



**Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS)  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Brewer South Main Street Corridor Study**

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS), the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Bangor, Maine Urbanized Area, is requesting proposals from firms qualified and experienced in the development of multimodal corridor studies.

Proposers must provide the following:

- a.) a technical proposal; and
- b.) a price proposal in a separate, sealed package. *Price shall not be part of the technical proposal; otherwise, that proposal shall be rejected.*

**Proposals Are To Be Received At BACTS No Later Than**

Date Due: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024  
Local Time: 4:00 p.m.

**Proposals must be received prior to the time and date for which they are due.**

Late Proposals - Any proposal, portion of a proposal, or unrequested proposal revision received at BACTS after the time and date specified on the cover page of this RFP **will not** be accepted.

**Communications In Reference To This RFP**

Any communication in reference to this RFP shall be in writing by email and directed to the RFP Coordinator listed below.

All correspondence must reference the RFP# and Project name in the subject line.

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RFP#: BACTS-2401  
Project Name: Brewer South Main Street Corridor Study

**Request For Clarification / RFP Amendments**

During the proposal preparation period, all requests for clarification and/or additional information must be submitted via e-mail to the RFP Coordinator referenced in Section 2 of this RFP by no later than **4:00 p.m. on February 5th, 2024**. BACTS reserves the right to answer or not answer any question received. Late requests for clarification will not be accepted. When appropriate, responses to clarification requests will be emailed no later than close of business on **February 7th, 2024**.

## □ Proposal - Overview / Scope of Work □

### Introduction

The City of Brewer (the City) along with Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS), is undertaking a corridor study on South Main Street between Wilson Street and Abbott Street. The project will identify ways to improve safety and accessibility for all transportation users, address traffic volume issues, improve active transportation connections and facilities along the corridor, examine land use and development patterns, and explore changes to traffic patterns to improve safety and relieve congestion. Specifically, this study will:

1. Address access management and street configurations issues along South Main Street around the intersections of
  - a. Main Street and Hardy Street
  - b. Main Street and Maple Street
  - c. Main Street and Getchell Street
  - d. Main Street and Burr Street
2. Examine the current traffic patterns around the I-395 interchange and propose possible options for addressing increased traffic once the extension is opened.
3. Look at the viability of making Brimmer Street a right in/right out street.
4. Assess the access management issues at commercial properties around Wilson Street & S Main Street intersection.
5. Consider transit service in the context of the above topics.
6. Analyze the Abbott Street/I-395 conflict points and propose treatments to alleviate traffic safety concerns.
7. Examine bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the riverside of South Main Street from Burr Street to Abbott Street.

This study will identify transportation improvements that reduce congestion, improve pedestrian and traffic safety, compliment long-range land use planning goals, and align with economic goals for the City of Brewer. This study will not only consider roadway safety and mobility issues, but also consider improvements to active transportation and transit. The study will also look at aesthetic design features to enhance the urban streetscape and anticipate current growth trends and development.

### Study Area

The study area is depicted in the aerial accompanying this Request for Proposals, see **Appendix A**.

### **Task Breakdown**

Respondents are encouraged to incorporate, expand on, or adjust these tasks as necessary.

#### Task 1 – Project Kick-Off Meeting

The consultant team will meet with the study team including representatives from the City and BACTS, under a collaborative planning process as follows:

- Identify and understand local issues
- Identify and understand relevant state and federal regulatory requirements
- Finalize scope of work
- Identify previous related study efforts and available data
- Identify traffic data that will need to be collected
- Identify baseline environmental data that will need to be collected
- Identify existing and future Active Transportation uses and concerns
- Identify existing transit on the corridor and discuss future opportunities
- Prepare preliminary study purpose and need

Deliverables - Meeting agendas, minutes, presentation materials at all study teams and public or elected official meetings.

#### Task 2 – Review Available Data

The consultant team will review available information provided by the City of Brewer and BACTS.

