



**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
**EP25/26-05**  
**SIX CORNERS SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION PLAN**  
**BID OPENING TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026, AT 11:00AM**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The City of East Providence is seeking a qualified transportation engineering firm with expertise in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Systems approach to develop a Supplemental Action Plan of the "Six Corners" intersection study area through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets For All grant program. As shown in the enclosed locus map, the Six Corners intersection is where Taunton Ave., Waterman Ave. and Broadway converge; the study area will also consist of the surrounding street network that leads into this intersection. The project will focus on enhancing safety for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and public transit users in this area.

The City sees this project as a vital first step in increasing safety in this area, particularly for bicyclists and pedestrians. Between 2019 and 2023, there were a total of 189 crashes at this intersection and its associated one-way street system, with one accident involving a pedestrian. This unique intersection is a defining feature of the area in which three major arterials, Taunton Ave. (US Rt. 44), Broadway (RI Rt. 152) and Waterman Ave. converge. In the mid-Twentieth Century, Broadway was tunneled under the other streets with at-grade frontage lanes constructed for turning movements and local access. Taunton and Waterman Avenues were made one-way in either direction of the intersection to reduce vehicular movements and allow high volumes of cars to traverse the intersection. The resulting traffic pattern accommodates a high volume of automobiles. However, the intersection provides a dangerous and unwelcoming environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. The general area is confusing to motorists who are looped through a circuitous one-way pattern, taken at high speeds. The area is surrounded by high density residential neighborhoods, senior housing, affordable housing and several businesses. The study area is ½ mile from East Providence High School. Pedestrian activity through the area is high and frequently includes students and seniors. The intersection also limits important direct connections between three of the City's major arterials. The City is seeking to apply a contemporary, Safe Systems approach to this intersection to improve safety for all users.

**II. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

This scope of services is general in nature. The consultant's proposal should adjust the scope according to the expertise and recommendations of the consultant, so long as the specific needs of the Action Plan are met. The City's Six Corners Supplemental Action Plan will generally consist of the following:

1. Analysis of existing conditions including traffic patterns and counts, pedestrian and bicycle activity, transit ridership, crash history, infrastructure conditions and proposed improvements, development plans, and relevant planning documents. Analysis shall include discussions with stakeholders including, but not limited to, RI Department of Transportation, and City departments including Planning, DPW and Police.

2. Recommended solutions:

*Level 1 – Smaller Scale Recommendations:* These include specific measures that can improve safety for all road users using the current road layout. These recommendations do not modify the basic intersection geometry but may include improvements such as redirecting vehicular traffic, enhancing or adding crosswalks and/or signage, and adding traffic calming measures.

*Level 2 – Larger Scale Recommendations:* These include larger scale modifications that could realign the roads feeding into the intersection. Recommendations may include solutions such as a roundabout(s), signalized intersection(s) and other larger scale solutions that reimagine this area.

The Action Plan will include a detailed narrative as well as conceptual engineering plans illustrating specific proposed measures for Level 1 and Level 2 solutions. Tasks shall be combined into a final narrative report documenting the project. At a minimum the report will include an executive summary, narrative of the study process, description of the various alternatives considered, summary of public and stakeholder engagement, and illustrations of conceptual designs for the preferred alternative(s).

Recommended strategies will be comprehensive with identified timelines and estimated costs to address safety problems. The final plan will, at a minimum, adhere to the SS4A Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet to ensure that the document be eligible for Implementation Grant funds.

The consultant's proposal should include an approach to effectively inform and solicit feedback from the public and stakeholders throughout the process. Consideration for all transportation users of all abilities and backgrounds should be reflected in the proposal. At a minimum, the planning process shall include attendance / presentations at 2 public input sessions. The first soliciting input on current conditions from area residents, businesses and other stakeholders, and the second presenting the final draft plan's recommendations to the public. Throughout the project, the consultant shall hold regular team meetings with City staff.

The project is funded by a grant and the maximum consultant budget for this is \$117,250.00.

