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Attention: Alan Woodmansey

Subject: Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) Concurrence Request
CM 5299(102)
Great Falls ADA Curb Ramps Phase 1
CN: 7992000

Dear Kevin McLaury:

This submittal requests approval of the above-mentioned proposed project as a Categorical Exclusion under the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(d) and the Programmatic Agreement as signed by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on April 12, 2001. This proposed action also qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under ARM 18.2.261 (Sections 75-1-103 and 75-1-201, MCA).

The following form provides the documentation required to demonstrate that all of the conditions are satisfied to qualify for a PCE. A copy of the Request For Qualifications document, dated February 28, 2013, is attached. The attached special provision, titled 'Migratory Bird Treaty Act Compliance-Vegetation Removal' is included as part of the contract for this proposed project. Since the proposed project is located in a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permitted area, the Standard Special Provision #208-1 'Protection of Storm Water Drainage System and Compliance with Local Permit Requirements' is included as part of the contract for this proposed project. In the following form, "N/A" indicates not applicable; "UNK" indicates unknown.

NOTE: A response in a large box will require additional documentation for a Categorical Exclusion request in accordance with 23 CFR 771.117(d).

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>UNK</u>
1. This proposed project would have (a) significant environmental impact(s) as defined under 23 CFR 771.117(a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. This proposed project involves (an) unusual circumstance(s) as described under 23 CFR 771.117(b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. This proposed project involves one (or more) of the following situations where:				