This will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Most Recent Brewer Comprehensive Plan
- Most Recent BACTS Transportation Plans
- Others as provided

Deliverables - Summary of available data and documentation of site conditions, as needed.

#### Task 3 – Assessment of Current Conditions

The consultant team will evaluate the existing and recent historic performance of traffic in the study area based on traditional forecasting and growth models. The assessment will include but not be limited to:

- Analysis of current traffic conditions of the study area.
  - The analysis will include traffic patterns, capacity, speeds, and crash experience
- Identification of transit, bicycle, and pedestrian deficiencies in the study area.
- Identification of transportation vulnerable users and equity concerns.
- Review analyses with team members and discuss possible recommendations and additional alternatives to be considered.
- Analysis of existing land-use patterns and potential changes based upon land-use goals and projections.
- Site-visit and safety audit with multiple partners (City Engineering, City Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Consultant, MaineDOT, etc.) within the study area.

Deliverables - Technical memorandum on existing conditions including the following:

- Identification of concerns and opportunities
- Safety audit summary and results

#### Task 4 - Assessment of Future Scenarios

The consultant team will evaluate future traffic volume based on traditional growth forecasts and considering known development and land use changes underway. It will include:

- A 2045 forecast of traffic volumes in the study area, based on historical traffic data and available MaineDOT traffic forecasts.
- Analysis of existing and recommended access management changes
- Analysis of impacts to bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Analysis of transit opportunities
- Examine restructuring of Hardy/Maple Street at S Main Street intersection including proposed alternatives
- Discussion on infill mixed-use development in downtown Brewer and parking assessments
- Review analyses with team members and discuss possible recommendations and additional alternatives to be considered

Deliverables - A list of land use, traffic flow, and access management recommendations for the study area. Include rough cost estimates for proposed recommendations (including construction and potential right-of-way costs)

#### Task 5 - Develop Preliminary Recommendations & Public Engagement

Based on the analysis of alternatives determined in Task 4, the consultant will develop recommendations based on effectiveness of meeting the study area transportation needs. The

consultant will develop an effective approach to educate and solicit meaningful feedback from the public. This can include a series of in-person, hybrid, or social media outreach.

- Develop recommendations for all transportation modes based on effectiveness and viability from a regulatory perspective. Measurements for effectiveness will include benefits to mobility and safety, cost and practicality of implementation, and ability to meet the purpose and need.
- Develop a recommendation for prioritizing and phasing of implementation.
- Develop a draft report containing the analysis of existing and future conditions, alternatives analysis, and recommendations, including a matrix summarizing recommendations along with an appendix of traffic and crash data.
- Develop basic conceptual renderings which will include a collection of plan, section, and perspectival views of recommended alternatives at specific places along the corridor.
- Presentation of preliminary recommendations and alternatives at public meetings for feedback and input to develop a Draft Report

Deliverables - Consultant will conduct a minimum of two public meetings along with online comment solicitation.

#### Task 6 – Draft Report

The Tasks discussed above will be combined into a draft narrative report documenting the project. At a minimum the report will include an executive summary, narrative of the study process, a description of the various alternatives considered, documentation of the evaluation criteria, and illustrations of conceptual designs (in plan and perspectival view). The final report will incorporate all applicable technical memorandums.

Deliverables - Draft Report

#### Task 7 – Final Report

The consultant will create a final narrative report documenting the project and includes conceptual plans and renderings, as discussed in prior tasks.

Deliverables - Final Report

### **Schedule**

The final report, including other applicable files for this assessment and work related to this study, as described in Tasks 1-7, as well as final invoicing, shall be completed by December 31st, 2024.

### **□ Proposal Rating and Selection Process □**

- a. Proposal Rating - Proposals will be reviewed and rated using the responses to The Proposer Information outlined in Section 7 of this RFP.
- b. This is a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process, and therefore Technical Proposals alone will be used to select the successful proposer. Once the successful proposer has been selected, the government estimate will be compared against the successful proposer's Price Proposal and contract negotiations will begin.

