

Frequently Asked Questions

Intelligent Transportation Systems Consultant RFQ

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Central Pines Regional Council accepted email-submitted questions about the RFQ from interested firms through 5 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Questions were also accepted during the Pre-Submittal Conference meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023. The following document outlines the questions received and answers to those questions.

1. How many stakeholders are present in the ITS group?

There is not a fixed number of stakeholders to be engaged. The stakeholders for this process would largely coincide with the members of the Regional ITS Working Group, which is somewhat fluid but has participation from CAMPO, DCHC MPO, multiple units within NCDOT, municipalities around the region (primarily the larger municipalities that are more likely to be engaged in ITS activities), and transit agencies.

2. Is the stakeholder group likely to become larger in the future?

At this time we do not anticipate a plan update or broader stakeholder outreach would be necessary within the scope of this request.

3. Is there a possibility for contract extension, or is it set to expire in June?

The funding for this project comes from the annual work programs of the region's two Metropolitan Planning Organizations – CAMPO and DCHC MPO. At this time only the FY24 funding has been secured. Central Pines Regional Council is in the process of requesting FY25 funding to be able to extend/continue this work beyond June 2024, but this FY25 funding has not yet been approved by the MPOs and cannot be guaranteed at this time. If FY25 funding is secured, we would anticipate working with the selected consultant to extend the contract accordingly.

4. Are the stakeholder meetings in person, or strictly virtual?

These meetings are currently held virtually based on the preferences of the current participants.

5. Are the meetings conducted individually or in groups?

There is flexibility for the consultant and stakeholder(s) to carry these out either way depending on what makes the most sense. For example, if several communities are working together on a project they may wish to hold a group discussion.