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>UNK</u>
A. Right-of-Way, easements, and/or construction permits would be required.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. The context or degree of the Right-of-Way action would have (a) substantial social, economic, or environmental effect(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. There is a high rate of residential growth in this proposed project's area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. There is a high rate of commercial growth in this proposed project's area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Work would be on and/or within approximately 1.6 kilometers (1± mile) of an Indian Reservation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. There are parks, recreational, or other properties acquired/improved under <i>Section 6(f)</i> of the <i>1965 National Land & Water Conservation Fund Act</i> (16 USC 460L, <i>et seq.</i>) on or adjacent to the project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The use of such <i>Section 6(f)</i> sites would be documented and compensated with the appropriate agencies. (<i>e.g.</i> : MDFWP, local entities, etc.).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are there any sites either on, or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places with concurrence in determination of eligibility or effect under <i>Section 106</i> of the <i>National Historic Preservation Act</i> (16 USC 470, <i>et seq.</i>) by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which would be affected by this proposed project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. There are parks, recreation sites, school grounds, wildlife refuges, historic sites, historic bridges, or irrigation that might be considered under <i>Section 4(f)</i> of the 1966 <i>US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Act</i> (49 USC 303) on or adjacent to the project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. The proposed project would not impact the site(s), so a 4(f) evaluation is not necessary.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. De minimis finding(s) is/are necessary for this project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. "Nationwide" Programmatic <i>Section 4(f)</i> Evaluation forms for these sites are attached.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. This proposed project requires a full (<i>i.e.</i> : DRAFT & FINAL) <i>Section 4(f)</i> Evaluation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>UNK</u>
B. The activity would involve work in a streambed, wetland, and/or other waterbody(ies) considered as "waters of the United States" or similar (e.g., "state waters").	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. Conditions set forth in <i>Section 10</i> of the <i>Rivers and Harbors Act</i> (33 USC 403) and/or <i>Section 404</i> under 33 CFR Parts 320-330 of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> (33 USC 1251-1376) would be met.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Impacts in wetlands, including but not limited to those referenced under Executive Order (E.O.) #11990, and their proposed mitigation would be coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers and other Resource Agencies (Federal, State and Tribal) as required for permitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. A 124SPA Stream Protection Authorization would be obtained from the MDFWP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. There is a delineated floodplain in the proposed project area under FEMA's Floodplain Management criteria.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The water surface at the 100-year flood limit elevation would exceed floodplain management criteria due to an encroachment by the proposed project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Tribal Water Permit would be required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Work would be required in, across, and/or adjacent to a river which is a component of, or proposed for inclusion in Montana's Wild and/or Scenic Rivers system as published by the US Department of Agriculture, or the US Department of the Interior.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The designated National Wild & Scenic River systems in Montana are:				
a. Middle Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to South Fork confluence).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. North Fork of the Flathead River (Canadian Border to Middle Fork confluence).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. South Fork of the Flathead River (headwaters to Hungry Horse Reservoir).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Missouri River (Fort Benton to Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>UNK</u>
In accordance with <i>Section 7</i> of the <i>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</i> (16 USC 1271 – 1287), this work would be coordinated and documented with either the Flathead National Forest (Flathead River), or US Bureau of Land Management (Missouri River).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. This is a “Type I” action as defined under 23 CFR 772.5(h), which typically consists of highway construction on a new location or the physical alteration of an existing route which substantially changes its horizontal or vertical alignments or increases the number of through-traffic lanes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. If yes, are there potential noise impacts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. A Noise Analysis would be completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. There would be compliance with the provisions of both 23 CFR 772 for FHWA’s Noise Impact analyses and MDT’s Noise Policy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. There would be substantial changes in access control involved with this proposed project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, would they result in extensive economic and/or social impacts on the affected locations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. The use of a temporary road, detour, or ramp closure having the following conditions when the action(s) associated with such facilities:				
1. Provisions would be made for access by local traffic, and be posted for same.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Adverse effects to through-traffic dependant businesses would be avoided or minimized.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Interference to local events (e.g. festivals) would be minimized to all possible extent.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Substantial controversy associated with this pending action would be avoided.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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F. Hazardous wastes /substances, as defined by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and/or (a) listed "Superfund" (under <i>CERCLA</i> or <i>CECRA</i>) site(s) are currently on and/or adjacent to this proposed project.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOTE: There are several Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)/Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUSTs) sites adjacent to the proposed work. No associated piping or contamination is expected to be encountered with the proposed project work.				
All reasonable measures would be taken to avoid and/or minimize substantial impacts from same.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. The Stormwater Discharge conditions (ARM 17.30.1101-1117), including temporary erosion control features for construction would be met.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Permanent desirable vegetation with an approved seeding mixture would be established on exposed areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Documentation of an "invasive species" review to comply with both EO #13112 and the <i>County Noxious Weed Control Act</i> (7-22-2152, MCA), including directions as specified by the county(ies) wherein its intended work would be done.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. There are "Prime" or "Prime if Irrigated" Farmlands designated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service on or adjacent to the proposed project area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the proposed work would affect Important Farmlands, then a CPA 106 Farmland Conversion Impact Rating form would be completed in accordance with the <i>Farmland Protection Policy Act</i> (7 USC 4201, <i>et seq.</i>).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. Features for the <i>Americans with Disabilities Act</i> (PL 101-336) compliance would be included.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. A written Public Involvement Plan would be completed in accordance with MDT's Public Involvement Handbook.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. This proposed project complies with the <i>Clean Air Act's Section 176(c)</i> (42 USC 7521(a), as amended) under the provisions of 40 CFR 81.327 as it's either in a Montana air quality:				
A. "Unclassifiable/Attainment" area. This proposed project is <u>not</u> covered under the EPA's September 15, 1997 Final Rule on air quality conformity.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
and/or				

- | | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>UNK</u> |
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| B. "Nonattainment" area. However, this type of proposed project is either exempted from the conformity determination requirements (under EPA's September 15, 1997 Final Rule), or a conformity determination would be documented in coordination with the responsible agencies (Metropolitan Planning Organizations, MDEQ's Air Resources Management Bureau, etc.). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Is this proposed project in a "Class I Air Shed" under 40 CFR 52.1382(c)(2-4) and 40 CFR 81.417? (Northern Cheyenne, Flathead, and Fort Peck Indian Reservations; Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks; Anaconda-Pintlar, Bob Marshall, Cabinet Mountains, Gates of the Mountains, Medicine Lake, Mission Mountain, Red Rock Lakes, Scapegoat, Selway-Bitterroot, and U.L. Bend Wilderness Areas) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Federally listed Candidate, Threatened or Endangered (T/E) Species: | | | | |
| A. There are recorded occurrences and/or critical habitat in this proposed project's vicinity. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Would this proposed project result in a "jeopardy" opinion (under 50 CFR 402) from the Fish & Wildlife Service on any Federally listed T/E Species? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

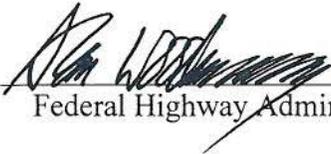
The proposed project would not induce significant land use changes, nor promote unplanned growth. There would be no significant effects on access to adjacent property, nor to present traffic patterns.

