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REQUEST FOR INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS 275
Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Planning

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 Resilience, Inclusive Growth, and Prioritized Investment, CMAP is considering releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for contractor assistance in the creation of a regional plan or framework (hereinafter "plan") for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector. CMAP is interested in developing a plan that establishes a strategy for meeting a 50% reduction in transportation GHG emissions from 2005 values by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050. At a minimum, the plan would:

- Engage regional partners and experts to inform strategy development.
- Explore and test scenarios to identify strategies to achieve GHG reduction goals.
- Set declining GHG targets and timelines for the regional transportation system, refine the 4-year GHG emission reduction targets for the NHS as a performance measure per proposed federal rulemaking, and communicate strategy implementation milestones to achieve established targets.
- Quantify the co-benefits associated with strategies to reduce GHG emissions, such as air quality, health and safety, equity, among others.
- Establish an equity framework to guide strategy selection and development.
- Outline strategies for CMAP as well as local, county, and state governments to reach targets.

Prior to releasing an RFP, CMAP would like to become more familiar with the marketplace's experience in developing multi-jurisdictional plans for reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, the various components that could be included in the plans, the potential cost and time commitment for producing a plan or plan components, and opportunities for innovation. In addition to the minimum elements outlined above, CMAP would like to see information on the following items:

- Approaches to scenario planning to explore potential paths for achieving reduction goals
- General and/or sector specific GHG and VMT reduction strategy modeling and/or analysis tools
- Engagement and consensus building approaches
- Scale and level of detail of strategies, as well as approaches to strategy implementation

Therefore, CMAP wishes to schedule informational presentations and interviews with a limited number of firms with experience in developing plans or plan components. Firms with experience in this area 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 greenhouse gas emission reduction plans or plan components
- Links to materials that more fully describe the firm's experience and relevant past projects; and,
- Contact information

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 October 26, 2022.**

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

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 30 minutes provided to present the information and 30 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 2023. 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 developing greenhouse gas emission reduction plans. 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