## □ Proposal Scoring Criteria □

- a. **Proposer's Qualifications (15) points:** Identify the **key** staff your company will assign to fulfill the contract requirements (Contract Managers, contact people, or assigned technicians). Provide resumes describing the educational and work experiences for those **key** staff.
- b. **Proposer's Experience (20) points:** Describe the Proposer's experience and capabilities providing similar services to those required. Identify at least three (3) projects for which your company has done business similar to that required in this RFP in the last five (5) years. Include points of contact (client's name, contact name, address, and telephone number), a brief description of the project, dates of the project, and results.
- c. **Proposer's Ability to Control Schedule and Costs on this Project (15) points:**
  - i. Provide a brief description of methods used by the firm to assure the study is completed on time and within budget.
  - ii. Schedule/Workload/Communication - Provide a brief outline of your firm's methods of schedule control and ability to handle projected workload. Discuss how your firm will conduct project coordination with BACTS. Describe how your firm will manage its role in this project and how it intends to maintain effective communication for the assignment.
- d. **Proposer's References (15) points:** Provide at least 3 work references including points of contact (person's name, company name, address, and telephone number) and a brief description of the projects with dates. If contacted, all references must verify that a high level of satisfaction was provided. BACTS will determine which, if any, references will be contacted. The results of any reference checks will be provided to the scoring committee and used when scoring the Technical Proposal.
- e. **Project Understanding (35 Points):** Please describe in detail your project understanding; including any observations of current conditions, needs and preliminary thoughts, or recommendations for this study.
- f. **Contact Information:** Provide the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of Proposer in the proposal.
- g. **Signature Page:** A signature page must be included with the Technical and Price Proposals stating that "I certify that all of the information contained in this Technical/Price Proposal to be true and accurate.
- h. **Schedule:** Include a schedule outlining project deliverables and any other relevant milestones.
- i. **Acknowledgement of Amendments:** The Proposer shall include reference to all amendments in their response to this RFP.

## □ State / Federal RFP Requirements □

### 1. Packaging And Submitting Your Technical And Price Proposals

- A. **RFP Number & Title** - The Proposer's full business name and address, as well as the assigned RFP number and RFP title must be written on your Proposal Package.
- B. **Technical Proposals** - Technical Proposals may be submitted electronically in PDF format and sent via email.
- C. **Price Proposal** - The Price Proposal shall be provided in a **separately sealed envelope and may be delivered in person, by USPS or common carrier either by or postmarked by the**

**proposal deadline in Section 1.** A Price Proposal form can be found on the Maine DOT website at: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/cpo/doingbusiness/> (Click on Doing Business under Quick Links, Consultant Proposal Instructions PDF, Section B). Prices shall be outlined for all required items. Each proposal will be evaluated for all criteria, and then costs shall be evaluated independently. **NO MENTION OF PRICE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE PROPOSAL; OTHERWISE THAT PROPOSAL SHALL BE REJECTED.**

D. Proposal Package Submittal: Proposal packages must be emailed / delivered to:

BACTS  
Attn: Jacob Stein  
jacob.stein@bactsmmpo.org  
12 Acme Road, Suite 204  
Brewer, ME 04412

## 2. General Information

- A. The contract resulting from this RFP will be governed by the most recent version of BACTS' Consultant General Conditions. A copy of the Consultant General Conditions is available on MaineDOT website: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/cpo/doingbusiness/>
- B. This RFP does not commit BACTS to pay any costs incurred in submitting your proposal, making studies or designs for preparing the proposal or in procuring or sub-contracting for services or supplies related to the proposal.