This proposed project would not create disproportionately high and/or adverse impacts on the health or environment of minority and/or low-income populations (EO #12898). It also complies with the provisions of *Title VI* of the *Civil Rights Act* of 1964 (42 USC 2000d) under the FHWA's regulations (23 CFR 200).

In accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR 771.117(a), this pending action would not cause any significant individual, secondary, or cumulative environmental impacts. Therefore, the FHWA's concurrence is requested that this proposed project is properly classified as a Categorical Exclusion.

Eric Thunstrom, Date: 4/15/13
Eric Thunstrom
Great Falls District Project Development Engineer
MDT Environmental Services Bureau

Heidy Bruner, Date: 4/14/13
Concur Heidy Bruner, R.E.
Engineering Section Supervisor
MDT Environmental Services Bureau

Concur , Date: 18 APR 2013
Federal Highway Administration

Attachments: Request For Qualifications document, dated February 28, 2013
Special provision, titled 'Migratory Bird Treaty Act Compliance-Vegetation Removal'

electronic copies without attachment (unless otherwise noted):

Dave Hand	Great Falls District Administrator
Steve Prinzing, P.E.	Great Falls District Preconstruction Engineer
Tom Martin, P.E.	Environmental Services Bureau Chief
Heidy Bruner, P.E.	Environmental Services Bureau Engineering Section Supervisor
Kent Barnes, P.E.	Bridge Engineer
Paul Ferry, P.E.	Highways Engineer
Mark Goodman, P.E.	Hydraulics Engineer
Robert Stapley	Right-of-Way Bureau Chief
Jake Goettle, P.E.	Value Analysis Engineer
Suzy Price	Contract Plans Bureau Chief
Tim Tilton	Contract Section Supervisor
Lisa Hurley	Fiscal Programming Section Supervisor
Tom Erving	Fiscal Programming Section
Tim Holley	Great Falls District Environmental Engineering Specialist
Eric Thunstrom	Environmental Services Bureau Project Development Engineer
Montana Legislative Branch Environmental Quality Council (EQC)	(with attachment)

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

XX. MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT COMPLIANCE -VEGETATION REMOVAL [107.11.7.A]

A. Description: Suitable nesting habitat exists for migratory birds within the construction limits.

B. Requirements: To ensure that this project is in compliance with the terms of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, perform any required cutting of trees or shrubs between August 16th and April 15th. Contact the MDT District Biologist if further instruction, clarification or consultation is required prior to or during construction.

C. Minimize the removal of trees and shrubs to the greatest extent possible. Remove only those trees and shrubs in direct conflict with the permanent construction limits. Where possible, do not remove, but trim trees and shrubs as necessary for equipment access and construction activities.

D. Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment. Work described in this provision is not measured for payment. Consider all costs associated with this provision incidental to performance of the work. Include the cost in the cost of other items.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS:

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is soliciting construction and design services for the design-build project identified below. Contractor and consultant teams (Firms) are encouraged to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) response to the Montana Department of Transportation – Engineering Division, Contract Plans Bureau, Room 101, 2701 Prospect, Helena, Montana by **11:00 a.m.**, local time on **March 22, 2013**.

Firms desiring to qualify and propose on this design-build project as a joint venture must declare their intention in a Letter of Commitment, included in the SOQ. Short-listed Firms must include an executed "Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney" affidavit with their Proposal. Firms desiring to qualify and propose on this design-build project are not required to form a Joint Venture.

