



CBIS Accelerated Construction - Contractor Coordination Meeting  
December 6, 2012  
Contractor Questions

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) is requesting contractor input on alternatives being considered for the acceleration of the CBIS Program Improvements. The DOT has prepared the following list of questions to solicit your input. Please return your responses to the following address no later than December 21, 2012:

Iowa Department of Transportation  
District 4 Office  
Attention: John Carns  
2201 E Seventh Street  
Atlantic, IA 50022

1) Do you have the staff and equipment to work 7 days a week for an extended period of time?

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2) How much work (resources) that you can realistically put into a construction season?

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3) Which do you prefer, a working day contract or a completion date contract?

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4) What is the maximum duration of a contract? Or how long is too long? How would a multi-year contract affect your approach to bidding and managing a project?

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5) What is a reasonable incentive for completing a contract early? (\$\$ amount/day)

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6) Should there also be disincentives?

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7) What is the optimum size of a design-bid-build contract?

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8) As the projects become larger, what are the risks that you see?

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9) How much time do you need to prepare your bid for a larger project (>\$100M)?

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10) Are pre-bid meetings helpful on large projects?

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11) Would you be willing to JV with a competitor on a larger project?

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12) How do you feel about completing a superstructure on a bridge that the sub-structure was completed by another contractor?

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13) What type of things can we do to encourage year round construction (winter bridge and structures work)?

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14) Do you have any issues with performance based specifications for MOT or other items? Do performance based specifications add value to the project?

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15) How would you accelerate the CBIS program?

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16) How do you feel about lump sum projects?

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17) How can the Iowa DOT encourage contractor input and/or innovation in projects prior to bidding?

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