

CRC RFP A-88 Q&A  
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Q1. Is this project considered a follow-up to CRC Project A-84? If so, can the results or a report from A-84 be provided?

Reply 1: While this is follow-on to A-84, nothing in A-84 would improve or hinder the ability to perform this project.

Q2. Can this work focus just on the areas of the country that have not submitted MOVES inputs to the NEI, or does this need to provide defaults for all areas of the country?

Reply2: Answers for all counties are valuable, especially as they relate to validation of those provided inputs.

Q3. In the background section, the last sentence says "We expect to select 2-4 subject areas for research." Does "we" mean CRC or should the proposers select the subject areas that they think are most likely to yield productive results in the given timeframe? Do proposers need to provide a plan for all of the listed categories, or just those we would be comfortable updating in the requested timeframe?

Reply3: It is up to the proposers to decide on as many and which subject areas as they would like. Then, the A-88 panel will decide on the most interesting subjects. Having proposals for all the subject areas is welcome but should not improve the chances of any one subject area being selected.

Q4. Are you expecting this effort to focus on targeted data collection from states and MPOs that have not submitted data to EPA for the NEI or on national data sources with the necessary geographic breakdowns?

Reply4: NO. We want to find answers independent of the states. This is explicitly not a project where consultants poll states, it is a project to find quality alternate data sources.

Q5. Is the expected end result a set of MOVES data inputs that EPA will use to automatically replace defaults, or will the states need to approve the use of these defaults?

Reply5: We expect states will likely need to approve these defaults unless they have not submitted any data to EPA. It will be up to EPA to include the final results.

Q6. What is meant by "EPA best practices?" If this refers to EPA's Technical Guidance document for SIPs and Transportation Conformity, most of EPA's recommendations have to do with collecting local data. It seems that most areas that have been required to use MOVES would likely have submitted these to EPA already.

Reply6: The reference to this is to verify that products are of high enough quality to meet EPA's requirements. Speculative or extrapolated products would not meet EPA's Guidance.