

SCDOT
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL PROPOSERS
CAROLINA CROSSROADS I-20/26/126 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
PHASE 3D – I-26/126 SYSTEM INTERCHANGE DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

SCDOT will hold an open forum meeting on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**, with prospective proposers interested in submitting responses to the upcoming Request for Qualifications for the Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Improvement Project Phase 3D – I-26/126 System Interchange design-build project in Lexington and Richland Counties. The purpose of this meeting will be to collect information on the design-build industry’s interest in the project and to improve the design-build industry’s understanding of the project requirements.

The open-forum meeting will take place from **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel** located at 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

SCDOT Staff will also be available for one-on-one meetings with prospective proposers throughout the remainder of the day on Wednesday May 13 and on Thursday May 14, 2026. One-on-one meetings will be held at the Carolina Crossroads Project Office located at 317 Zimalcrest Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.

One-on-one meetings will be scheduled in one-hour increments. Meeting times will be assigned on a first-request basis.

Registration for the open forum meeting and one-on-one meetings is online at <https://docs.google.com/CCRPhase3DForum>.

A Request for Information will be posted online at <https://www.scdot.org/business/CCR-Phase-3D.html> before the open-forum meeting.

This meeting is not mandatory and will not have bearing on the potential short-listing process.

Anticipated Procurement Type

SCDOT plans to utilize a two-phase design-build selection procedure. A best value procurement is anticipated using a weighted criteria formula.

Anticipated Scope of Work

SCDOT proposes to reconstruct and improve the I-26 and I-126 system interchange and approaches. Work will include widening of I-26 and I-126, ramp improvements, new roadways to support the future improvements to the I-26 and I-20 system interchange, and complete tie-ins to the Carolina Crossroads Phase 1 improvements. SCDOT will replace and widen the I-26 bridges over the Saluda River, CSX Railroad and I-126. New bridges for the I-126 westbound to I-26 eastbound ramp and the new I-26 eastbound collector-distributor road will also be incorporated. Utility relocations, bridge rehabilitation of the S-40-31 (Bush River Road) bridge over I-26, and demolition of the existing bridges will be incorporated.

Anticipated Design-Build Procurement Schedule

- Q3 2026 – Request for Qualifications
- Q4 2026 – Announcement of Short-listed Teams and Request for Proposals for Industry Review
- Q1 2027 – Final Request for Proposals
- Q3 2027 – Public Announcement

Any questions regarding this open-forum meeting should be directed to Carmen Wright, Director of Alternative Procurement and Card Services with the South Carolina Department of Transportation by email at WrightCL@scdot.gov or at 955 Park Street, Room 101, Columbia, SC 29201.

Additional project information can be found online on the SCDOT website at <https://www.scdot.org/business/CCR-Phase-3D.html> or on the project website at <https://www.scdotcarolinacrossroads.com>.

Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact the Carolina Crossroads hotline at 1-800-601-8715 for any information or inquiries.