The project is designated an Adjusted Score Design-Build type best value contract. SOQ are due by the time and date specified and will clearly indicate the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address for a contact person; and the key companies and personnel proposed as participating in the project. MDT will evaluate the relative ability of each submitting Firm to perform the required services based on SOQ information and past experience (See Attachment A - SOQ Evaluation Criteria). At least the three highest scoring responsive Firms (or all responsive Firms, if less than three Firms submit SOQ), but not more than five Firms will be selected for a ranked short list from the received responses. To determine the inclusion of Firm #4 and #5 on the ranked short list, their respective scores must be within four percent of the average score of the top three Firms. Results of the short-listing process will be posted on the MDT web site at:

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/contracting/scripts/qaforum/qacurrent.pl>

Short-listed Firms will be provided a Request for Proposal (RFP) containing a Design and Construction Criteria Package (DCCP) and requested to provide a Technical Proposal and Bid Price Proposal for the project. The Total Technical Proposal Score prepared by a Technical Review Committee will be divided by the Bid Price Proposal Amount to determine the highest Adjusted Score. The highest Adjusted Score is considered the best value proposal.

Project Name: Great Falls ADA Curb Ramps Phase I
Project No.: CM 5299(102)
Control No.: 7992

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project includes design and construction of ADA ramps at select intersections and alleys along the following routes:

- 8th Avenue North from 27th Street to 38th Street
- 38th Street North from 10th Avenue South to River Drive
- 6th Street North from 1st Avenue South to 10th Avenue South
- Park Drive from 1st Avenue South to 6th Avenue North
- 25th Street North from Central Avenue to 8th Avenue North
- 26th Street North from Central Avenue to 8th Avenue North

See Attachment B – Scope of Work Items. The scope of work includes the ADA corners and Alley approaches with estimated total number of ADA ramps, Alley ramps and the estimated quantities of other items. The estimated quantities are for information only.

The following preliminary scope of work items are anticipated for the proposed project and provided for information and not as required SOQ submittals.

ADA Ramps

- Provide design and construction of new ADA compliant ramps at all intersections and alley approaches as listed in the attached Scope of Work Items. Modify the Standard Drawings to fit field conditions to ensure compliance with ADA Standards.
- Return any landscaped areas disturbed by the construction to their original condition.
- Paint all curb areas currently painted where curb is being replaced.
- Dispose of all materials generated by the project in accordance with all State and City Regulations.

Drainage

- Install additional curb and gutter beyond the radius points to provide proper drainage in the area of the ADA compliant ramps.
- Replace all existing horseshoe inlets impacted by the new ramps with new standard inlets. Salvage the horseshoe inlet cast rings and manhole lids to the City of Great Falls.
- Relocate all existing non-horseshoe inlets located at the center of the corners to the configuration shown in the City of Great Falls standard drawings.
- Where necessary, adjust inlet runs and connections to manholes to complete the drainage at corners. There are five (5) locations anticipated for adjustments to runs and manhole connections.
- At locations where vertical curbing exists, extend the curb and gutter a minimum of one (1) foot beyond the radius point to provide a transition location for replacement of the vertical curb in the future.
- Remove and replace the valley gutters at the following locations:
 - 25th Street and 6th Avenue North on the west side of 25th Street
 - 25th Street and 4th Avenue North on the east side of 25th Street
- Place a new valley gutter at the following location:
 - 38th Street and 8th Avenue North on the west side of 38th Street

Utilities

- Complete any Subsurface Utility Engineering necessary for design and construction of the project.
- Coordinate the relocation or adjustment of all utilities impacted by the project design.

Traffic Control and Sequence of Construction

- Provide a Traffic Control Plan and required construction traffic control devices meeting the requirements of MUTCD and MDT Standard Specifications.
- Provide a Pedestrian Traffic Control Plan and required pedestrian traffic control devices meeting the requirements of MUTCD and MDT Standard Specifications.
- Maintain two-way traffic throughout the project whenever possible.
- Single lane closures will be permitted with the use of appropriate traffic control measures and prior MDT approval for each lane closure. Two-way traffic must be maintained overnight and during non-working hours.
- Provide a Construction Staging Plan.

