Request for Expressions of Interest #2018-04
Questions and Answers (Round One)
‘Development of Federally-Required Travel/Traffic -Demand Monitoring Tools for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)’
Contract #C037713
September 13, 2018

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) releases the following Round One and Round Two Answers to Questions regarding the subject RFEI:

ROUND ONE:

1. Regarding the requirement to ‘Attend an in-person interview in NYSDOT’s offices to demonstrate all of the above requirements’, does this mean the in-person interview will have to take place prior to Sept. 20th, or sometime in the weeks before or after Nov 1st?

   ANSWER: The in-person interview and demonstration is to be scheduled after Sept 20th and prior to Nov 1st.

2. Is it 20 cents per capita per year? Or is it 20 cents per capita for two years?

   ANSWER: 20 cents per capita per year (after user acceptance). The initial 20 cents per capita is for system design/acceptance; the annual 20 cents is for recalibration and quarterly data updates.

3. Can you confirm the geographic boundary of the service territory/region that NYSDOT requires for analysis? Is it limited to the NYMTC model area that includes the NYBPM of 28 counties in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Or does it include additional area outside the NYMTC region?

   ANSWER: At minimum, the respondents should consider the existing MPO planning boundary which incorporate portions of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, but should not be limited to the parameters of the NY Best Practices Model (NYBPM). When developing submissions, respondents should demonstrate sufficient knowledge of all requisites detailed in RFEI #2018-04 and NYMTC’s planning needs.

4. The RFEI states that all NYMTC member agencies should be provided access. Can you provide the names of each of these agencies that are included as member agencies?

   ANSWER: The members of NYMTC include the following: counties of Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester; New York State Department of Transportation; New York City Department of Transportation; New York City Department of Planning; the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; New Jersey Transit; North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority; New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation; Federal Highway Administration New York Division; Federal Transit Administration, Region 2; US Environmental Protection Agency.

5. As part of the RFEI item seven requires the vendor to “update and calibrate the model.” Is this an existing model (i.e., is the expectation that the NYMTC Best Practices Model will be used to support the modeling/forecasting that is anticipated under the RFEI)?

ANSWER: It is a new model detailed in RFEI #2018-04, to be developed and maintained by the selected vendor.

6. Will there be a Request for Proposals process following the interviews or will the Department award a contract based solely on the RFEI response and interview(s) that will be conducted?

ANSWER: Depending upon responsive replies, RFEI #2018-04 intends to result in a contract.

7. Has NYMTC already purchased and will it make available some of the third-party data that would be used by the successful bidder? If so, which data and will it be made available to the successful bidder?

ANSWER: Please refer to RFEI #2018-04. The successful respondent will be responsible for developing and maintaining the new model. Data will be identified; verified; maintained and updated regularly (every quarter) by the successful vendor. Data sources may include both publicly available and proprietary data sets. Respondents will be responsible for proposing.

8. Are the costs per capita listed in the RFEI limited to Manhattan population or the entire regional population (12.4 million)?

ANSWER: The cost per capita is limited to the size of the geographic area to which the model will provide analysis. Respondents are responsible for ensuring that they appropriately identify and incorporate the planning boundaries, which may transcend state boundaries, into per-capita estimates.

9. Are you looking for an off-the-shelf solution for data sharing or is that subject to a custom build tailored to user requirements and needs?

ANSWER: The respondent is responsible for identifying – or developing as appropriate – the proposed data-sharing solution.

END OF ROUND ONE QUESTIONS

Please submit any questions regarding this RFEI to alfred.hasenkopf@dot.ny.gov. RFEI #2018-04 responses are due by COB September 20, 2018. Electronically submit your RFEI response to: alfred.hasenkopf@dot.ny.gov. NYSDOT reserves the right to ask clarification questions of any RFEI respondents. Thank you.

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