

Questions and Answers

for

CRC Project A-140 “PM Source Apportionment – Primary versus Secondary Mobile Emissions”

Q - The RFP says, "the proposal should include the maximum total number of categories that can be selected with the proposed budget." Has a budget been established for the project or discussed with any potential bidder in the planning stages of this project?

A - CRC does not provide budget guidance. Proposals are reviewed by technical merit before discussing costs.

Q - Is there an expectation for the number of cities the analysis should include?

A - Most studies are 2-4 cities.

Q - The RFP’s objective explicitly called out “exhaust NOx” as the PM2.5 precursor. Is exhaust NOx supposed to be the only PM2.5 precursor of interest or are other precursors such as NH3, SO2, and VOC to be considered as well?

A - Emphasis is on NOx and PM2.5, but other precursors could be considered.

Q- The RFP explicitly specified that “the project will track the secondary and primary NOx and PM2.5”. Does this mean that NOx and PM2.5 are the only criteria pollutants of interest in this RFP?

A- Emphasis is on NOx and PM2.5, but other pollutants/precursors could be considered.

Q- The RFP states, “Potentially also further analyze the data to identify potential discrepancies between local communities within each region”. Can you clarify if you are looking for population-based analyses to differentiate between local communities, or is something else meant by this?

A – to be answered

Q- The “Monthly Technical Progress Reports” requirement is to describe the overall progress, with a separate description for each task. Will cost reporting need to be included in these monthly reports?

A- Cost information should be reported separately in invoicing.

Q- The deadline for proposal submission is May 1, 2025. Is there a specific time of day that the proposal will be due?

A- No specific time of day. The proposals will be compiled and sent for review on May 2.

Q- What is the anticipated start date for this project?

A- The start date is subject to contractor selection by the Committee and contract negotiation. Please include a project timeline with a projected start date. Perhaps no earlier than July 1, but before the end of 2025.

Q- Can a bidder participate in multiple proposals – either as a Prime or as a Subcontractor?

A- Yes, this would be acceptable to be a subcontractor on multiple contracts, and/or a prime on a single contract.

Q- What exceptions can be made to the intellectual property rights and liability sections? The liability section would need our State’s Tort Claims Act included somewhere, which sets limits on what the state can pay for damages, and we can’t agree to pay attorneys’ fees. We are a state-owned institution and are bound by state law as it relates to liability.

A- CRC can work to negotiate acceptable language for both parties. This may delay start dates.

Q- We would prefer to own and transfer a royalty free license for subsequent use. If CRC is not agreeable with assigning title to inventions created by the bidder to the bidder, or

title to inventions being jointly owned, we would request language that protects Background IP. Would an exception be possible?

A- CRC has alternate clauses, and is usually successful in negotiating alternate clauses with universities and other institutions. Contract negotiation may delay start dates.

Q- Inventions resulting from the performance of work being the sole property of CRC indicates bidder would be restricted from publishing freely. Our University Policy Manual prohibits us from agreeing to publication restrictions. Could this section include language that specifies the successful bidder can use ‘Inventions’ for research and educational purposes?

A- Ibid