

## **Design – Environmental**

The PM-D shall provide the preliminary plan right of way footprint to the District Environmental POC. The PM-D needs to coordinate early and often with the District Environmental POC in order to determine the status of the NEPA document as well as additional environmental requirements. The NEPA document (whether Programmatic Categorical Exclusion, Categorical Exclusion or Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact) and all supporting environmental coordination must be completed prior to the public hearing and prior to release of the RFP.

Cost estimates for any mitigation must be provided by the District Environmental POC for the Major Items detailed estimate. Technical reports, Special Provisions or other pertinent documentation the Offeror would need for bidding purposes shall also be included in the RFP Information Package.

## **Design Exceptions/Waivers**

Design exceptions and waivers based on the preliminary plans shall be obtained by VDOT prior to advertisement of the RFP and shall be provided in the RFP Information Package. For items resulting from changes to the preliminary design by the Design-Builder, the Design-Builder shall be responsible for obtaining all design exceptions and waivers in accordance with the Department's Policies and Procedures outlined in [IIM-LD-227](#).

## **PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THE RFP INFORMATION PACKAGE**

The preliminary design and engineering development process shall be expedited from the typical Design-Bid-Build process. Preliminary plans and analyses are developed in order to define the desired scope of work and, technical requirements, establish a conservative right of way footprint and capture the information required to establish the project's budget. Both preliminary and incomplete plans shall be identified as such and shall not be sealed, signed or dated in accordance with [18VAC10-20-760](#).

Hard copies of the preliminary plans are not provided to potential Offerors. Any available information at the time of the RFP release shall be provided on an RFP Information Package which shall be in electronic format (CD-ROM). This shall typically include, but is not limited to: preliminary plans, survey information, Microstation files (dgns), pdf's, the NEPA document, Geotechnical Data Report, Special Provisions and any other information necessary for the Design-Build teams to develop a Proposal. Further information regarding the Information Package is provided in the technical requirements of the RFP.