### **III. RESPONSE TO RFQ**

One (1) original, two (2) copies, and 1 Thumb Drive of the qualification package shall be submitted in one (1) sealed envelope to East Providence City Hall, Controllers Office, Room 103, Attn: Jessica Lamprey, Procurement Specialist, 145 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI 02914 no later than TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026, AT 11:00AM. Proposals shall contain the following as a minimum:

- A. Detailed proposal of the respondent's approach and methodology to institute the project as outlined within this Request for Qualifications.
- B. The respondent shall provide a detailed schedule for each task proposed in order to satisfy each element of the project. Per the City's Safe Streets For All grant, the project must be fully completed by August 15, 2027.

- C. A description of the background and experience of the designated project manager and other personnel who will actually be assigned to this project; as well as a detailed description of the function of each designated participant and their projected individual time commitments with specific hours.
- D. References, especially for similar projects, and any other information the consultant deems pertinent are to be included.

#### **IV. SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA**

The qualifications of each firm will be reviewed by the City and responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the experience of the firm and positive recommendations from references. The City reserves the right to schedule interviews following the submission of the proposals. The selected firm shall be chosen based on its qualifications and strength of its proposal. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the responses:

A. Company Qualifications and Experience

Specialized experience is required in a series of work areas. Proposals must clearly demonstrate full knowledge, understanding, and experience in the methods, techniques and guidelines required for the performance of the required work. All elements within this factor are of equal importance. The consultant must indicate specific experience in the required area.

B. Personnel Qualifications and Availability

Specialized experience is required of the project personnel proposed to undertake the work assignments. Proposal must clearly demonstrate the capability, academic background, training, certifications and experience of the proposed personnel. The availability of the proposed staff is also of critical importance and must be demonstrated. Specific project experience relevant to this scope of work must be demonstrated, as well as specific company experience with similar transportation planning projects and USDOT's Safe System's approach.

C. Performance Record of Firm

A list of references of at least three (3) recent contracting officers on projects of a similar magnitude and complexity; references must include telephone number, email address and affiliation.

D. Project Understanding and Approach

The consultant must demonstrate a comprehension of the role and function of this project in meeting the current and future needs of the City.

In addition to the understanding of the scope and approach, the consultant must demonstrate the following which will be considered in the selection:

1. Knowledge of current issues and state of the art in the field of transportation planning / engineering.
2. Experience demonstrated on similar projects.
3. Working knowledge of the geographic area as evidenced by prior work experience in the region.
4. A demonstrated expertise and ability for timely project completion.
5. An ability to integrate and utilize interdisciplinary study teams effectively on assignments requiring a variety of skills and expertise from in-house resources.

6. Methods for assuring product quality, cost control, delivery schedule and project oversight.
7. Experience in soliciting public input and communicating / presenting study findings to the public and/or municipal boards.

## **V. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- A. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality, to request interviews of consultants prior to award, and to select and negotiate services in the best interest of the City;
- B. The City reserves the right to accept all or part of any proposal, and to negotiate a contract for services and cost with the selected consultant;
- C. The consultant will abide by all applicable Federal, State and City regulations in the performance of their redevelopment of this property;
- D. The consultant shall provide all necessary personnel, sub-contractors, materials and equipment to perform and complete all work under this proposal.
- E. All original plans, documents and drawings shall become the property of the City after completion of the consultant's work.

## **VI. RFQ SCHEDULE**

- RFQ issued: Monday, March 2, 2026
- Deadline to submit questions: Friday, March 13, 2026, at 1:00pm
- City posts answers to submitted questions: Monday, March 16, 2026
- Proposals due: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 11:00am

## **VII. CITY CONTACTS**

Any questions regarding the RFP may be directed in writing to both Keith A. Brynes, AICP, Director of Planning and Economic Development at [kbrynes@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:kbrynes@eastprovidenceri.gov) and Jessica Lamprey, Procurement Specialist at [jlamprey@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:jlamprey@eastprovidenceri.gov) no later than **FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026, AT 1:00 PM.**

