

UPDATE (9/1/2022)
Tunnel to Ontario International Airport
Industry Outreach



On July 25, 2022, SBCTA held an industry forum with over 180 participants representing firms interested in participating in SBCTA’s Tunnel to the Ontario International Airport (ONT) Project (the “Project”). Following the industry forum, SBCTA also held a series of one-on-one meetings with interested contractors, consultants, and vehicle technology providers to solicit feedback on the contemplated approach to assist in the development of the RFQ.

At the Industry Forum, SBCTA presented the following structure for a hybrid progressive design-build delivery for the Tunnel to the Ontario International Airport (ONT) project (the “Project”).

Based on the feedback received from industry, SBCTA has determined to proceed with separate RFQ packages for prequalification of technology providers and shortlisting of tunnel design-build teams. It is anticipated that after SBCTA’s review and evaluation of statements of qualifications from the technology providers and design-build teams, (i) a shortlist of technology providers satisfying SBCTA’s prequalification criteria will be identified, and (ii) a shortlist of two tunnel design-build teams will be recommended for selection to proceed to the approximately 9-month preconstruction phase (Phase 1), commencing in February 2023, and concluding with the submission of proposals in response to the RFP in November 2023. SBCTA anticipated entering

into a separate preconstruction works/stipend agreement with each shortlisted design-build entity in early 2023 following selection. Design-build entities will be expected to select a technology provider from the SBCTA-provided list of prequalified entities for their teams no later than 3-4 months into Phase 1. At the conclusion of Phase 1, each team will submit a proposal and guaranteed maximum price to SBCTA. The selected design-build team will proceed to the construction phase (Phase 2), which will include final design, construction, and transitional operations and maintenance, consistent with the approach previously presented at the industry forum.

SBCTA’s tentative anticipated procurement schedule is as follows:

Milestone	Date
Release Technology Provider Prequalification RFQ	October 7, 2022
Release Design-Builder RFQ	October 14, 2022
Release Term Sheet for Preconstruction Works (Phase 1) / Stipend Agreement to both Technology Providers and Design-Builders by Addendum	Late October 2022
Pre-SOQ One-on-One Meetings with Potential Technology Providers	Late October 2022
Pre-SOQ One-on-One Meetings with Potential Design-Builders	Early November 2022
Technology Provider Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) Due	November 18, 2022
Design-Builder Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) Due	December 2, 2022
SBCTA Board Action Approving Shortlists and Preconstruction Works (Phase 1) / Stipend Agreements	February 2023
Deadline for Design-Builder Teams to Select Technology Provider	April 2023
Deadline for Design-Builder Teams to Identify a Lead Operator	May 2023
Proposals (Including Guaranteed Maximum Price) Due	November 2023
SBCTA Board Approval of Award and Entering into Design-Build Agreement	February 2024
Issuance of NTP 1 (Final Design)	March 2024

Please submit any question regarding the procurement to TunneltoOntario@gosbcta.com. SBCTA looks forward to your continued interest in the Project.