

Secondary RFP – 15PS5010 –Responses to bidders’ questions.

1. Are there specific, defined responsibilities in this project that require a bidder or subcontractor to include: CSLB “B” Type – General Contractor’s License, as stated in Requirement 4?

A general contracting license is not required for this contract; Requirement was included in the original RFP by mistake. The RFP has been amended to remove this requirement. Note: as made clear in the RFP, bidders should register on Cal eProcure, and always monitor and refer to the RFP as posted there to stay apprised of any changes.

2. Do the Adjustment for TACPA Preference Program preference as stated in Section 7.4.7 apply to subcontractors or only the primary bidder?

This question poses a bit of a false dilemma- whether and to what extent the subcontractors or prime contractor contribute to TACPA is up to the proposer, subject to applicable rules. To receive the preference, the bidder must complete the forms and certify to perform the contract work as specified. There is no explicit prohibition or requirement within this RFP regarding whether the TACPA preference must be met by the prime or any subcontractors. Please refer to RFP section 14.3 for additional formal guidance. The California State Contract Manual Volume 1 – Chapter 8.60 also provides information. Additionally, the DGS Procurement Division/Dispute Resolution/Preference Program Section administers the TACPA program and provides resource information. The DGS Preference Program information line is (916) 375-4609.

3. Can the same firm be used to meet both the DVBE and Small Business requirements?

There is no prohibition against meeting these requirements with the same firm, provided all requirements for DVBE and Small Business are met.

4. Does working on an EPIC-funded project automatically disqualify a firm from bidding on the EPIC evaluation?

The RFP does not automatically disqualify a firm on these grounds; Section 9.1.7 states this may however constitute a conflict of interest, and this must be disclosed. The presence or absence of conflict of interest will be evaluated in the scoring process.

5. Page 17 of the RFP says that for the summary of relevant team experience, bidders need to “... provide a summary of relevant work experience for the team members in a separate document”. Please confirm that a separate document is needed, or can this be just a separate section in the proposal?

This language in the RFP was meant to communicate that the summary of experience was meant to be separate from simply providing resumes. It does not need to be a separate proposal document; it can be a section in the proposal.

6. Regarding 3) Minimum Experience and References Sheet: Are bidders limited to 6 reference projects? Or can multiple sheets be submitted with more than 6 projects?

If by “reference projects,” the question is referring to the “list of similar work” Summary Sheet on page 47 of the amended RFP, the answer is yes, there may be more than 6. Bidders may provide the appropriate number of work examples to demonstrate they meet the experience requirements.

7. Regarding 4) Resumes and Organizational Chart: Is there a page limit for resumes?

There is no page limit for resumes.

8. Regarding 6) Work Plan, Proposed Methodology/Approach: Is there a page limit for these documents?

There is no page limit for the work plan and proposed methodology/approach.

9. Regarding 7) Sample Work Products/Reports: Are bidders limited to a single sample report or can multiple past reports be submitted?

More than one sample report may be included, but at least one sample report should meet the guidance provided for sample reports, if possible.

10. Regarding 8) Detailed Cost Sheet: Will travel related costs be allowable costs?

There are potentially allowable travel costs for this contract; but this is a very general question, and without any specific insight into what the confusion about allowable travel costs may be, we can only direct back to the RFP. Ample guidance is provided in Section 8.5, Attachment 9, and Exhibit B, Part D of the RFP regarding permissible travel costs, rules, and processes for this contract.