

DETERMINATION DECISION MEMO

Renovation of I-81 North and South Rest Stops

Project Number: 251-45/6

Location: Dauphin County

Project Allocation: \$12,000,000

Est. Construction Duration: 395 Calendar Days

**DETERMINATION REGARDING THE USE OF THE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) METHOD OF PROCUREMENT**

The use of the standard competitive sealed bid process for the renovation of the I-81 North and I-81 South Rest Stops near the Grantville exit is not practical or advantageous to the Commonwealth. Specifically, the project scope involves:

- 2 fully integrated concurrent projects separated by an interstate highway. Both projects must be fully integrated as one, with coordinated scheduling, deliveries, demolition and construction.
- Demolition of the existing facilities may encounter hazardous material.
- The scope of work encompasses demolition of the existing buildings, installation of well treatment buildings to treat existing well water, installation of solar collectors for hot water, storm water improvements, and locating and removing underground sanitary sewer infrastructure.

The above factors demonstrate the unique construction considerations on this project, which requires specific contractor knowledge, skill and experience to complete the project work successfully and to fully integrate 2 distinct projects. Consequently, it is not practical or advantageous to use the competitive sealed bidding process because the low bid approach does not allow the Commonwealth to consider the specific factors presented herein and cost in the award process in a timely manner.



Deputy Secretary for Public Works

11-10-16

Date