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To: Prospective Proposers

From: Contracts Manager

Subject: Questions and Answers for RFP S19206 Next Generation High-Capacity Transit Study

The following page(s) contain responses to questions submitted by prospective Proposers. Do not submit the attached “Q&A” document in your proposal.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The following questions have been submitted by prospective proposers. VTA has provided responses to the following questions to assist proposers in the preparation of their proposal. Some questions may have resulted in material changes to the instructions or technical aspects of the RFP. If so, those changes will be documented herein.

Q&A No. 1

Q) Are resumes included in the recommended 25 double-sided pages? Or can resumes be included in an appendix? Will VTA confirm that the administrative forms are not counted toward the page count?

A) Yes, resumes are included in the recommended count. We are also confirming that the required forms (aka, administrative submittals) are not included in this count.

Q&A No. 2

Q) VTA notes that the recommended total length of the proposal should be 25 double-sided pages. Please confirm that the VTA is counting the back and front of a sheet of paper as 1 whole page.

A) Yes, one (1) page is counted for every double-sided page (back and front).

Q&A No. 3

Q) What does the VTA mean by using the term ‘flexible stations’?

A) VTA would like to understand how the use of new or emerging technologies could allow VTA to be more flexible with how we construct and operate our stops and stations.

Q&A No. 4

Q) Can you advise where STV can download VTA's forms 9, 10, and 11? The RFP only contains forms 1-8.

A) The reference to forms 9, 10, and 11 was an error in the RFP. There are only eight (8) required forms.

Q&A No. 5

Q) Our firm is considering MWBE, SBE, and DBE subconsultant firms who are in the process of obtaining VTA's certification but may not have certification by the proposal due date. Will VTA confirm that it will recognize these firms toward the Prime's MWBE and SBE goals?

A) The basic requirement is that the firms must be certified by the due date for proposals. However, for this RFP, there is no specific SBE goal, so while we encourage participation by SBE and MWBE firms, it is not required. VTA will not be considering such participation as a condition of award, nor will any such participation give a proposer a scoring advantage.

Q&A No. 6

Q) May we use VTA's logo and select images from VTA's website and RFP documents in our proposal and tentative interview materials?

A) Yes, VTA will permit this for RFP submittals and interview materials.

Q&A No. 7

Q) Will VTA accept provision of resumes in an appendix, not counted toward the page count?

A) The page count in the RFP is a recommendation; VTA wants to simplify the review and evaluation process for proposals, but longer proposals won't be disqualified. Vendors should not provide lengthy marketing material or other non-essential documentation in their submittal. Resumes should be brief and to-the-point.

Q&A No. 8

Q) Will subcontractors participating on the Next Generation High-Capacity Transit Study be prohibited from performing services on the anticipated Design-build construction contract, Design-Bid-Build contracts, or construction management contracts for VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension Phase II?

A) Each procurement VTA conducts is handled on a case-by-case basis, and variables make it difficult to provide a universally applicable answer to this question. The nature and origin of the RFP for services are considered, as well as the relationship a contractor has to the IFB/RFQ/RFP and the work to be performed under the resulting contract(s).