

CCJPA RFSOQ201819-01 Questions & Responses

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#	Document Section	Document Clause	Question	Response
1	RFSOQ	S.a.3	Under the Evaluation Criteria, it states that Project Team's approach and understanding of the project should be included in the SOQ, and a draft design schedule should also be included. However, there doesn't appear to be room allows for this type of descriptive narrative except for Section H - Additional Information of the SF330 format and the Letter of Interest. Is this correct?	Yes, that is generally correct. Proposers should limit any descriptive narrative of the Project Team's approach and understanding of the project as well as the draft design schedule to the Letter of Interest and Section H - Additional Information, and the page limits of those two sections still apply. However, the Project Team's approach and understanding of the project should also be evident from the selection of Project Team members, example project selections based on experience and all the other synergies of information presented in the SOQ.
2	RFSOQ	S.a.3	Which phases of the project should we include in the draft project schedule?	All phases through final design, including preliminary planning and environmental documentation.
3	RFSOQ	K.3.b	Can you clarify the maximum number of resumes to be submitted in the SOQ?	Maximum of five resumes to be submitted, 2 pages max each, per firm (prime and sub distinct).
4	General	N/A	Do you have a preference between one firm to cover all work or multiple firms?	No preference
5	General	N/A	Why does DBE apply to this RFSOQ but not SBE?	Because the work to be performed under this RFSOQ is federally funded.
6	General	N/A	Is funding secured for this project?	Funding has been secured through final design but not construction. However, CCJPA is actively pursuing federal funding for the initial planning and environmental documentation phases of this project. Other project partners (e.g. Caltrans, AC Transit) may also decide to pursue additional funding for select parts of the project.
7	General	N/A	Are there any other reports or reference documents that describe this project?	The CCJPA Vision Plan Update (Vol 1 and 2) describe this project in concept, and the documents are available at www.capitolcorridor.org/vision-plan . The CCJPA 2018 TIRCP application also includes this project, and the application has been posted to www.capitolcorridor.org/opportunities . Other helpful reference materials may be previous Dumbarton Rail studies .
8	General	N/A	Will CCJPA share the ridership projections that were generated for this project with the Amtrak model?	The Amtrak model ridership projections are included in the 2018 TIRCP application. There may be a need to generate new ridership projection numbers with an overlay or coordination with the Amtrak CA model with some external expertise applied to the Amtrak CA Model results. The consultant that maintains the Amtrak CA ridership model will be a resource for this with the winning vendor. The consultant is not conflicted out from being a prime or part of a team due to this situation.
9	Pre-Submittal Meeting Presentation	N/A	Where are the conceptual drawings for the Industrial Pkwy and Shinn connections from?	The conceptual drawings are from Alameda CTC.
10	General	N/A	Do you anticipate any project impacts beyond the Oakland to Newark area?	General answer is no, however, project scope and impacts may change based on future UP RTC model results.
11	General	N/A	Is the Industrial Pkwy connection just to improve freight movement?	Yes, the Industrial Pkwy connection will improve freight movement and allow for separation of passenger and freight train operations, which is a key goal for the project.
12	General	N/A	Will any UPRR layover facilities be impacted in this project?	No, however, future project scope changes may change the answer to this question.
13	General	N/A	What is the public awareness level of this project so far?	This project has not been widely discussed in a general public setting, especially because it is still at such a high conceptual level.
14	General	N/A	What is the level of interaction or coordination between this project and Dumbarton Rail Corridor Study?	We are aware of the Dumbarton Rail Corridor Study, and vice versa, and we anticipate that closer coordination will occur as this project moves forward. A number of efforts among public agencies, including MTC and ACTC, ACE, and certainly CCJPA are involved in various planning efforts involving Dumbarton and the Southern Alameda County rail network (or potential rail network).
15	Attachment C	Article III	Does the 150% overhead cap apply to sub-consultants on a team? Some teams with overheads higher than the 150% cap may have to exclude themselves from this competition due to the compensation terms in the draft contract. Will CCJPA accept/approve a bid with specific sections of the scopes of work to sub-consultants price with a higher overhead or on a fixed price basis? Fixed price work could be invoiced on a lump sum basis on delivery of the product or as milestones. Can we assume that fixed price/lump sum work submitted at bid would represent "adequate price competition" as per Article III.C.1?	Yes, the 150% aggregate product of fringe benefits, overhead or general and administrative expense, or any combination thereof cap does apply to sub-consultants on a team. CCJPA will only review sub-consultant rates for services provided per Work Directive Proposal, not in the Statement of Qualifications proposal submitted, so we cannot say at this time whether certain sub-consultants will be accepted or rejected for future Work Directives under the contract. On a conservative note, we would suggest that sub-consultants with higher than 150% aggregate product of fringe benefits, overhead or general and administrative expense, or any combination thereof can always adjust their aggregate product to be 150% or lower to fulfill the terms of Attachment C: Example Provisional Cost Reimbursement and Rate Agreement. On the subject of adequate price competition, CCJPA will only evaluate for adequate price competition of sub-consultants on a per Work Directive basis for this contract, so we cannot say at this time whether certain sub-consultants with fixed price/lump sum rates would satisfy the adequate price competition clauses per Article III.C.1 of Attachment C.

16	RFSOQ	K.3.d	Based on the clarification provided for K.3.b., should the language for K.3.d. also be updated to "per firm (prime and sub distinct)"?	Yes, please select no more than three (3) projects per firm (prime and sub distinct) that demonstrate the Proposer's experience and capability to perform work similar to that required for this Agreement.
17	Attachment C	N/A	Is CCJPA willing to negotiate the financial terms of the contract, more specifically the fixed fee and escalation?	The fixed fee and escalation are subject to negotiations during contract negotiations, after a consultant team is selected from oral interviews.
18	Attachment C	N/A	Why does CCJPA not allow fee on a firm's full overhead and cap it at 150%? Why does CCJPA cap direct labor rates at \$115/hour? These restrictions could prevent firms from proposing due to financial constraints and therefore be in violation of state and federal QBS laws.	The 150% cap on full overhead and \$115/hour cap on direct labor rates are standard provisions in CCJPA professional services contracts, however, they are subject to negotiations between the consultant and CCJPA. The rate caps are there to establish allowable, allocable, and reasonable rates for consultant services. General counsel does not believe that these rate caps prevent firms from proposing, since they are subject to negotiations in the final contract.
19	Attachment C	Section III	Can CCJPA please clarify what is meant by Attachment C, Section III.A.3 (...the aggregate product of the rates referred to in the immediately preceding sentence shall not exceed 150%)?	Aggregate product of the rates refers to the provisional rates for subconsultant fringe benefits, overhead or general and administrative expense, or any combination thereof.
20	RFSOQ	K.3.a	Is it permissible to use an 11x17 page format for the chart? Are additional pages of text permitted to describe percentage of staff commitment as well as to describe the team?	11x17 page format is permitted for the Organization Chart. Please include any descriptions of staff commitment percentages and other aspects of the team on the same page as the Organization Chart.
21	RFSOQ	K.3.d.	Per your response for Q16, a proposer is allowed 3 projects per firm. An SF 330 submittal is usually limited to ten (10) projects total. Does this total number of ten still apply?	Three example projects per firm, prime and sub distinct, are permitted in the submittal. If the number of projects exceed ten, that's okay.