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RFP 296: Congestion Management Strategy Pre-Bid Questions and Answers

Pre-Bid Meeting [February 8, 2024, 3:00 PM (Virtual)] Attendee list:

Name	Organization
Michael Grant	ICF
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Questions & Answers:

Question 1: Travel demand modeling is traditionally focused on automobile travel and the expansion of travel lane miles to accommodate increased traffic over time. Travel demand modeling also based some of its assumptions on conditions as they existed over 50 years ago (using 1970 transit demand shares and gas prices) and vastly oversimplifying a truck's impacts as equivalent to 3 automobiles. Some of the modeling assumptions remain in federal guidelines. How far can a consultant realign an MPO's requirements to meet these guidelines?

Answer: These are the kinds of questions we are looking to address with the consultant. How can the agency work within existing requirements while maximizing our ability to ensure that forecasts are accurate? This could include consideration for additions to the legislative agenda, if needed.

Current trip-based model documentation can be found here: [88897722-a50f-ba28-48a9-786a6109eb24 \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.transportation.gov/88897722-a50f-ba28-48a9-786a6109eb24)

Question 2: Will this project require coordination with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) development?

Answer: There is currently also a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) open for the RTP (RFP 295: Regional Transportation Plan Consulting Services). Consultants are welcome to propose in their submissions ideas to combine this Congestion Management Strategy work with the RTP RFQ.

Generally, coordination will be focused on ensuring that the goals identified through RTP process are incorporated into Congestion Management Strategy, but otherwise, they are separate efforts. In the longer term, the Congestion Management Strategy should identify priority corridors to be able to reference in the RTP, to set up for the pursuit of comprehensive multimodal corridor studies between the 2026 RTP and 2030 RTP.

Question 3: On incorporating induced demand into modeling, are you only requesting research and recommendations, or are you also looking for adoption of some of those recommendations, which might include model testing, calibration, validation etc.?

Answer: We are only requesting a technical memo with recommendations for how CMAP could improve modeling processes to address induced demand, not adoption of those changes. Recommendations provided may be near-term and/or long-term.

Question 4: On meeting facilitation requirements, are these in-person, virtual, or a combination?

Answer: The CMP Resource Group meetings will not be subject to the Open Meetings Act (OMA). At a minimum, we plan to offer a virtual option for these meetings but will also consider providing a hybrid option. CMAP Committee and Board meetings are subject to the OMA and are required in-person.

Question 5: Is there a point breakdown for the evaluation criteria? How does the bonus point work?

Answer: There are 100 points available for the six listed criteria, and a bonus point available to contractors who are DBE, WBE, MBE, and/or VBE, for a total 101 points available.

Question 6: The budget includes a not-to-exceed amount for FY24 and a not-to-exceed amount for FY25. Are you looking for task execution to be broken out into the two fiscal years?

Answer: No. The combined budget is the only amount that is relevant. This project is being funded partially by FY24 funds (which, in this case, may occur past the end of FY24) and partially by FY25 funds.

Question 7: Are interviews still expected to occur on March 11-12? Is there flexibility on tentative interview dates? Are interviews planned to be in-person or virtual?

Answer: Interviews will primarily occur March 11-12. Interviews will be virtual. If an interview cannot be scheduled on those dates, it must occur before March 15.

Question 8: Is there a response page limit that responders should adhere to?

Answer: There is not a page limit.

Question 9: Page 2 of the RFP states, "contract awarded will be for a period of two years with three one-year options for renewal." Does CMAP envision work to occur beyond the 14-month expected period of performance?

Answer: CMAP envisions that this work will be completed within the 14-month expected period of performance.

Question 10: Is the contract expected to be time and materials or firm fixed price?

Answer: It can be defined as a time and materials contract however the contract will be established with a not-to-exceed amount. Any change to the scope or cost must be justified and have prior authorization and may require Board approval. We are requesting hourly rates for staff/key personnel to be assigned to the project and the estimated number of hours to be billed. The selected contractor will invoice CMAP based on the hours and personnel assigned to the project on a monthly basis.

Question 11: Does Task 4 (Data and Modeling Tools Assessment) include a review of CMAP's ActivitySim activity-based model?

Answer: Yes, Task 4 includes a review of CMAP's land use model, along with its travel demand model and emissions model.