

**Request for Proposals
Engineering Services to Support the Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI)
Hydrologic & Hydraulic Assessment**

Questions and Responses

Question #1: Can an updated DBE listing be provided?

Response: NCTCOG ran an updated DBE list and posted that on the website.

Question #2: Is there a total page limit for the proposal?

Response: Proposals should be printed double-sided and include a footer containing consultant firm name, page number, and total pages in the proposal (e.g., Planning Firm - 1 of 20). Minimum font size should be 11 points. The proposal response is limited to a total of 17 double-sided pages (total of 34 pages), not including the cover letters, cover pages, and compliance documentation forms. Any supplemental materials such as resumes, project sheets, and/or brochures are limited to five (5) double-sided pages (total of 10 pages) of the total proposal page count.

Question #3: Will there be a need for geotechnical engineering services within the scope of the project?

Response: Respondents are encouraged to propose the technical expertise and services needed to accomplish the scope of work as outlined in the Request for Proposals.

Question #4: Will the terms and conditions of the awarded contract will be negotiated with the awarded Firm?

Response: NCTCOG will discuss specific proposed contract revisions with the selected firm. Proposers may include exceptions to the contract language in their proposal response.

Question #5: In terms of operations & management and the emergency management component, is there an expectation there is a current/recent event?

Response: No. There is a need for a calibration phase that will establish a baseline. One of the components of the 2015 flooding was a storm that really didn't move, and then it moved along the watershed. This caused some flooding in terms of how it hit the area. The USACE and UTA have done some work on storm shifting and how it impacts the area, but the study will not include a tabletop exercise for emergency managers.

Question #6: Are there certain elements of the process that you see as riskier?

Response: Drainage analysis and H&H, in general, is risky. The tool needs to be sophisticated and robust with data, with the ability to replicate being paramount. We need the ability to visualize the data and communicate this information in ways that stakeholders can understand to mitigate risk as communities utilize the tool.

Question #7: Who will be on the Consultant Selection Committee?

Response: We are unable to reveal those names. There will be some NCTCOG staff and local government staff, all public sector employees.

Question #8: Is the DBE list that has been provided all encompassing, are proposers restricted to firms on the DBE list?

Response: The list is any firm that is currently registered in NCTCOG's vendor database as a DBE. If firms are looking for other vendors not on the list, please visit the Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP) at [Diversity Management System - Texas Department of Transportation \(txdotcms.com\)](https://www.txdotcms.com/diversity-management-system) to review DBE certified firms in the State of Texas.

Question #9: Are proposers required to submit DBE documentation?

Response: NCTCOG will check through the database to review anyone provided in the proposal as a DBE.

Question #10: Is it possible to share the scope of services that the Corps of Engineers and UTA are working from?

Response: Partners include the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), Texas A&M AgriLife, and University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). The scope is publicly available at www.nctcog.org/tsi.

Question #11: Is work complete on the Bridgeport pilot and are there any findings that are shared?

Response: The work is generally complete but is not yet in a format that allows sharing at this time.

Question #12: Do you anticipate any tasks that will include stakeholder meetings?

Response: Proposers should provide what the expectation is in terms of the number of meetings in which they will participate. The number of meetings can be included in the negotiations of scope and budget. However, the number of meetings provided will not be considered in the evaluation criteria of the proposal.