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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS SPR' 2026 Question and Response

General Submission

Q1: Can you provide guidance on what F&A rates are applicable for out-of-state submissions?

A1: Out-of-state universities proposing to the State of California must adhere to the UCOP-approved rate for their proposals. Please refer to the [State of California | UCOP](https://www.ucop.edu/research-policy-analysis-coordination/policies-guidance/indirect-cost-recovery/state-of-california.html) for further guidance. <https://www.ucop.edu/research-policy-analysis-coordination/policies-guidance/indirect-cost-recovery/state-of-california.html>

Task 4961: Operational and Safety Analysis Tool for Various TSMO Active Traffic Management Strategies

Q1: (1) Will Caltrans provide assistance in accessing any data and project information not publicly available that may be needed to develop the tool? (2) Is the tool expected to be developed in Microsoft Excel? (3) Will the training be conducted in person or remotely?

A1: (1) We will try to accommodate requests for data which is available and non-published within Caltrans to support tool development. (2) The developed tool is expected to be intuitive and flexible to use, provide clear user instructions, and generate reliable outputs. The tool is not limited to Microsoft Excel. (3) The statewide training workshop is planned to be online for all districts.

Task 5019: Evaluation of Orange Pavement Marking for Work Zones

Q1: In relation to the previously completed Task 3836. Is Caltrans primarily seeking: (1) validation and expansion of the previous findings under additional conditions, or (2) new methodological approaches (e.g., more controlled or human-centered evaluations) to address remaining uncertainties related to FHWA interim approval. Any clarification on how this effort is expected to build upon Task 3836 would be very helpful in aligning the proposal with Caltrans' priorities.



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A1: Caltrans is seeking validation and expansion of the previous findings under additional conditions. Caltrans will not need to repeat all of the original parameters for testing purposes. Caltrans will need to use new locations for the additional studies.