

Q & A from Economic Stimulus DBE Information Session held 2/25/09

- Q. In regards to construction, are most of these projects going to be design build?
A. No, only three design build projects have been proposed. All of them are subject to change to build only.
- Q. Do you (DelDOT) have a plans room up north?
A. No. However, the Delaware Contractors Association (DCA) does.
- Q. Does your (project tracking) system have the design/build projects in it?
A. Yes. This information can be located at <http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/> under Professional Services and will soon be listed also under the Competitive Bids section of the webpage aforementioned.
- Q. In reference to Trnsport, is it possible for MD to link to DE?
A. You must purchase the rights to this software in order to use Trnsport for such things as preparing cost estimates.
- Q. I heard you talk about transit too, are you going to get to that? How will Transit money be used?
A. There have been 2 transit hubs proposed.
- Q. Are any of these funds going to be allocated to the maintenance and renovation of DelDOT buildings?
A. Yes. However, you may see this as part of another transportation project. For example, a project titled as I-95 Mainline Widening may include renovations of a DelDOT building. It is important to read all bids carefully to determine the work available.
- Q. Do bid advertisements get emailed?
A. Consultant agreements are emailed. However, bid advertisements are not available via email. You must be a registered vendor/contractor/consultant to receive bid advertisements automatically. This information is also available online at <http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/> under Advertising/Bid Calendars.
- Q. Is DelDOT moving toward going green?
A. Yes. We are just starting to.

- Q. The category code item for landscaping, for example, is listed in the standard specs?
A. Yes. Note that the 1st 3 digits of this 6 digit code refer you back to the standard specifications. If the last 3 numbers on an item are 500 – 599, they refer to special provisions and will only be detailed in that proposal and are not part of the standard specs.
- Q. Does the stimulus cover Sussex Co?
A. Yes. Projects will be awarded statewide.
- Q. Is there criteria on how long they (prime contractors) can give you to mobilize or provide goods/services?
A. You should negotiate these terms as part of the contract. Also, you should think about negotiating the payment cycle. Note that DelDOT requires that prime contractors pay their subcontractors within 30 days of receiving payment from DelDOT.
- Q. Will all the projects created by the stimulus be mailed?
A. Yes, if you are registered.
- Q. Does contractor/vendor registration have to be renewed every year?
A. Vendors must re-register every 2 years during their anniversary month (the month in which they were last registered).
- Q. Is the vendor registration form available online? Can you submit it online?
A. It is available online. However, it cannot be submitted electronically. It must be faxed or mailed to DelDOT.
- Q. In terms of professional services, is there money being allocated by the stimulus?
A. Yes. But, we are not sure what portion will be designated for professional services as of today. All construction projects usually have a need for some professional service.
- Q. The projects that will result from the stimulus will be available March 1st?
A. When we get the green light, we have approx. 15 projects (as of today) to roll out. This date is estimated to be March 1st or 2nd. We hope to roll out 4 to 7 projects a week during the 120 day time line.
- Q. With a lot of the rehabs/resurfacing projects, if you don't haul asphalt, you will not be included.
A. Materials have to be from an approved source. How the prime chooses to get those materials to the job site is not regulated by our program.

Q. Are you all pleased with the outcome for today?

A. Yes. Another session will be coming up in New Castle.

Q. Did any stimulus money go into TE projects (these are project #'s with 200 in the middle.
Ex: 24-**200**-01).

A. A few. But there will be TE projects coming up that are not from the stimulus plan.

Q. From a design standpoint, once advertised, will the project schedule be condensed?

A. No.