

North Central Texas Council Of Governments

TO: Interested Parties

DATE: September 5, 2025

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SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for McKinney Line Passenger Rail Study

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to review the results from the previously completed related studies for actionable insights and to evaluate existing conditions, analyze and confirm station locations, evaluate rail alternatives (including interim implementation options like high-capacity transit), and develop cost estimates for implementation of the existing corridor between Plano and McKinney.

This is an invitation to respond to the Request for Proposals (RFP). Proposers may submit one in-hand hard copy or one in-hand flash drive of the proposal to Brendon Wheeler, P.E., Senior Program Manager, North Central Texas Council of Governments, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. Flash drives should contain one file preferably with indexed sections. Flash drives that are unreadable or contain corrupt files will be considered non-responsive. **Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on Friday, October 3, 2025.** Proposals received after that time will not be considered and will be returned to the proposer unopened. The in-hand submittal will count as the official submittal. In addition to the in-hand submittal, as NCTCOG is testing a new e-procurement system, NCTCOG will be releasing this RFP through the Bidnet Direct system and will accept electronic submissions through the system. A Bidnet Direct link will be included when the RFP is published. Proposers are encouraged to submit a courtesy response in Bidnet Direct to help familiarize themselves and NCTCOG staff with the system. If only a Bidnet Direct submittal is received, it will not be evaluated. The Request for Proposals will be available at www.nctcog.org/rfp by the close of business on Friday, September 5, 2025.

Any amendments or updates to the RFP, as well as all questions and responses, will be posted on NCTCOG's website. Written questions concerning the RFP should be submitted by email to TransRFPs@nctcog.org by 5:00 pm, Central Time, on Friday September 12, 2025. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.** Details regarding room and online options will be posted on the website.

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