

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL QUESTION AND ANSWERS – FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT SPECIFIC NEPA

Quest #	Reference	Clarification Request	CDOT Response
1	Section 2	Consultant Team Experience & Qualifications Section (6 page limit, 8 ½ x 11 paper or 11 x 17) as stated on page 6 of the RFP, how many 11x17 pages are allowed within the 6 page limit?	One
2	Section 3	Are we able to provide the project schedule required in Project Management Section on an 11x17?	Yes
3	Section 5	Are we permitted to use an 11x17 (for either/both of the pages) in the Innovation Section?	No
4	General	The cover of the Scope of Work shows Pehle Colletta's name and number for comments and the Solicitation includes additional Contact Information. Is it okay to contact any of them? If so, is there a cutoff date for such contacts?	You may contact the individuals identified for the RFP Selection Process, Prequalification, and DBE/ESB Program up until the Proposal submission deadline. There are no further opportunities to discuss the Scope of Work with the Commission's Project Director, Randy Grauberger.
5	Scope of Work	A little uncertain about Task 5 being included in the Scope of Work. In the SOW, Section 6, Task 4, Part A, it states, "Completion of the above tasks will provide clarity so that the Publication of the NOI and subsequent NEPA tasks will be identified with greater certainty in a subsequent task order." Is the intent to include the work identified in Task 5 in the subsequent task order? If yes, what are the prompts that initiate the subsequent task order? How is the DBE goal of 15% applied? Only Tasks 1-4 or Task 5 as well?	Yes, task 5 will be in a subsequent task order. It is the expectation that DBE goals will apply to Tasks 1-5. Task 5 will not likely be initiated until there is substantial completion of the milestones listed in Task 4A and 4B.
6	General	What portion of the \$2.5M included in SB 18-001 is available for the initial task order(s)? Will additional funds be made available to complete the SOW?	\$1.5 million of the \$2.5 million is available for the initial Task Orders. Additional funding is likely, but will be dependent on the success of initial work.
7	General	Can you identify any firms that are conflicted from this procurement based on relationships with Commission Board Members or staff, or having provided support to the board, that would give them an unfair advantage?	The Commission and CDOT have taken steps to ensure that no unfair advantages will exist during this process.
8	General	So as to avoid potential conflicts, are firms that have a contractual/consulting relationship with the Class 1 Rail Roads, that may be a part of this study, precluded from this procurement?	No. The Commission and CDOT understand that most proposed teams will have some contractual relationship with not only these railroads, but also the four Front Range MPOs that are also Commission members. Section 3. N. of the Solicitation document provides Proposers an opportunity to explain any potential organizational conflicts of interest..
9	General	In reviewing the RFP I don't see a pre-proposal meeting scheduled. Is that the case?	Yes, there is no pre-proposal meeting for this solicitation.
10	Section 3	Can CDOT please confirm it will establish Master Pricing Agreements with companies who offer all-inclusive weekly team-based billing rates and do not have individual hourly rates available?	No, CDOT will not grant an exception to the requirements, which require the review of hourly rates prior to the establishment of a Master Pricing Agreement.
11	Section 3	Can CDOT please confirm that companies are able to submit a proposal without an MPA, and that an MPA may be negotiated post-award if a firm without an MPA is selected?	A Master Pricing Agreement (MPA) does not need to be in place to submit a proposal on this solicitation. A MPA does need to be in place prior to contract award.
12	Section 3	The RFP states that the payment method will be CPFF or SRFP if approved. Given the nature of the work, would CDOT please confirm it will consider price proposals on a lump-sum/firm-fixed price basis, and/or inclusion of sub-consultant fees on a lump-sum/firm-fixed price basis?	Lump sum compensation will be allowed on a Task Order by Task Order basis with permission from the Project Manager and will still be subject to fair and reasonable review per FAR.
13	Section 3	The RFP states that consultants must be prequalified within 7 days of the proposal due date. As some companies may be submitting their prequalification documentation for the first time, please confirm that firms are only required to submit prequalification documentation within 7 days of proposal submission.	Yes, firms must submit the pre-qualification documentation 7 days prior to the proposal due date.
14	Scope of Work	What is the definition of "early in the 2020 legislative session"?	No specific date; possibly early February. There needs to be enough time for the Legislature to develop a possible referred measure that could be placed on the November 2020 ballot.
15	Scope of Work	What is driving the 30 month schedule and is all of Task 5 a part of it? If not, what portions of task 5 are expected in 30 months?	The team has been challenged to expedite project delivery in an effort to demonstrate project readiness including NEPA. The 30-month schedule is consistent with the goal under the One Federal Decision MOU that asks for federal agencies to <i>average</i> completion of NEPA for major infrastructure projects within 24 months. Completion of the milestones listed in Task 4a, including a draft agency coordination plan, will better inform how the project can accomplish the desired schedule in a manner that is not arbitrary and capricious.
16	Scope of Work	Could the Commission/CDOT provide more information or clarify that statement about the separate solicitation for modeling support service? Is it specific to Task 3A #4 on page 18? The RFP notes that, "bulk of the modeling support services for this overall effort will be procured under a separate solicitation process conducted parallel to this one."	The separate solicitation for modeling support services refers specifically to modeling that would occur primarily for determining potential rail ridership and during the development of the alternatives analysis. Standard regional planning model outputs used in engineering design (e.g., turning movements) also will be made available through this separate process, and/or directly from CDOT modeling staff.

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		Does this refer only to the transportation and engineering design modeling, rather than the modeling that would occur during the alternatives analysis?	
17	Section 1	<p>The RFP refers to previous route options studies within the potential corridor that should be utilized whenever possible.</p> <p>Will study documents and access to existing data be made available by the Commission or be the responsibility of the consultant to obtain? In what format are these data available?</p>	CDOT will provide data related to these studies in a format that is most usable and is readily available; with native file formats provided as much as possible.
18	Section C	<p>Section C, item 1 states that “proposal should display comprehensive and well-rounded knowledge and demonstrate a background and experience in interregional passenger rail with connectivity to public transit, including the number of years, with development and completion of similar efforts.”</p> <p>Is this request specific to firm-level experience, or individual team member experience?</p>	The proposals will be evaluated on composite team and individual experience. The Prime will need to demonstrate enough experience to manage sub-consultants and demonstrate that capability to the Selection Panel.
19	Section B	Section B states, “Be pre-qualified with the CDOT Contracts and Market Analysis Branch within 7 days of the submittal deadline as shown in Section 2. Note: Federal and State regulations require certification by prospective participants (including contractors, subcontractors, and principals) as to current history regarding debarment, eligibility, indictments, convictions, or civil judgments.” How does this apply to team members who may be providing public information? We are unaware of a specific prequalification category for that specialty.	See answer to # 13. CDOT does a separate history/suspension/debarment check prior to Award and Contract. Public information is considered a vendor service under the Brooks Act and do not need to go through the pre-qualification process.