

## **REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) – FMID-001**

Florida Central Railroad Company, LLC (FCEN)  
CRISI Grant – Infrastructure Enhancements in Central Florida

### **1. INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Florida Central Railroad Company, LLC ("FCEN" or "Recipient"), as the recipient of federal funding under the FY 2023–2024 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), hereby solicits sealed bids from qualified railroad maintenance-of-way contractors for tie replacement, surfacing, turnout upgrades, and related track rehabilitation work.

This solicitation is issued in accordance with the Grant Agreement between FCEN and the Federal Railroad Administration, including Attachment 1 (Standard Terms and Conditions) and Attachment 2 (Project-Specific Terms and Conditions), and applicable federal procurement requirements under 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

### **2. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The Project consists of standard tie and surfacing improvements on two short line railroads in Central Florida:

- Florida Central Railroad (FCEN)
- Florida Midland Railroad (FMID)

The work is intended to upgrade track to FRA Class II standards, improve safety, reduce derailments, and increase capacity to meet anticipated freight demand.

All work will occur within existing railroad right-of-way.

### **3. PROJECT LOCATIONS**

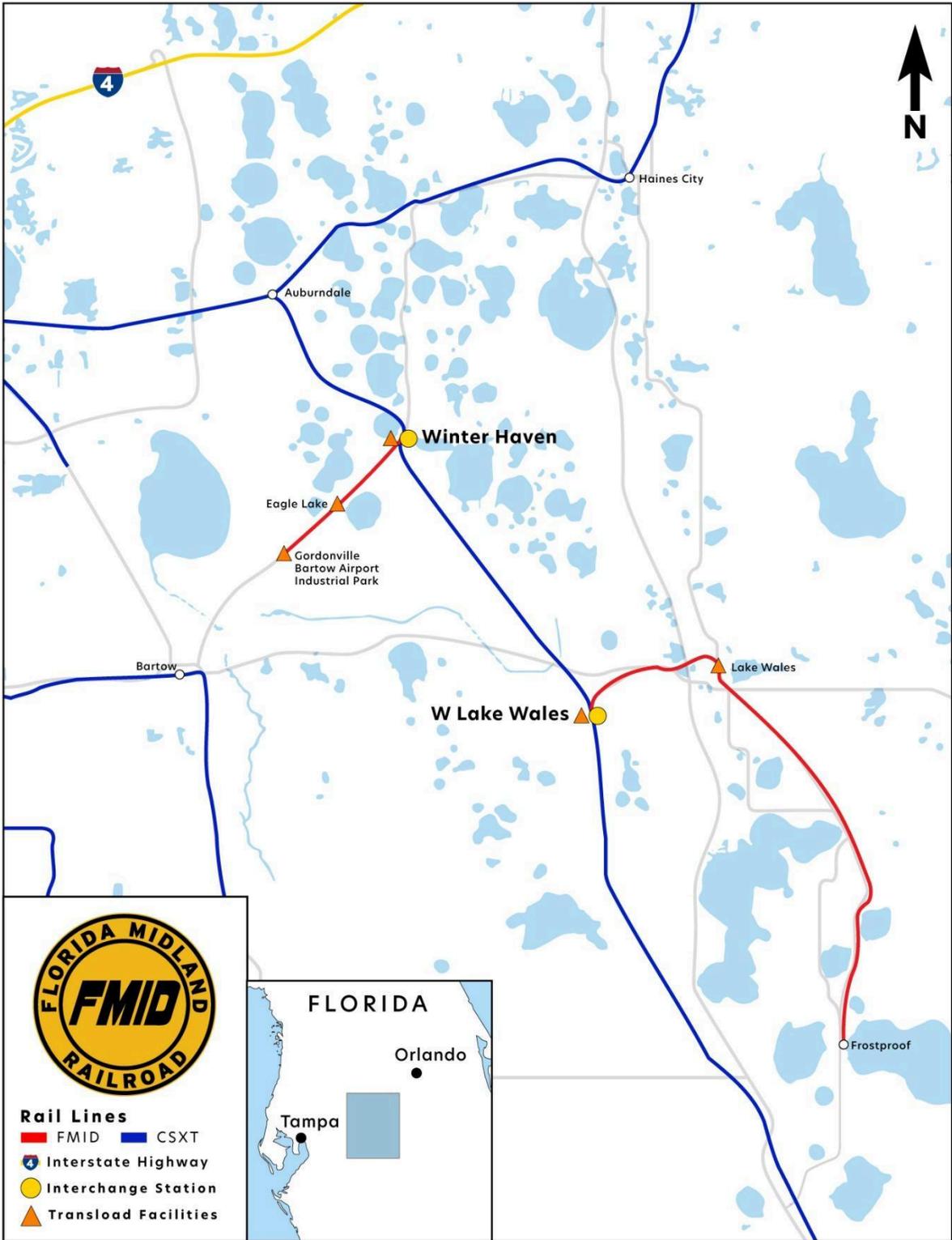
#### **Phase 1 - Florida Midland Railroad (FMID) – Q2 2026**

- West Lake Wales Subdivision: MP 0–19
- Winter Haven Subdivision: MP 0–5 (including siding work)

#### **Phase 2 - Florida Central Railroad (FCEN) – Q1 2027**

- Orlando Subdivision: MP 799–809
- Tavares Subdivision: MP 783–790
- Forest City Subdivision: MP 0–10

All work will occur within existing railroad right-of-way.