Environmental Considerations

- The MEPA Environmental Document is not complete for this project. The Department is in the process of completing the Environmental Document for the project. Perform no ground disturbance activities or final design until the Department furnishes an approved Environmental Document.
- Provide all required temporary and permanent environmental permits and construction permits required for the project.

Right of Way

- Obtain any construction permits necessary to complete the construction.
- Obtain the Sidewalk and Approach Construction Agreement from each adjacent landowner where temporary access is required outside of existing right-of-way for completion of the work. See Attachment C.
- Provide written notification to all adjacent property owners a minimum of two weeks prior to construction with the Sidewalk and Approach Construction Notification form. See Attachment D.

General

- Design will be completed in U.S. Customary Units (English).
- Provide all surveying and engineering design services necessary to prepare the general plans and specifications to construct the project.
- Submit final documents and files that include complete CADD design and coordinate geometry files in Microstation and Geopak format, as described in the MDT CADD Standards.
- Provide all construction staking necessary to construct the project.
- Provide all road maintenance, to include any temporary signing and striping necessary.
- Provide erosion control required for the project.
- Provide a Quality Management Plan that includes quality control programs for design and construction activities related to the project.
- MDT will provide construction engineering and inspection services (Quality Assurance and Independent Assurance).

SOQ SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

The legal entity (Firm) desiring consideration for this project will submit ten copies of their SOQ, each copy of the SOQ not to exceed **forty** pages, to the address listed above. Each page that contains text, graphs, drawings or other illustrations is considered in the page limit, whether single-sided or double-sided. The transmittal letter, letters of commitment, proof of insurance, fronts, backs and blank section dividers are not included in the page limit. The prime contractor, design professional or key personnel cannot team with other partners to submit more than one proposal per project. The contractor, design professional and key personnel, on a design-build team cannot change after award, without the prior written approval of MDT. Only one SOQ per Firm is acceptable. Receipt of multiple SOQ from one Firm will disqualify the Firm.

The SOQ must, as a minimum, include information on each of the following criteria:

- 1) Provide an SOQ transmittal letter that identifies the legal entity (business structure) authorized to render the design-build services and provide a Letter of Commitment executed by each principal company of the Firm's Design-Build team. Include a signed and dated copy of any Addendum issued to the RFQ.
- 2) Identify participating companies and business addresses of the Firm members. Provide an organization chart relating to the project and include the names, titles, classifications and experience (one page resumes) of key personnel to include the

overall Project Manager, Design Manager, Construction Manager, Civil Engineer, and Quality Control Manager. The key personnel on a design-build team cannot change after submittal of the SOQ without prior written approval of MDT.

- 3) Demonstrate past experience of Firm members working together on similar type projects, both for construction and engineering services. Experience may include design-build and design-bid-build projects. Experience of the Firm members working together is not required, it is preferred.
- 4) Design-Build Experience - Provide a list of active and/or recently completed design-build projects, including starting and completion dates or anticipated completion date, budget, owner, owner performance evaluation (if available), name and telephone numbers of owner's project representative and names of Firm team members that performed engineering design and/or construction activities. Past design-build experience may be drawn from projects contracted by MDT, other DOT, private industry or local governments. Design build experience is not required to make the short list, it is preferred.
- 5) Other Experience - Provide a list of active and/or recently completed projects similar to this project, other than design-build projects, including starting and completion dates or anticipated completion date, budget, owner, owner performance evaluation (if available), name and telephone number of owner's project representative and names of Firm team members that performed engineering design and/or construction activities. The most important factor is the Firms experience designing and constructing projects of similar scope, magnitude and complexity.
- 6) Approach and Understanding of Project Requirements – Provide detailed description and supporting information for the Firms approach and understanding of the project requirements. Outline any potential innovations in design, materials and/or construction means and methods anticipated for the project or that have not been contemplated in the preliminary scope of work. Describe any project issues identified and outline proposed resolutions by the Firm.

ESTIMATED COST: \$1.25 to \$1.75 Million

STIPEND: \$10,000 **

** The Firm awarded the Contract and the unsuccessful short-listed Firms will each receive the stipend which is partial compensation for the cost to prepare a proposal. The short-listed Firms will only receive the stipend if their proposal is determined to be responsive by MDT.

