OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ELECTRONIC BIDDING INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (ODOT eBIDS)

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1. Solicitation Documents

- a. ODOT eBIDS Solicitation Documents: A project's Solicitation Documents will only be available to Users during the project's solicitation period as identified in those Solicitation Documents.
- b. **Bid Booklets**: Bidders shall use Bid Booklets downloaded from ODOT eBIDS to submit Bids for the paper method of bidding according to Specification 00120.05(b)(1). Bidders choosing to submit bids electronically shall use an electronic Bid Booklet from the BidExpress® website according to Specification 00120.05(b)(2).
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