

RFP Questions and Answers

Question 1

Attachment B – Insurance Requirements specifies Privacy & Network Security Liability coverage of \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate, if applicable to the proposed services. Would the Client accept Cyber/Privacy & Network Security Liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 aggregate in lieu of the stated \$5,000,000 coverage requirement?

Answer: Attachment B sets forth the minimum insurance requirements applicable with the resulting contract. Respondents should submit proposals based on those requirements. A respondent that does not currently maintain the specified coverage may explain its existing coverage and any proposed alternative in its proposal. Any deviation from the stated insurance requirements would be considered, if at all, during contract negotiations and at the discretion of the applicable contracting County Road Agency.

Question 2

Would the Association consider extending the proposal submission deadline to allow respondents additional time to review and incorporate the published responses to questions?

Answer: No. The Association does not presently intend to extend the proposal deadline. Responses to questions are being provided to all interested parties as promptly as practicable, and proposals remain due on August 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. EDT.

Question 3

Please provide the relative weights, points, or scoring methodology that will be applied to Relevant Expertise and Experience, Personnel Qualifications, Cost Proposal, and References/Past Performance.

Answer:

The evaluation committee will conduct a best-value evaluation using the criteria identified in Section 4.2 of the RFP. No numerical weights or point allocations have been established. Cost is an important consideration but is not the sole determining factor in the award decision.

Question 4

Please identify any interim consultants engaged on this scope with any eligible entities prior to release of the RFP.

Answer: Section 2.3A of the RFP acknowledges that one or more Participating Clients may engage interim FEMA Public Assistance and/or FHWA Emergency Relief consulting services before completion of the RFP process. Respondents should describe their proposed approach to coordinating with any such interim consultant, maintaining continuity of services, and maximizing reimbursement eligibility for work performed before contract award. Respondents are being asked to address the

transition and coordination process in the abstract. As such, the identity of any particular interim consultant is not material to proposal preparation or evaluation. Respondents should prepare their proposals consistent with Section 2.3A of the RFP.

Question 5

Will the Association provide the required certification forms referenced in the RFP?

Answer: Yes. The Association is providing the Debarment Certification, Lobbying Certification, and Certification of Compliance with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act for use in submitting proposals. Respondents should complete and submit the forms included with the Q&A package. If a respondent believes a provided form does not apply to its organizational structure or otherwise cannot be completed as provided, the respondent may submit a substantially equivalent certification that satisfies the applicable legal requirement and explain the situation as the respondent deems appropriate.

Question 6

May respondents submit both an original proposal and a redacted copy for public disclosure purposes?

Answer: Yes. Respondents may submit both an unredacted proposal and a separately marked redacted copy identifying information the respondent believes should be withheld from public disclosure. The submission of a redacted copy will assist the Association in evaluating any future request for disclosure; however, any determination regarding disclosure will be made in accordance with applicable law.