RFP – Development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) for the 2026 Madera County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Addendum #1 Response to Questions

1. What is the expected DBE utilization goal for this contract?

There is no specific goal for this project as no federal funds will be used. It is MCTC's policy to use DBEs on all projects to the extent possible.

2. If the DBE utilization goal is met, is a good faith effort still required?

See answer to question #1. If DBEs are being utilized, no GFE is required.

3. Can digital publication be utilized in place of paper publications to fulfill the GFE requirement?

Yes.

4. How many publication (digital or paper) are required for the GFE?

Follow Caltrans Guidelines.

5. Can email be utilized in lieu of phone calls and hard mail DBE subconsultant solicitation methods?

Follow Caltrans Guidelines.

6. How many DBE assistance agencies need to be outreached to in order to satisfy the GFE?

Follow Caltrans Guidelines.

7. Is there a preferred qualified list of DBE consultants available?

There is no list. We refer you to the DBE Database.

8. Is the consultant allowed to include resumes in an appendix?

Yes, as needed.

9. Are subcontractors required to provide 1 or 3 references? There is conflicting information in the "References" and "Subcontracts" section.

We apologize for the confusion. At least one reference is required.

10. How should the information requested in "Subcontracting" and "Subcontracts" differ?

If subcontractors are used, prospective consultants shall submit a description of each person and/or firm, the work to be done by each subcontractor, and the proposed budget for each person and/or firm.

11. Is the consultant expected to develop the SCS scenarios? If it is, under which task?

SCS Scenario development will be a collaborative effort between MCTC staff and the consultant involving several tasks. The outreach plan should propose engagement activities able to generate feedback to help establish goals and provide direction for various SCS scenarios (Task 2 and 4). MCTC staff and the consultant should work with the SCS Oversight Committee to consider engagement feedback as it pertains to potential SCS scenarios contents development (Task 3). The consultant will assist in defining SCS scenario contents based on these activities and further refine as needed with MCTC staff when establishing performance measures and GHG and VMT reduction strategies (Task 6 and 8). SCS scenarios parameters must be established before land use and transportation modeling and analysis occur.

12. Is the scope of work supposed to go under the Understanding of Project?

Yes.

13. Are the RTP/SCS projects from the MCTC Project Prioritization Study?

MCTC staff will issue a call for projects to implementing agencies in 2025 for the 2026 RTP/SCS. The tools developed as part of the MCTC Project Prioritization Study will be utilized to establish the fiscally constrained and unconstrained projects in the 2026 RTP/SCS.

14. The overall page allocation is 44, plus two pages per subconsultant. Will the client allow the consultant to allocate pages at our discretion as opposed to the listed section page limit in the RFP.

Yes.

15. Do tertiary level subconsultants contribute to the DBE goal. If so, how is it calculated?

See answer to question #1.