

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
The Board adopted the Rules on September 19, 2013. Now what?	As per Georgia's Administrative Rule-Making Process, the adopted Rules were sent over to the Secretary of State's Office where after they are filed and will remain for 20 days. The Rules were filed on September 26, 2013 and will become effective on October 16, 2013.
What is the first One Phase Low Bid Project?	The Safe Routes to Schools projects will be the first One Phase Low Bid project. The Public Notice Advertisement is expected to advertise on October 25, 2013. An industry forum is expected in November where the Department will discuss the project, tentative schedule, and the anticipated One Phase Low Bid procurement process. The RFP is scheduled to advertise on January 24, 2014 and let on March 21, 2014.
What is the first Best Value Project?	The Weigh-in-Motion project will be the first Best Value project. The Public Notice Advertisement is expected to advertise on October 25, 2013. An industry forum is expected in November where the Department will discuss the project, tentative schedule, and the anticipated Best Value procurement process. The RFP is scheduled to advertise on February 21, 2014 and let on May 16, 2014.
Will the Department be revising the Design-Build Manual?	Yes, the Design-Build Manual is currently being revised with input from various GDOT offices, as well as the industry. It is expected to be ready by December 2013.
Is the One Phase Low Bid and Best Value procurement process going to be similar to the current Two Phase Low Bid process?	The Department is currently evaluating the procurement process for Design-Build projects. The process will be clearly documented in the Design-Build Manual, and will also be communicated to the industry in advance of any official Design-Build solicitations.
Is the Department going to grow the Design-Build program?	The Department evaluates project delivery methods on a case-by-case basis. For those projects where Design-Build can achieve the Department's delivery goals (e.g. expedited delivery, cost certainty, making use of available funds) then thoughtful consideration is given to those projects prior to "officially" delivering via a Design-Build contract. The Department will proactively review the program on a regular basis to identify candidate projects.
Will the Department pay a stipulated fee on future Design-Build projects, if so will they be paid on all types of projects?	The Department is currently evaluating the most appropriate use of stipulated fees. The Department will establish criteria for using a stipulated fee, and will publish the criteria in the Design-Build Manual.
What types of projects will be Best Value, Two-Phase Low Bid, and One-Phase Low Bid?	The Department is currently evaluating guidelines to identify types of project, and which Design-Build selection method is best suited to achieve the Department's delivery goals. These guidelines will be published in the Design-Build Manual.
Will Best Value Contracts follow the previous set up for Design-Build contracts with a Special Provision 999, or will they be more like the contract used for the Northwest Corridor project?	The Department is currently developing a Design-Build contract that will be utilized for each selection method available. These will be similar in structure to the contract used recently on the Northwest Corridor project. This new contract is expected to be first used on the Weigh-in-Motion project.