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

Questions are to be posted on MDT's "Question and Answer Forum" found at the website:

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/contracting/scripts/qaforum/qacurrent.pl>

Questions must be posted at least 48 hours before the SOQ is due to MDT. MDT will provide an Answer posted on the same "Question and Answer Forum". MDT will make every effort to post the answer within 8 work hours after the time Question was posted.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The Firm contracting with MDT, or the Design Professional members of the Firm's team, must provide evidence in the SOQ of their ability to obtain Professional Liability Insurance covering errors and omissions in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Evidence will be in the form of a letter from an insurer, or a Montana Resident Agent for an insurer, indicating ability to provide such insurance. The insurer must be licensed to do business in the State of Montana. Project specific insurance is insurance covering only this project.

BONDING REQUIREMENTS:

A proposal guaranty in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid Price Proposal amount will accompany each Firm's Bid Price Proposal. The guaranty must be in the form of a surety bond, payable to MDT. The surety on any proposal bond will be a company recognized to execute bid bonds for contracts of the Federal Government. The guaranty will stand for the Firm's obligation to timely and properly execute the contract and supply all other submittals required by the contract. The amount of the guaranty will be a liquidated sum that will be due in full in the event of default, regardless of the actual damages suffered. The proposal guaranty of all Firms will be released at such time as the successful Firm has complied with the condition stated herein, but not prior to that time.

The Firm contracting with MDT must have a bonding capacity of at least the Bid Price Proposal amount for a single contract. The Firm must provide evidence of its ability to be bonded for a single contract in the amount of at least the Bid Price Proposal amount. Evidence of this single contract bonding capacity may be in the form of either a letter from the Firm's Surety Company indicating a single contract bonding capacity in excess of the Bid Price Proposal amount or a copy of a performance and payment bond issued within the past twelve months, in the amount of at least the Bid Price Proposal amount for any past single contract of the Firm. The successful Firm will be required to maintain in effect throughout the life of the contract a performance and payment bond for 100% of the contract amount. The Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the State of Montana.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

RFQ Advertisement Date:	<u>February 28, 2013</u>
SOQ Response Due Date:	<u>March 22, 2013</u>
Short List Date:	<u>April 4, 2013</u>
RFP Issue Date:	<u>April 5, 2013</u>
Technical Proposal Due Date:	<u>May 10, 2013</u>
Bid Price Proposal due Date:	<u>May 24, 2013</u>
Final Selection Date:	<u>May 30, 2013</u>
Award Date:	<u>May 30, 2013</u>
Notice To Proceed:	<u>June 7, 2013</u>

The Firm will establish the Contract Time in their Technical and Bid Price Proposals. The Contract Time may not exceed 110 Calendar Days.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) GOAL:

In accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, the proposed overall DBE goal for MDT is 5.83%. MDT encourages the use of DBE-certified companies. The DBE Goal for this project is 0.0%. The DBE Schedule of Participation that must be completed and submitted with

the Bid Price Proposal will be included as an attachment to the RFP.

MDT will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the award, performance or administration of any MDT contract or in the administration of its DBE program (49 CFR Part 26). MDT attempts to provide reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person participating in any service, program or activity of the department. Alternate accessible formats of this document will be provided upon request. If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate in MDT bid lettings, call the Civil Rights Bureau at 444-6331 or TTY 406-444-7696 [TTY 1-800-335-7592 (toll free)] or Montana Relay at 711. Accommodation requests must be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

GENERAL:

This project is under the jurisdiction of the Great Falls District Administrator.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION:

Montana law requires all contractors to register with the Montana Department of Labor. On Federal Aid projects, contractors must register prior to executing a contract. On State-funded projects, contractors must be registered prior to submitting a Proposal. For information regarding this requirement, contact the Department of Labor at 1-406-444-7734 or TTY 1-406-444-5549.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. SOQ Evaluation Criteria
- B. Preliminary Scope of Work Items
- C. Sidewalk and Approach Construction Agreement
- D. Sidewalk and Approach Construction Notification
- E. City of Great Falls Standard Drawing 5-61D

