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RFQ 295: 2026 Regional Transportation Planning Consultant Pre-Bid Questions and Answers

Pre-Bid Meeting [February 8, 2024, 2:00 PM (Virtual)] Attendee list:

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Ryan Thompto	CMAA
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Questions & Answers:

Question 1: How will the Regional Transportation Plan relate to the next comprehensive plan? How far ahead is work for the next comprehensive plan?

Answer: CMAP is transitioning to a new approach to regional comprehensive planning. Instead of developing one comprehensive plan, such as ON TO 2050, CMAP will be working to develop an overarching vision plan that will serve as a framework for topic-area specific subplans. The regional transportation plan (RTP) will ultimately be one of these subplans, however, to meet the October 2026 federal deadline to adopt an updated RTP, this iteration of the plan will build on the ON TO 2050 plan. Development of a vision plan will happen concurrently to the development of the RTP and there may be opportunities for synergy between the work, but timelines do not allow for the RTP to be directly informed by the vision plan.

Question 2: Is the SAM.GOV Cage Code Report just a screenshot or PDF output of the SAM Cage Code page, or is there a specific report output or template that should be used?

Answer: CMAP is primarily looking for the Cage Code which can be included in the appropriate field on the bidder information form.

Question 3: Is there any portion of the work that IDOT will be handling or providing?

Answer: CMAP will consult with IDOT, and other partners, throughout the development of the RTP and will coordinate with IDOT staff to ensure we're developing a plan consistent with state plans as required by federal regulations, but we don't foresee IDOT having a direct role in developing any part of the RTP, other than as a key stakeholder.

Question 4: Is there a DBE/MBE/WBE/VBE goal for this project?

Answer: No, there is no small, minority or woman-owned or disadvantaged business certification goal for this project.

Question 5: Will the Consultant be working directly with CMAP's travel demand model? Will modeling support that mainly be undertaken in-house and the modeling the Consultant would provide be done with separate modeling forecasts?

Answer: Work relating the to the travel demand model will be done in-house and it's not anticipated that consultant support will be needed for this stream of work. Consultant support may be needed for tasks related to analyzing model outputs.

Question 6: For a staff member to be eligible for billable time on the project (if awarded), is it a requirement for the consultant to identify them in the qualifications submittal, including their resume and their hourly rate in the price proposal form? Or can additional billable staff be included in the project after the contract is awarded?

Answer: We are only requesting the role, hourly rates associated with the role and an estimated number of hours for the role. Task orders will be issued based on the rates included in the cost proposal. Although we are requesting qualifications/resumes for staff and will consider the resumes when evaluating submittals, any changes to staff must be approved by the CMAP Project Manager prior to any work being performed for any task order.

Question 7: Since this is updating transportation aspects of ON TO 2050, is there any element of updating the transportation related goals and objectives from ON TO 2050 since these two plans are connected? Is this part of the scope?

Answer: Yes, the goals and objectives will be updated as part of the development of the RTP. In order to stay on schedule, CMAP staff have already begun this work.

Question 8: Which federal requirement refers to metropolitan transportation planning process?

Answer: 23 CFR §450.324

Question 9: The plans referenced in the RFQ, such as the Climate Action Plan and the Transportation Resilience Plan, do they have the same timeline as this project? Will there be any overlapping of activity?

Answer: Yes, CMAP currently has several large planning efforts underway such as the vision plan, the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan, the Regional Climate Action Plan, the county safety action plans, and municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plans, among others. All of these will be in development at the same time as at least one or more phases of the development of the RTP. The vision plan has roughly the same timeline as the RTP, but again, since its deliverables won't be ready to inform the RTP, the RTP will be building on the ON TO 2050 plan.

Question 10: Will the data from the Household Travel Survey inform this work? What is the timeline for that project?

Answer: The next survey will run Fall 2024-Spring 2025. Data from it will be available in late 2025, so it could help inform the RTP. But this is only phase 1 of 3 so it will only be around 4,000 households.