Public Notice

August 2, 2006

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES

New 144-Auto Ferry Design-Build RFP

Washington State Ferries announces Request for Proposals Phase II Notice to Proceed to three best qualified Proposers

PREQUALIFIED AND BEST QUALIFIED PROPOSERS

Prequalification requirements and the prequalification process are provided in RFP Volumes IA and IB. A notice of prequalification and selection as best qualified is a prerequisite for participation in Phase II, Development of Technical Proposals. In the fall of 2005, WSF completed the prequalification process in Phase I, issuing notices of prequalification and best qualified status to the following three (3) shipyards: J. M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp,; Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Inc. and Todd Pacific Shipyards Corp. (referred to in this RFP Volume II as "Proposer(s)" or "shipyard(s)").

No other proposer may participate in the Phase II Technical Proposal process; provided however, WSF reserves the right to reopen Phase I to prequalify and select other best qualified proposers in the event one or more of the above identified shipyards decline to participate in, withdraws, or is disqualified from, further involvement in the RFP process.

RFP PACKAGE, QUESTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Copies of the RFP package may be purchased for the non-refundable fee of $200.00 each by contacting:

Pick-up Address

Washington State Department of Transportation
Attention: Ken Walker
Transportation Building, Room 1A23
310 Maple Park Avenue SE
Olympia WA 98504-7360
Phone: (360) 705-7017

Direct All Questions Regarding RFP To:

Washington State Ferries, a division of
Washington State Department of Transportation
David H. Humphreys, Project Engineer (WSF Representative)

Phone: (206) 515-3666
Fax: (206) 515-3676
E-mail:humphreys@wsdot.wa.gov

RFP information may also be found at WSF's Contract website at http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/your_wsf/doing_business_with/contracts/RequestForProposals/

PHASE II KICK OFF MEETING

WSF will host a Phase II Kick Off Meeting as set forth below:

Date: **Tuesday August 15, 2006**

Time: **9:00 AM - 11:00 am**

Location: **Washington State Ferries**
2901 Third Ave., Suite 500
Seattle, WA. 98121

The purpose of such meeting will be to introduce the representatives of the Proposers and WSF and entertain questions of a general nature regarding the Phase II Technical Proposal process. Only the three selected Proposers and no more than three individual representatives for each such Proposer may attend and participate in the meeting. No Proposer shall submit or discuss any question(s) at the meeting which relate to, or otherwise discloses, any aspect of its intended or potential Technical Proposal.