

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**At-Grade Railroad Crossing Improvement Plan (CP 97-237)**

**CONSULTANT EVALUATION SUMMARY**

Proposal Process

Staff selected three qualified and experienced consulting firms in leading highway and railroad-related planning projects to submit proposals for the At-Grade Railroad Crossing Plan. On June 17, 2025, staff invited AECOM, HDR, and TKDA to submit proposals. All three firms submitted proposals by the deadline of July 7, 2025.

Review Team and Selection

The review team consisted of Jacob Chapek, Assistant County Engineer; Scott Peters, Senior Transportation Planner; and Barry Becker, Principal Engineering Specialist.

The review team analyzed the three proposals and determined that the HDR proposal addresses the county's needs for the At-Grade Railroad Crossing Improvement Plan much better than the other submitted proposals. The HDR proposal provided many positives of which included a better understanding of the County's need for the plan and addressing qualification criteria more thoroughly.

The TKDA proposal had a smaller fee and rate per hour. However, TKDA did not address the overall project tasks and deliverables as desired or as thoroughly as HDR. The AECOM proposal had a high fee and rate per hour. The AECOM proposal was also more generalized and generic than the HDR proposal with minimal project manager involvement throughout the proposed process.

Evaluation Criteria and Results

The review team selected the consultant based on the qualification criteria: understanding of the scope of work, project approach, project team and expertise of key personnel, quality control, and past performance on similar projects. The review team scoring of the criteria resulted in HDR as first selection with 88 of 100 points, AECOM as second selection with 72 points, and TKDA as third selection with 64 points.

Fee Comparison

<i>Firm</i>	<i>Fee Amount</i>	<i>Total Hrs</i>	<i>Mgr Hrs (Pct)</i>	<i>Rate/Hr</i>	<i># Staff Assigned</i>
HDR	\$94,125	508	208 (29%)	\$185.29	7
AECOM	\$172,732	864	46 (5%)	\$199.92	9
TKDA	\$49,700	306	89 (29%)	\$162.42	5