

## D5 Design Services Contract Outreach

June 10, 2026

### Questions & Answers

**Question 1:** Will there be public hearing support for Outreach services?

*Answer:* Caltrans will be putting continued priority on engagement with local stakeholders. The Consultant will assist Caltrans contracted A&E Environmental Consultant, or Caltrans Environmental Planning functional unit who serves as the lead, in coordination with the Caltrans Task Order Manager and other Caltrans PDT members.

**Question 2:** Does Caltrans use their own contractors for potholing? Field Work?

*Answer:* Subsurface Utility Location services is excluded from this contract. Caltrans District Right of Way Utilities and Utility Engineering Workgroup (UEW) will facilitate potholing on projects. Caltrans has a separate service contract with a positive location contractor for the actual potholing. Consultant shall coordinate with Caltrans District Division of Right of Way for request for Pothole (Pos Loc) for high-risk utilities including Pothole Plan. Consultant will coordinate survey request for field staking from Caltrans District Surveys for the completed potholing.

**Question 3:** Is the pavement condition assessment part of the scope?

*Answer:* Yes, the consultant team would need to perform any relevant field work to assess pavement conditions on applicable projects. Caltrans District Materials will provide any needed technical studies or recommendations such as the structural section or pavement rehabilitation strategy. Caltrans District Geotech will provide any required geotechnical studies or recommendations. Assessment of dig-out locations would also fall under the consultant team's responsibility.

**Question 4:** If there are any questions on scope, where would be the proper place to reach out?

*Answer:* Direct any questions regarding this or other contract procurements to [AE.Customer.Service@dot.ca.gov](mailto:AE.Customer.Service@dot.ca.gov).

**Question 5:** Will the employee retention plan be a requirement for Prime and Sub consultants?

*Answer:* Maintaining a stable workforce is essential to the successful completion of Caltrans work. The Consultant and subconsultant shall implement the personnel retention plan strategy submitted with its Statement of Qualification for this Agreement (“SOQ”). The Consultant team shall be prepared to provide additional personnel, as necessary, during the period performance of this Agreement to accommodate the work.

**Question 6:** What is the current range for the budget on the project?

*Answer:* The tentative estimated range of this contract is \$9 - \$14 Million, please check the look-ahead report for any updates to estimated costs and schedule. Please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/procurement-and-contracts/ae-contract-information>

**Question 7:** Will there be a list of potential projects with the RFQ?

*Answer:* Yes, a list of proposed Caltrans District 5 projects for delivery will be included with the RFQ.