

DEA A&E Contract: Stormwater Regulatory Response, Permit/Other *

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Full list of Prospective Consultants'/Subconsultants' Questions from Chat and Notes with full answers. The answers improve upon interim answers provided in the meeting.

*Replacement A&E Contract for Assistance with Regulatory Enforcement situations from Permit violations and noncompliance to local enforcement actions

Question 1A. Is this solicitation anticipated to be state-wide?

Answer 1A. This solicitation is for responding to stormwater permit violations and to other regulatory enforcement actions statewide across all local districts.

Question 1B. If not, are there districts or counties anticipated for on-site services needed?

Answer 1B. See response to 1A above.

Question 1C. (Later clarifying comment on 1B.) Understood, there is potential to mobilize to sites in all districts.

Answer 1C. As per the contract provisions, Consultant employee's headquarters and/or primary residence as defined in Caltrans Travel Guide shall be identified in Task Order for travel purposes or for the purpose of determining appropriate travel reimbursement. Consultant shall make every effort to choose the most cost-effective alternatives while performing the work under this Agreement.

Question 2. What is the minimum percentage that the Prime Consultant must perform?

Answer 2. Caltrans A&E consultant selection relies on a Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process utilizing the SF-330 resume form, where competence and qualifications are evaluated rather than price. Consequently, based on individual Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) submitted, the evaluation criteria heavily weigh the specific resumes and available hours of the prime consultant's in-house staff over those of subconsultants. As such, the Prime Consultant must maintain active leadership over the project and execute the majority of the core technical work using their own in-house personnel. While subconsultants provide valuable, specialized support, the Prime's organization must perform the leading share of primary design and management tasks. Furthermore, to maintain cost compliance with state and federal regulations, the prime consultant cannot apply its profit markup or indirect cost rates to services or direct costs provided by a subconsultant or vendor.

