

Questions/Answers #1: March 2, 2010

1. Who are the decision-makers that will evaluate the proposals?

The technical team who evaluates the proposals is called the Research Advisory Panel (RAP). The RAP consists of technical experts who have been selected to serve on the panel. The RAP evaluates all proposals received and provides input on the final selection.

2. What are the key issues to be resolved in this project?

The key issue is the lack of knowledge and understanding of the shortfall between the costs of operating and maintaining the highway system and the revenues allocated to do so.

3. What does MDOT see as the most important qualifications for a winning consultant to possess?

The chosen consultant will need a thorough understanding of highway operations and maintenance and their associated costs.

4. Does MDOT have a more specific budget than the \$100K-\$250K tier indicated in the RFP?

In this RFP, the budget is noted as a tier II budget, ranging from \$100K-\$250K.

5. Are we allowed to speak with Mr. Calvin Roberts?

Direct questions to MDOT personnel are not permitted during the RFP process in an effort to allow equity and fairness to all potential proposers. All questions are to be submitted to MDOT-Research@michigan.gov. Answers to all questions will be posted on the RFP Web site in the relative RFP posting within 24 hours

Questions/Answers #2: March 9, 2010

1. Does the project only cover roads and pavements? Is bridge construction and maintenance costs included in this project?

This project only studies pavement and does not involve bridges.

2. What is the estimated start date for the study?

The project could start as early as August 2010.

3. **Does MDOT have methods to convert non-Paser data to Paser data equivalent or is that a task that the chosen consultant for this project will perform?**

MDOT does not have a method for converting non-Paser data to Paser data equivalents. This type of data conversion is not a requirement of the request for proposals, however developing a data conversion technique would represent value added while scoring a proposal.

4. **Is a full MDOT Price Proposal forms 5101 A-I required or is a summary sufficient?**

A full MDOT price proposal is required from non-university proposers. University proposers will follow the guidelines outlined the RFPCONSULTANT/VENDOR SELECTION GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH SERVICE CONTRACTS and complete the budget form found in Appendix D.