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAYS DIVISION**

Kevin Howlett, Chair
Montana Transportation Commission

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Director of Transportation

GTF ADA Curb Ramps - Phase 1, CN 7992

ADA corners and Alley approaches needed

<u>8th Ave N</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Alley</u>	<u>Notes</u>
27th ST	1	1	1	1			
28th ST	1	1	new	1			
29th ST	1	1	1	1			
30th ST	1	1	1	1			
31st ST	1	1	1	1			
32nd ST	1	new	1	1			
34th ST	1	1	1	1			
36th ST	1	1	1	1			
<u>38th ST</u>							included in 38th St corners
Subtotal	8	7	7	8	30	0	

<u>38th ST N</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Alley</u>	<u>Notes</u>
10th Av S	new	x	new	x			
9th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
8th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
7th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
6th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
5th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
4th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
3rd Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
2nd Av S	1	1	1	ok		2	
1st Av S	1	1	1	ok		2	
Central	ok	ok	ok	ok		2	
1st Ave N	1	1	1	x		2	
2nd Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
3rd Ave N	1	1	x	x			
4th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
5th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
6th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
7th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
8th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
9th Av N	1	1	x	x		2	
10th Av N	ok	ok	x	x		2	
River Dr	ok	ok	x	x			
Subtotal	18	18	16	13	65	38	

<u>6th ST N</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Alley</u>	<u>Notes</u>
10th Av S	1	x	1	x			
9th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
8th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
7th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
6th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
5th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
4th Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
3rd Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
2nd Av S	1	1	1	1		2	
<u>1st Av S</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
Subtotal	10	9	10	9	38	18	

<u>Park Drive</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Alley</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1st Av S	1	1	x	x			
Central	1	1	ok	ok			
1st Av N	ok	ok	ok	x			
2nd Av N	1	x	x	x		1	
3rd Av N	x	x	x	x			
2nd St N	x	x	x	x			
4th Av N	x	x	x	x			
5th Av N	x	x	x	x			
4th ST N	x	x	x	x			
<u>6th Av N</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>x</u>			
Subtotal	3	2	0	0	5	1	

<u>25th ST N</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Alley</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Central	1	1	1	1			
1st Av N	new	new	new	new		2	
2nd Av N	new	new	new	new		2	
3rd Av N	1	new	1	1		2	
4th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
5th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
6th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
7th Av N	new	1	1	1		2	
<u>8th Av N</u>	<u>new</u>	<u>new</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
Subtotal	5	5	7	7	24	16	

<u>26th ST N</u>	<u>NW</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Alley</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Central	1	1	1	1			
1st Av N	new	new	new	new		2	
2nd Av N	new	new	new	new		2	
3rd Av N	1	New	1	1		2	
4th Av N	1	1	1	new		2	
5th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
6th Av N	1	1	1	x		2	
7th Av N	1	1	1	1		2	
<u>8th Av N</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>	
Subtotal	7	6	7	5	25	16	

Grand Total ADA Ramps **187**
Grand Total Alley Ramps **89**

Notes
new alley approaches are assumed south of the listed Avenue

Quantity Estimates

	Curb & Gutter (LF)	6" Reinforced Concrete (SF)	4" Concrete (SF)	Asphalt (SF)	Sod (SF)	Truncated Domes (SF)	Landscape Replacement (EA)
ADA Ramps	7,654	33,533	12,825	15,307	27,016	2,950	5
Alley Ramps	2,616	41,344	1,350	5,232	11,800	0	0
Total	10,270	74,877	14,175	20,539	38,816	2,950	5

Center Horseshoe Inlet Replacement
41
Center Inlet Relocation
38
Manhole and Inlet Relocation
5

There are three valley gutters adjacent to this project that the city would like to include to improve drainage. These are:

- 1) 25th St. & 6th Ave No. - west side of 25th. (remove & replace)
- 2) 25th St. & 4th Ave No. - east side of 25th. (remove and replace)
- 3) 38th St. & 8th Ave No. - west side of 38th St. (placement of new valley gutter)