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#### **4. SCOPE OF WORK (Phase 1 - FMID)**

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, tools, supervision, and incidentals necessary to perform the work described below and detailed in the Bid Schedules. Railroad will provide all materials unless otherwise noted.

##### **FMID – West Lake Wales Subdivision**

- Install approximately 1,100 6x8 crossties per mile across ~21 miles (100# & 85# rail)
- Replace approximately 171 switch ties across 15 turnout locations
- Surfacing with tamper and regulator (ballast to be supplemented by Railroad)
- Bolt tightening of jointed rail (33'–39', 85# & 100# rail)
- Replace failed bolts as required

##### **FMID – Winter Haven Subdivision**

- Install approximately 800 6x8 crossties per mile across ~6 miles (100# & 85# rail)
- Replace approximately 114 switch ties across 10 turnout locations
- Surfacing with tamper and regulator

Additional work defined in the final bid schedule.

#### **5. RAILROAD-PROVIDED SUPPORT**

FCEN/FMID will provide the following:

- All track materials
  - Crossties and switch ties
  - Rail sections and OTM (unless otherwise noted in Attachment B)
  - Ballast (direct billed to railroad, delivered to ROW from mine by contractor)
- Right-of-Way flagging protection at no cost to the Contractor
- No site-specific training requirements
- Daylight curfew for track work (train operations rescheduled 1900–0700)
- Ballast unloading in advance of surfacing
- Marking of ties and rails to be replaced
- Central staging areas for materials
- Distribution of crossties along the ROW
- Collection of scrap ties along the ROW

## 6. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

This Project is funded in part with federal funds and is subject to all applicable federal requirements, including but not limited to:

- **Davis-Bacon Act / Prevailing Wage Requirements**
- **Buy America (49 U.S.C. § 22905), if applicable**
- **2 C.F.R. Part 200 (Uniform Guidance)**
- **FRA Grant Agreement Compliance**
- **Performance & Payment Bonding Requirements**

Award is contingent upon execution of a mutually agreeable construction contract incorporating Federal Contract Provisions.

Failure to comply with federal requirements may result in rejection of bids or termination of contract.

## 7. PROCUREMENT METHOD

This procurement is conducted using competitive sealed bidding.

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, as determined by FCEN, subject to FRA requirements.

To receive consideration, bids must be received by the railroad by not later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids may be emailed to the railroad provided the entire RFB is scanned to PDF format and attached to the email; however, the railroad will not be responsible for unreadable or misdirected submittals.

RFB number: FMID-001

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FCEN reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all bids
- Waive informalities
- Request clarifications
- Cancel or reissue this solicitation

- Award FMID Construction, FCEN Construction, and Material Supply contracts separately or collectively based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for each Attachment as evaluated independently.

## **8. BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Bidders shall submit:

1. Completed Bid Schedule(s) (Attachments A, B, and/or C)
2. Lump sum and unit pricing as requested
3. Evidence of contractor qualifications and experience
4. Acknowledgment of Federal Requirements
5. Projected Schedule
6. Bid bond, if required

## **9. SCHEDULE**

- FMID Construction – Anticipated Start: June 1, 2026
- FCEN Construction – Anticipated Start: February 1, 2027

## **10. QUESTIONS AND ADDENDA**

All questions must be submitted in writing to:

Matt Schwerin  
Vice President, Western Region  
Florida Central Railroad Company, LLC  
[mschwerin@regional-rail.com](mailto:mschwerin@regional-rail.com)

**ATTACHMENT A**

## FMID CONSTRUCTION BID SCHEDULE (LABOR & EQUIPMENT)

All bidders must provide unit pricing for each line item. This is not an order.