## 3. Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

- A. MaineDOT Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) consultants are encouraged to apply as the prime consultant for this work. It is important the DBE consultants take advantage of this RFP to at least gain entry to the MaineDOT Prequalification List for transportation project related services. Non -DBE consultants shall ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of any project contract in accordance with MaineDOT current requirements for DBE utilization when utilizing subconsultants. Consultants certified by another state's transportation agency must be certified by MaineDOT.
- B. Current requirements may be found at the MaineDOT website, "Certified Disadvantaged and Women Business Enterprise" directory available at; <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/disadvantaged-business-enterprises/dbe-home.php>, or by contacting:

**Maine Department of Transportation  
ATTN: Sherry Tompkins, Civil Rights Unit  
Civil Rights Office  
16 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333  
Tel#: 207-624-3066  
Fax#: 207-624-3021**

## 4. Proposal Pricing

- A. Direct Labor. Please list all employees, including their classifications, who are expected to perform services on this project. Please provide a breakdown of each employee's salary rate including direct labor, indirect labor, and profit. Please show all calculations in detail, and include payroll records supporting these rates.
- B. Indirect Labor (Overhead). Please provide a copy of your latest audited corporate overhead rate report with supporting documentation.
- C. Profit. The percentage of profit is based on criteria specific to a project including degree of risk, relative difficulty of work, size of job, etc.

- D. Direct Expenses. Please provide a breakdown of direct expenses, including mileage, lodging, photocopying costs, etc. anticipated for this project. Direct expenses shall be reimbursed at cost, and travel expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with the current per diem/mileage rates located at <http://www.maine.gov/osc/travel/addtltravelinfo.shtml> & <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287>
- E. Subconsultants. Please identify each effort to be subcontracted. List the selected sub-consultant's name, location, amount proposed and type of contract. Describe the cost or price estimates for each subcontract. Please note that there is no mark up allowed on subconsultant costs.

## **5. Contract Term, Type, and Payment Method**

- A. The contract term shall be for a period of Fourteen(14) months, commencing upon approval of the contract documentation and BACTS letter of "Authorization to Proceed"
- B. The contract type utilized for this project shall be "Special Services", and the method of payment shall be fixed burdened hourly rate.

## **6. Confidentiality**

- A. The information contained in proposals submitted for BACTS' consideration will be held in confidence until all reviews are concluded and the award notification has been made. At that time, the full content of the proposals becomes public record and is therefore available for public inspection upon request.
- B. According to State procurement law, the content of all proposals, correspondence, addenda, memoranda, working papers, or any other medium which discloses any aspect of the request for proposals process will be considered public information when the award decision is announced. This includes all proposals received in response to this RFP, both the selected proposal and the proposal(s) not selected, and includes information in those proposals which a Proposer may consider to be proprietary in nature.

## **7. FHWA-1273 Required Contract Provisions For Federal-Aid Contracts**

- A. These contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.
- B. Except as otherwise provided for in each section, the contractor shall insert in each subcontract all of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions, and further require their inclusion in any lower tier subcontract or purchase order that may in turn be made. The Required Contract Provisions shall not be incorporated by reference in any case. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with these Required Contract Provisions.
- C. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the contract.

## **8. Certification Regarding Use Of Contract Funds For Lobbying**

- A. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:
  - a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal,

amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

- b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- B. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- C. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

## **9. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility And Voluntary Exclusion**

- A. This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200.
- B. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:
  - a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
  - b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.
  - c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.
  - d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
  - e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).



- f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
  - g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.
  - h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.
  - i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
  - j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
- C. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:
- a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
    - I. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
    - II. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
    - III. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification; and
    - IV. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
  - b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- D. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

- a. (Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200)
- b. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.
- c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- d. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).
- f. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- g. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.
- h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.
- i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participants is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the, the department or

agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

- E. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:
- a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
  - b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
  - c. Failure to provide this certification may result in the disqualification of the Bidder's proposal, at the discretion of BACTS.

Appendix A - Approximate Location Map (Blue highlight)

