# Request for Proposals: Transit Development Plan For Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization

## Background:

The Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) requires the services of a firm with transit planning expertise to develop a 10 – Year Transit Development Plan (TDP) for Highlands County including the Sebring-Avon Park Urbanized Area. The Transit Development Plan will comply with the current TDP requirements in FAC 14-73.001. The TDP will serve as a strategic plan used to guide transit planning, development, and operations over the planning horizon from Fiscal Year 2017 through Fiscal Year 2027, within the context of community-wide mobility needs. The study area for the TDP is Highlands County however, the existing Heartland Rural Mobility Plan (HRMP) includes all six counties of the HRTPO (DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee). The HRTPO is committed to diversity in its employees and consultants and therefore encourages qualified minority and disadvantaged firms to apply.

#### Areas of Expertise:

Areas of planning expertise needed for this project include:

- Transit Planning
- Transportation Planning

## Submissions:

Interested consultants should request a Proposal Package via email to Shannon McPherson at <u>smcpherson@cfrpc.org</u>. A complete package of items specified in the Proposal Package should be mailed or delivered to:

Attention: Shannon McPherson Central Florida Regional Planning Council 555 East Church Street Bartow, FL 33830-3931

All submissions must be received in the Council's offices by September 29, 2016, 4:00 p.m. EST.

## **Questions:**

Questions should be addressed in writing via email to Shannon McPherson at <u>smcpherson@cfrpc.org</u> no later than 4:00 PM on September 15, 2016. Responses shall be in writing. Responses to questions shall be provided to all persons who have requested a copy of this RFP and will be posted on <u>www.heartlandregionaltpo.org</u> website.

No questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) or HRTPO Board members or CFRPC or HRTPO staff members other than the above designee. Violation of

this prohibition may result in the disqualification of the consultant from further consideration. This RFP is neither a bid request, nor a request for Qualifications. The Council reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject all submissions, reissue a subsequent RFP, terminate, restructure or amend this procurement process at any time.