Estimated project start date: June 1, 2026

Item Number	Item Description	Subd	Qty	Unit	Unit Price (\$)	Total (\$)
001	Mobilization	Both WLW and WH	1	Lump Sum		
002	Using Hi-Rail dump truck or similar delivery, from Bartow/Mulberry, FL (approximately 21 miles one-way) aggregate terminal to distribution on identified track sections for surfacing, up to <u>200</u> tons delivered. Railroad direct bill account with distributor.	West Lake Wales	1	Lump Sum		
003	Install 6x8 crossties, approximately 1,100 per mile across 21.26 miles (both main, siding and yard tracks)	<b>West Lake Wales</b>	23,160	Per Tie		
004	Surfacing (with tamper and regulator) to Class 2 uniform profile limit	WLW	110,753	Per Track Foot		
005	Lift, tamp and regulate a 1,500' tangent mainline section between Martin Rd and SR 60 MP SV 856.9 to Class 2 uniform profile limit. Will require up to 6" lift.	WLW	1,500	Lump Sum		
006	Install <u>171</u> switch ties between 16 turnout locations	WLW	171	Per Tie		
007	Bolt tightening of up to 21 miles of track with 33' to 39' 100# and 85# jointed rail sections, replace any bolts that fail	WLW	1	Lump Sum		

	to properly tighten. Replace any center broke joint bars.					
008	Install 6x8 crossties, approximately 800 per mile across 6 miles (both main, siding and yard tracks)	Winter Haven	4,800	Per Tie		
009	Install <u>114</u> switch ties between 10 turnout locations	WH	114	Per Tie		
010	Surfacing (with tamper and regulator) to Class 2 uniform profile limit. 6 miles.	WH	31,680	Per Track Foot		
011	8-hour daily rate for crew to replace marked broken/defective 39' 85# and 100# rail sections	West Lake Wales	10 days	Per Day Rate		
012	Performance & Payment Bond	Both	1	Lump Sum		
013	Ultrasonic examination of rail (1 day, 12 hours, ultrasonic test truck with flaw detector, include mobilization, subsistence and daily consumables, up to 25 miles of track)	Both	1	Lump Sum		
014	Total for all items:	x	x	x	x	\$

Contractor's notes/comments on quote:

Question 1: Provide a description and quantity of equipment bidder will utilize to complete the above-mentioned work (minimum requirements are two backhoes for tie removal/install, Mark II or larger tamper).

*Note: ties will be distributed by the railroad. Contractor will be responsible for stocking OTM needed for daily production from central laydown areas at Lake Wales and Winter Haven. Work to be performed to CSX Standard Specifications for the Design and Construction of Private Sidetracks, dated August 23, 2023.*

Question 2: Projected timeline bidder estimates work to be completed if awarded?

Date of quote: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name, contact person and address of contractor

Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## MATERIAL SUPPLY BID SCHEDULE

Relay rail must up to ¼" top wear, 40-39' lengths, no shorts. Ends drilled. This is not an order.

Item	Item Description	Delivery Location	Qty	Unit	Unit Price (\$) Delivered	Total (\$)	Delivery Timeline
001	6x8 Grade IG* branch-line crossties, 100% end plated, new	Lake Wales, FL	23,160	each			
002	6x8 Grade IG* branch-line crossties, 100% end plated, new	Winter Haven, FL	4,800	each			
003	AREMA #8 Grade 5 switch tie set, 100% end plated, new (57 ties per set)	Lake Wales, FL	3	set			
004	AREMA #8 Grade 5 switch tie set, 100% end plated, new	Winter Haven, FL	2	set			
005	SSTP 5 3/16" for 85# rail, relay	Lake Wales, FL	8,350	each			
006	DSTP 5 3/8" for 100# rail, relay	Lake Wales, FL	200	each			
007	DSTP 5 3/8" for 100# rail, relay	Winter Haven, FL	2,134	each			
008	Anchors for 100# rail, new or relay based on availability	Lake Wales, FL	5,866	each			
009	Anchors for 100# rail, new or relay based on availability	Winter Haven, FL	4,266	each			
010	Anchors for 85# rail, new or relay based on availability	Lake Wales, FL	27,867	each			
011	Anchors for 85# rail, new or relay based on availability	Winter Haven, FL	1,600	each			
012	9/16" spikes for 85# and 100# rail. New (100 lbs. keg)	Lake Wales, FL	772	keg			
013	9/16" spikes for 85# and 100# rail. New (100 lbs. keg)	Winter Haven, FL	160	keg			

014	5/8" bolt/nut/washer for 85# rail, new	Lake Wales, FL	1,200	each			
015	1" bolt/nut/washer for 100# rail, new	Lake Wales, FL	1,200	each			
016	4-hole joint bars for 85#, relay (2 1/2"x5")	Lake Wales, FL	400	pair			
017	4-hole joint bars for 100#, relay (2 3/4" x 5 1/2")	Lake Wales, FL	100	pair			
018	85# rail sections to replace defects, 39'-33' sections, relay (5 3/16" base)	Lake Wales, FL	55.2	NT			
019	100RE# rail sections to replace defects, 39' sections, relay (5 3/8" base)	Lake Wales, FL	13.2	NT			
020	Total for all items:	x	x	x	x	\$	xx

*\* If IG grade crossties are not available, list available grade 3 pricing above.*

Supplier's notes/comments on quote (including additional detail on delivery timelines):

Date of quote: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name, contact person and address of supplier:

Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_