

NJDOT Pavement Support Program – Request for Proposal # 2020 – 05

Questions and Answers from prospective bidders

The following questions were asked by the prospective bidders, along with the answers provided by the NJDOT to these questions:

Question # 01:

I would like to form a team with other universities to work on NJDOT proposal solicitation, posting number 2020-05, advertised on your website. I am reaching out to you to check if you are open and receptive to proposals from other states and it is not limited to certain neighboring states.

Answer #01:

As the Request for Proposal is posted on NJDOT website without any limitations mentioned, it is open to any and all bidders including from other states.

However, it should be noted that the scope and nature of work under the subject RFP requires field testing and evaluation, material testing, equipment verification on test sites, and access to software and data housed at the NJDOT facilities. It is anticipated that frequent visits to NJDOT facilities as well as various test sites, plants, laboratories, construction sites throughout the state of New Jersey may be necessary in addition to a need to station a few staff members at NJDOT facilities.

A prudent business decision has to be made by each potential bidder after evaluating the conditions described above.

Question # 02:

We are reviewing the RFP with regards to the basis agreement.

Our negotiator is trying to review and can't find a contract to review from any of the links provided or on their website? The RFP Instructions reflect that our requested changes must be submitted with the proposal.

Thank you in advance for any information.

Answer # 02:

The answer to first part of this question related to Basic Agreement is:

Kindly refer to page 3 of the subject RFP, and clause 1-3. Type of Contract, which states that "The selected university/institute of higher education will be required to enter into a

Basic Agreement (contract) with the Department, if it does not already exist. An absence of such a Basic Agreement at the time of awarding the contract will not disqualify the university, but it may cause a delay in executing a work task order which will follow only after a Basic Agreement is executed.”

The second part of the question is not clear, and you are requested to re-write and re-submit it with clear details and with any attachments, screen shots, links etc. to explain your question.

Question # 03

This question comprises of several sub-questions; they are printed below with the answers:

Q - I have several questions regarding the RFP 2020-05 posted Aug 25.

Q - I am faculty at XXXXXX school which is under consortium with XXXXX. So, am I eligible to submit a proposal to this RFP

Q - If I am eligible, who will submit the proposal to NJDOT- PI or XXXXX

Answer:

Please refer to Supplemental Guidelines, Cl. 1-1.

An Institute of Higher Education (IHE or University) is to submit a proposal for NJDOT's consideration. Such an institute is expected to have necessary resources or an access to necessary resources to deliver the scope of work as outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

An individual IHE, a joint venture, or a consortium of IHEs will be considered eligible to submit a proposal.

Q - The funding is for 60 months. What is the maximum amount PI can put in a single proposal?

Answer:

The amount should be estimated to be sufficient to deliver the scope of work items as listed in the RFP; the stated estimate of \$3.5M per year in the RFP is only a guideline.

Q - In addition, is there any cut off value of yearly budget

Answer:

It would be decided on an year-to-year basis, but the guideline of \$3.5M per year stated in the RFP is a general indicator.

Q - Traffic control cost, drilling cost - will it be covered by NJDOT's in-house capability or PI also need to consider budget for it

Answer:

It will be covered by the IHE or University, and the proposal will be all-inclusive.

Kindly refer to Research Proposal Guidelines, Cl. 7. Agency Assistance (NJDOT or other); any specialized help or input shall be included, listed, and clearly demonstrated in the proposal.

Question # 04:

To whom it may concern:

Please provide me a copy of our basic agreement for our Office of Sponsored Programs to review before submission.

Answer # 04:

A copy of blank Basic Agreement can be found in a separate attachment.
