement, as Required      Utility Coordination  Right of Way Process  I dentify Right of Way Actions     Obtain Necessary Right of Way (may require City Council or Town Meeting Approval)	Project Start-Up  Construction NTP Pre-Construction Meeting Resident Engineering
			Construction Phase Services  Coordinate with MassDOT Resident Engineer Engage Designer to: Review Shop Drawings Respond to Request for Information Attend Periodic Site Visits Attend Construction Job Meetings Review Change Orders
Outcomes			
Decision Whether to Advance Project     Guidance' Support By MassDOT and MPO to Move Project Forward     Possible TIP Year     Tentative Project Category     Tentative Funding Category	Consultant Selection     Professional Services Agreement	Complete Plans, Specifications and Estimated for the Project     All Necessary Environmental Permits and Clearances Obtained     All Necessary Right of Way Obtained     A Project Ready to be Advertised for Construction	Completed Construction Project     Satisfied Constituents



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#### Environmental Process

- Identify Necessary Environmental Approvals and Permits
- Obtain Necessary Environmental Permits and Clearances
  - oLaws and Regulations
  - oRegulatory Thresholds
  - oPermitting Clearance Timelines



- QBS
- Planning and Preparation
- Selecting a Consultant
- Negotiating a Contract



- Planning and Preparation
  - Develop Procurement Plan
  - Develop Scope of Services, Schedule and Budget
  - Prepare RFR
- ✓ Resource Standard Scope of Services Template
  - http://www.mhd.state.ma.us/default.asp?pgid=content/publi cationwkhr&sid=about



- Selecting a Consultant
  - Provide Public Notice of the RFR
  - Receive and Evaluate Responses
  - Rank and Short-List
  - Conduct Interviews
  - Final Rank, Select and Notify



- Negotiating a Contract
  - Develop Final Scope of Services and Schedule
  - Request Fee Proposal
  - Negotiate the Fee and Finalize the Scope
  - Execute Agreement
  - Provide Post-Selection Feedback



# **Additional Reference Materials**

- Contact Information
- Program Information
- Manuals and Guidance Documents
- Miscellaneous Tools



## **Thank You!**

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