



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 299 Freight Model Scenario Development**

**Pre-Bid Questions and Answers**

**Deadline for Proposal Submissions: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. CT**

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Questions and answers received by CMAP are provided below:

- 1. In the Bidder Information Form, for the Client List of Services Rendered, is there a limit to the number of clients we list in the form?**  
No, and recent past should include last 12 months.
- 2. Does this RFP have any incentives to include MBE/DBE firms on the team aside from as Prime Consultant?**  
No, the bonus point is only awarded based on the status of the prime consultant.
- 3. Do the existing models consider unexpected situations? For instance, the replacement of single-family housing by warehouses.**  
Warehouse location is provided to the model via an input file. The file could be adjusted by adding more warehouse locations to reflect the situation mentioned.
- 4. Does the model consider the increasing on-shoring that is starting to occur?**  
That would be reflected through model input files, such as reduced imports of specific commodities and increased domestic employment in certain industries.
- 5. Is there a reason for the relatively quick turnaround (about 3 weeks) on this RFP?**  
There is a need on CMAP's side for approval by the CMAP Board in June.
- 6. Will the freight model provide inputs to the travel demand model?**  
The regional truck touring model develops time-of-day truck trips that can be used in the travel demand model. It is a long-term goal to integrate them.
- 7. Who developed the earlier iterations of this model?**  
Cambridge Systematics developed the initial version. RSG developed the later versions.
- 8. Is there any flexibility in the model to include additional variables/tables to account for scenarios we might think up?**  
CMAP is open to the possibility but would need a better understanding through the submittal of what specifically is being proposed.
- 9. Please clarify whether the Submission Form should be submitted in excel or in pdf format.**

As per the directions, both a pdf an excel document are required.

**10. In the Submission Form, the Submission Form tab, row 34 lists 6 required sub-forms and certifications to be included with the Proposal Submission form.**

- a) **Please clarify where we can find #5 Submitter Certification of Specific Provisions and #6 Submitter Certification for Federally Funded Agreements**
- b) **Please clarify the format in which these certifications should be submitted.**

These certifications are provided on the CMAP website, they are in pdf format.

**11. In the Submission form, the Bidder Information tab, row 13 requests Business License No. and Expiration Date. Please clarify whether CMAP is seeking local (Chicago), state (IL), or our state of incorporation information here.**

State.

**12. In the Submission form, Price Proposal tab, the directions in row 6 include: Please complete the form, print, sign, date and attach to each of the printed copies of the RFP Proposal. Please include along with the (1) electronic version of the RFP response on digital media. Please confirm that as this is an electronic submission, we may disregard the printing instructions.**

Printed copies should be digitally submitted as a pdf

**13. The RFP indicates that the Project Approach shall be a maximum of four pages with one page being the project schedule. If our project schedule takes up less space than a full page, may we allocate the unused portion of that page to discussion of our Project Approach?**

Yes

**14. Please clarify whether the following are required of subconsultants:**

- a) **Project Examples form**
- b) **References form**
- c) **Submitter Certification of Specific Provisions**
- d) **Submitter Certification for Federally Funded Agreements**

Yes