

Transportation Planning Services for a
Chicago – Detroit/Pontiac Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan
REQ #772 QA1
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Question 1: Form 5100B indicates that the proposals must be limited to 19 pages, not including MDOT forms and key personnel resumes. However, Form 5100H indicates in the “Proposal and Bid Sheet Mailing Addresses” section (Page 2) that there is no page limitation for proposals. Which is correct?

Answer 1: There is no page limitation; firms may submit as many pages as they deem necessary.

Question 2: According to the note on Page 1 of Form 5100H, a priced proposal is required for an RFP originating in the Bureau of Transportation Planning, as this RFP does. Is this correct?

Answer 2: A priced proposal will not be required with the proposal.

Question 3: Attachment A (Survey Scope of Work) indicates that the survey limits are “As needed for Design, Right of Way, and Construction. A description of survey limits detailing length, width and cross roads must be included in the Survey Work Plan.” However, this is a planning project that is conducting a corridor level analysis. There are requirements in the project Scope of Work to do some conceptual engineering on specific recommended improvements, but “Design, Right of Way, and Construction” work is not part of this project. What specific survey work do you anticipate as part of this project?

Answer 3: The consultant is expected to analyze the corridor, identify potential problem areas, and provide survey and mapping as needed to help determine potential solutions.

Question 4: Attachment A says that the “**Selected** Consultant shall discuss the scope of this survey with an MDOT Regional Surveyor on an MDOT Lansing Design Surveyor before submitting a price proposal.” However, in order to develop a priced proposal to be submitted with the proposal, we will need to have these discussions now before the selection is made.

Answer 4: See response to Question 2.

Question 5: In Attachment B regarding LiDAR and Photogrammetry it states that “the limits of the survey and mapping are as needed to prepare the Service Development Plan and Tier-I EIS.” There is nothing in the project scope to indicate how much of this work actually needs to be done. And again, in order to develop a priced proposal, we would need to be able to discuss the work plan and budget with MDOT during the preparation of the proposal.

Answer 5: See response to Question 2.

Question 6: What schedule do you anticipate for short-listing, submittal of technical proposals and presentations?

Answer 6: Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2011. Short-listing is anticipated by December 22, 2011, with presentations and technical proposals if necessary to follow during the week of January 9, 2012.

Question 7: Can we include 11" x 17" fold-out pages in our proposal?

Answer 7: Yes.