



## California Central Coast Sustainable Freight Study Request for Proposals

### Questions and Responses

October 24, 2022

**1. Will disaggregated Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) data be provided? If so, what is the level of disaggregation?**

Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) data is available from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. The consultant must determine how to best process or disaggregate Freight Analysis Framework data to meet the requirements of the RFP.

**2. Will business establishment data (e.g., InfoUSA data) for the region be provided?**

No. The consultant must determine the best data set to use to meet the RFP requirements and it should be assumed that all data needed to adequately respond to the RFP must be purchased, with these costs included in the RFP response.

**3. Is it safe to assume the CA VIUS database, Caltrans's PeMS system, and the CSF2TDM can be provided if needed?**

The consultant must procure any data needed to meet the RFP requirements. If a useful data set is needed which requires a government agency sponsor for acquisition, AMBAG will act as the sponsor or intermediary to obtain needed data as required. However, if there are any costs for purchasing these data sets, that must be taken into consideration within the consultant's RFP response.

**4. Are consultants allowed to submit exceptions to the contractual terms and conditions?**

The template contract shown in Attachment C is in draft form. Final contract negotiation will occur after AMBAG announces the RFP award.

**5. Would the inclusion of a proposal cover, cover letter, table of contents, and section dividers count against the 50-page limit?**

The table of contents and section dividers would count against the 50 page limit. The cover or transmittal letter would not count against the 50 page limit.

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**6. Would the Subconsultant List Template – RFP Attachment B count against the 50-page limit?**

Yes. However, the form of the templates “Attachment A – Cost Estimate Template” and “Attachment B – Subconsultant List Template” may be modified by the applicant as long as all required information shown in the RFP templates is included as part of the consultant’s RFP response. Subconsultant forms and subconsultant letters of commitment do not count against the 50 page application limit if included in an appendix. Resumes or lists of qualifications for consultants or subconsultants will not count against the 50 page limit if they are attached as an appendix. Please limit resumes or lists of qualifications to only those who you reasonably expect to be employed on the project.

**7. Is the budget required to be submitted in the RFP Attachment A form, or would AMBAG accept an alternative version of the cost proposal in a spreadsheet that includes the same information?**

The form of the template shown in Attachment A may be modified by the applicant as long as the content required in the template is included.

**8. Does the budget count against the page count?**

Yes.

**9. Is there a requirement for DBE participation, and if so what percent of the proposed fee is required for DBE subcontractors?**

No, there is not requirement for (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) DBE participation. However, the consultant or subcontracts should ensure that maximum opportunity is given to DBEs per the RFP, Terms and Conditions section, paragraph G. Note, a copy of the consultant's affirmative action policy (applicable for firms with 50 or more employees) and the discussion of the consultant's program for use of DBEs in the performance of this work will not be counted towards the 50-page limit to RFP responses if provided as an appendix.