

**Spaghetti Bowl Express (SBX)**  
**Unsolicited Proposal Options Comparison**  
**November 18, 2019**



NRS Chapter 408 (408.5471) defines the process for Unsolicited Proposals. Following the review of an unsolicited proposal, three options are under consideration. The options are 1) initiate a procurement to solicit competing proposals; 2) enter into a sole source agreement with the proposer; or 3) reject the proposal. The Table below provides a side-by-side comparison of the three options with the Department’s suggested assessment between each.

<b>Options</b>	<b>Contract Costs (1)</b>	<b>Protest Risk (2)</b>	<b>Railroad Risk and Risk Owner (3)</b>	<b>Qualifies for Federal Funding</b>	<b>Start of Construction</b>	<b>Estimated Substantial Completion (Calendar Year)</b>
<b>Option 1 Solicit Competition</b>	<b>Decrease</b> Likelihood Slight	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Moderate</b>  <b>Shared</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Q3 2020</b> October 2020 NTP: April 2020	<b>Q4 2022</b> November 2022 Duration: 953 Days
<b>Option 2 Sole Source</b>	<b>Base Price</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Moderate</b>  <b>Proposer</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Q3 2020</b> August 2020 NTP: February 2020	<b>Q4 2022</b> September 2022 Duration: 953 Days
<b>Option 3 Reject Proposal Design Bid Build</b>	<b>Decrease</b> Likelihood Slight	<b>Low</b>	<b>Moderate</b>  <b>Department</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b> March 2021 NTP: January 2021	<b>Q3 2023</b> October 2023 Duration: 953 Days

**Notes:**

- (1) **Contract Costs** means the potential for the contract price to increase or decrease from the Unsolicited Proposal price known to the Department. Factors include escalation costs for time, additional administration costs, and Federal requirements for materials.
- (2) **Protest Risks** means the potential for industry to protest the Unsolicited Proposal process, which could affect the project schedule estimated between 3 to 6 months and could extend longer depending on the nature of the protest along with increasing the Department’s administration costs to resolve such a protest.
- (3) **Railroad Risk** means the likelihood for the Project schedule and cost to be adversely affected by the work associated with the bridge crossing the UPRR and the associated agreements between the Department and the UPRR.