

## QUESTIONS

### **FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SIOUX FALLS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MULTI USE TRAIL CORRIDOR STUDY**

RFP date posted: February 26, 2010

Expiration date: March 26, 2010

Deadline for Questions 2:00 CT, March 19, 2010.

Date updated: **March 4, 2010**

**The RFP posted on Friday, February 26, WAS UPDATED AT 10:00 AM ON MONDAY, MARCH 1. Please use the updated document. Neither the submittal dates nor the general scope were changed. Grammar and text arrangements were changed.**

1. DBE Requirements? Will this be a major factor for submittal requirements?

**RESPONSE:** The RFP states the consultant should make an effort to involve DBE's. It is not a requirement however; it would allow the consultant to score higher in the "Other Factors" ranking criteria.

2. Will the design team need to complete right of way or property owner research along the proposed alignment or will they rely on information provided by MPO?

**RESPONSE:** The property owner research will be completed by the respective MPO Staff. However, the design team will verify the right of way needs for trail corridors utilizing existing street alignments or recommending additional right of way needed.

3. Is there any court house research of plats, deeds, easements, etc. required?

**RESPONSE:** Once trail route options are clearly identified, MPO staff will provide the property ownership information to the selected consultant.

4. Request verification there is to be only one public meeting and no individual land owner meetings.

**RESPONSE:** The RFP states the consultant is responsible for attending one series of MPO meetings and one open house (city location unknown at this time). The open house will include a direct mail out to adjacent land owners of the route options. The additional meetings identified in the RFP will be staffed by MPO staff. This may

change during the scoping meeting or after the consultant has had time to establish the route options.

Some individual land owner should be expected depending on route options. MPO staff will coordinate and schedule the meetings. The consultant will be asked to attend if their schedule allows. The meetings will be coordinated with other project team meetings.

5. Who develops the contact information and mailing lists for these meetings?  
**RESPONSE:** All meeting notifications would be sent out by the MPO staff. The consultant will be asked to write the letter for MPO review and approval. The consultant would also need to prepare the presentations and exhibits.
6. Will identification or permitting of any/all environmental constraints be required? (i.e – endangered species, wetland areas, floodways, archeological areas, etc...)  
**RESPONSE:** The consultant should address and discuss the possible constraints associated with each route option. However, detailed analysis will not be required. The consultant may need to walk each route to see the physical surroundings associated with each route.
7. What was the value of the federal grant used to support this work?  
**RESPONSE:** This project is part of the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Unified Work Program. The funding split is approximately 80% federal funding 20% local funding. The cities of Brandon, Harrisburg, Tea, Sioux Falls and the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Organization, Southeastern Council of Governments, have all jointly cooperated and funded this project.
8. Does the MPO have a maximum budget for this project?  
**RESPONSE:** The budget for this project is \$60,000.