

Intelligent Transportation Systems Services QA1 REQ# 668
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Q1. Task A4 refers to updating the MDOT ITS Investment Plan. Where can we obtain a copy of the existing plan? I searched the MDOT web site and drew a blank.

A1. The deliverable in this request for proposal is to research an investment plan that MDOT would use for future planning and deployment of ITS-Connected Vehicle technologies and what return on investment MDOT might expect for our expenditures on the necessary resources (data collection and storage, paralleling existing ITS investments, communication systems, etc.). This is different from the current MDOT ITS Investment Plan that coordinates effects from our Regions (each of which has an ITS architecture/deployment plan available from the Construction & Technology ITS Program Office) to expand or implement ITS technologies (DMS signs, fiber cable, ATMS, TOCs, detects, CCTVs, ESS, etc.). As such, this will be a new deliverable, but one which must coordinate with our Regional plans and will fall into a biennial update cycle envisioned to assure that MDOT ITS-Connected Vehicle planning and investment documents reflect the constantly changing technological environment.

Q2. Task C4 refers to developing an ITS Infostructure Deployment Plan. This is a great idea, but the associated deliverable (see page 8) refers to Update of such a plan. Our understanding is that this will be a new plan, not an update of an existing one. Can you clarify?

A2. The term update may be misleading. This will be a new product, one which will fall into a biennial update cycle envisioned to assure that MDOT ITS-Connected Vehicle planning and investment documents reflect the constantly changing technological environment.

Q3. For the cost proposal, is the Bid Sheet all that is required for Phases A, B, and C? That is, you do not need to see labor, fringe, etc? It appears this will come only after selection.

A3. Yes. Deliverables in Category A, B and C are percentages of the total contract bid, paid when MDOT approves the completed product. MDOT does not and will not be required to know the specific costs incurred by the selected bidder in the development of the delivered product.

Q4. Is a Bid Sheet not required for Phase D (this phase is not included in the Bid Sheet provide in the RFP)?

A4. A bid sheet for Category D is not required. As deliverables for this section are yet to be defined, the bidder will instead submit the Cost Derivation Sheet for Category D. Per Consultant Responsibilities, item 3; "For Category D tasks meet with the MDOT PM or MDOT ITS Statewide Program Manager prior to beginning

any work to review project/tasks, data, data uses, strategic direction, and contact persons. The vendor shall review and clarify project/task issues, data needs and availability, sequence of events and team meetings that are essential to complete the project plan or task by the completion date. The vendor will provide an estimate of hours/cost to provide the requested deliverable.” The Cost Derivation Sheet will be used to judge the dollar value of products produced in Category D.

Q5. Similarly, is the Cost Derivation Sheet meant to apply only for Phase D or the whole project?

A5. The Cost Derivation Sheet will refer to all categories of project.