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REQUEST FOR INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS 262
Transportation Project Analysis (TPA) Tool.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is northeastern Illinois' regional planning organization. The agency and its partners developed and are now implementing ON TO 2050, a long-range plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities in our region implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues.

Guided by our ON TO 2050 Plan principles of Inclusive Growth, Resilience and Prioritized Investment, CMAP is considering releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for contractor assistance in the creation and execution of the agency's Transportation Project Analysis (TPA) Tool.

CMAP is interested in developing a transparent, flexible tool that will provide a holistic evaluation of the benefits of transportation projects or programs in our region.

At a minimum, the TPA Tool should be operationally capable of:

- Conducting a benefit-cost analysis, as well as an economic, safety and equity impact analysis with specific emphasis on measuring the impacts to identified disadvantaged communities;
- Accepting data files created by CMAP's travel demand models as inputs into the procedures and maximize its use of automation. The parameters used to conduct the analysis should be configurable by CMAP staff;
- Generating an output file summarizing the benefits of a specific project/program compared to a base scenario; and,
- Producing a dashboard or other data visualization capable of comparing the results across projects.

Prior to releasing an RFP, CMAP would like to become more familiar with the marketplace's experience with combining benefit-cost analysis with economic, safety, and equity impact analysis, the various platforms that could support the TPA Tool, the potential cost and time of producing a TPA Tool, and opportunities for applied research and innovation.

Therefore, CMAP wishes to schedule informational presentations and interviews with a limited number of firms with experience in developing TPA Tools (e.g., benefits-cost analysis, travel forecasting tools, economic impact analysis, etc.)

Firms with experience in developing such tools may respond to this request by sending a brief letter or email to the CMAP Project Manager that expresses interest in providing an informational presentation. The letter or email should include:

- A brief (one-paragraph) description of the firm's experience in developing Transportation Project Analysis Tools;
- Links to materials that more fully describe the firm's experience and relevant past projects; and,
- Contact information



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More extensive information may be provided at the firm's discretion, but is not required. The deadline for receipt of the expressions of interest is **12:00 p.m. (Central time) on Friday, September 24, 2021.**

Please send responses to cheither@cmap.illinois.gov. CMAP anticipates that the informational presentations will be scheduled for late September and early October.

Consultants selected to provide informational presentations will provide them in a virtual / online format (e.g., MS Teams or Zoom). Presentations will be scheduled to last one hour, with a maximum of 40 minutes provided to present the information and 20 minutes allotted for interview questions. Additional details will be provided to respondents who are selected to provide the presentations.

This request for information will not lead directly to any procurement or contracting decisions. Instead, CMAP will release a competitive RFP in the fall of 2021. These informational presentations are meant to give CMAP additional information that will allow us to prepare a better RFP. Firms that participate in the presentations will be permitted to respond to the RFP, but will not be given any advantage; the RFP process will be fully competitive. Similarly, failure to be selected by CMAP to provide an informational presentation should not serve as a deterrent to a firm from responding to the RFP.

CMAP will select a subset of the interested firms to interview, with the intent of selecting a range of firms that will provide a variety of different methods and approaches to conducting economic, safety and equity impact analysis. As noted above, providing an informational presentation does not give firms any advantage in the competitive RFP process to be conducted later this year.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please email me at pdubernat@cmap.illinois.gov

Sincerely,
Penny DuBernat
Procurement Officer