

**Reissuance of Request for Proposals
Platform Available to Measure the Performance of the Traffic Signals in the
Dallas-Fort Worth Region
Questions and Responses**

Questions Received in Advance of the Pre-Proposal Conference

Question #1: The RFP states that the expected contract was stated to be “a contract award of \$7,500,000 over a six-year term.”

The Executive Board Meeting minutes for June 2023 state that “The initial phase of the project will be funded with remaining FY2021 funding, \$1,287,000 (\$1,029,600 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program/\$257,400 State match in lieu of a local match), and approximately \$2,895,750 (\$2,316,600 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program in FY2023 utilizing \$579,150 State match in lieu of a local match). **Subsequent funding agreements between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be executed to fulfill the total contract amount. Additional funding for the optional renewals will be sought** from the Regional Transportation Council.”

Can you clarify that the \$7,500,000 budget originally described is for the first three years of the six-year potential contract (i.e. \$2,500,000 per year, and not \$1,250,000 per year) and the final three years refer to the optional renewals that require a separate, additional budget

Response: There is no anticipated budget in this RFP.

Question #2: Three companies bid for the previous RFP, and all three were utilizing Wejo as their primary data source/supplier. Since the RFP submission and subsequent initial award, Wejo went into administration and ceased as a supplier to the market. Currently Wejo is no longer active as a data provider and their future is still highly uncertain.

- What will be the treatment for companies using, or expecting to use Wejo data?

Response: We will select a consulting firm based on its ability to fulfill the requirements outlined in this RFP. All submitting firms, regardless of their data source, will be evaluated equally if their chosen data source can effectively support the intended scope of work. Additionally, within the RFP, we have stipulated that the selected consultant must provide a report validating the performance measures derived from their chosen platform. In cases where the platform relies on third-party licensed data, the consultant is required to identify these data sources.

- Will scoring be reduced for parties that do not have a currently active data supplier?

Response: No, scores will be based on the firm's ability to fulfill the functional requirements established in the RFP.

- How will NCTCOG be verifying whether bidders have an active data supplier for the necessary data as opposed to simply expecting to have a data supplier, or using data from a past supplier?

Response: The firm is required to identify the data source(s) used as well as provide a sample data set from the data source identified. NCTCOG will utilize this information to verify the data source.

- Data is critical to this project. How will the quality of data suppliers be evaluated within this proposal?

Response: The quality of data suppliers will be evaluated based on several criteria outlined in the RFP. This may include factors such as the reliability of the data source, the accuracy and completeness of the data provided, the supplier's track record, and any additional measures or validations they have in place to ensure data quality. These evaluations will be a critical part of the selection process to ensure that the chosen supplier can meet the project's data requirements effectively.

Question #3: What information will be required, at a minimum, for a data validation report?

Response: A data validation report should, at a minimum, include data source details, validation methods, quality metrics and results, and corrective actions taken. Additionally, NCTCOG has requested a one-week sample dataset for the Northwest Highway corridor, covering 13 traffic signals from Inwood Road to Shady Brook Lane. This sample data will aid in assessing data quality.

Question #4: Will data validation reports which use now defunct datasets be invalidated?

Response: The data validation reports will be determined based on the sample datasets submitted for this RFP. The data provided will be assessed according to the criteria outlined in this RFP.

Question #5: The RFP includes Phase 2 and 3 of the project and they are also explicitly stated within the scope of the deliverables for this contract "The Traffic Signal Performance Measures Platform for Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 and supporting documentation comprise the deliverables".

However we were also informed by NCTCOG separately that "the RFP included information about future phases to guide firms in understanding NCTCOG's future requirements, and any procured platform should be scalable to accommodate such functionalities." Potentially implying that whilst Phase 2 and 3 are key deliverables, there aren't any meaningful requirements associated with them - which is unusual for such a high value project.

- Are Phases 2 and 3 an expected deliverable within the 3-year term and budget of the contract?

Response: Yes, it is expected that Phase 2 and 3 will be deliverable within the 3-year term and budget of the contract. The RFP provides a framework that outlines the vision for Phase 2 and Phase 3.

- How does meeting Phase 2 and 3 requirements factor into the scoring criteria - are they there only for guidance, or is credit actually given for being able to fulfill Phases 2 and 3 requirements today?

Response: All phases will be evaluated the same.

Question #6: Are any consulting or technical firms precluded from being part of a proposing team for either of the following reasons:

- Because they are part of the evaluation and selection process of the vendor/team to be selected through this procurement?

Response: No, NCTCOG is not utilizing any vendors or consultants to assist in the evaluation of proposals received.

- Because they could potentially become a user of the selected system for project delivery through existing contracts that they have with the agency?

Response: Existing NCTCOG contractors that could become a user of the selected system are precluded from proposing.

Questions #7: Please confirm that the winner of the RFP will have the opportunity to negotiate the Sample Contract.

Response: Proposers that have suggested modifications to NCTCOG's sample contract should indicate such in their proposal. NCTCOG prefers to use their standard contract but is open to other contracting instruments.

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Question #8: Phase 2 and Phase 3 are listed as deliverable but there are no material requirements. What are the expectations for Phase 2 and Phase 3?

Response: Phase 2 and Phase 3 should be addressed in response to the RFP. Phase 2 should focus on the proposed platform's ability to enhance its functionality using external data. Phase 3 should address the platform's capability to intake data from the traffic signals. While this aligns with NCTCOG's current vision, it's important to note that advancements may occur, and we do not want to limit our flexibility.

Question #9: In regard to Phase 3, will the vendor be required to deploy ATSPM?

Response: NCTCOG is not asking vendors to deploy the system or the equipment through this RFP. We are asking vendors to provide a platform that can accept ATSPM data in the future.

Question #10: With a six-month implementation period, is NCTCOG expecting that the required solution be an existing commercially available off-the-shelf solution?

Response: NCTCOG is not specifying a solution. Any solution that can be developed in 6 months and meets requirements is acceptable. If vendors can utilize a commercially available off the shelf solution that meets requirements, that would be acceptable to NCTCOG.

Question #11: There is a lot of uncertainty around data supply chain in industry, how does that impact data validation?

Response: NCTCOG is silent on the data source being proposed with whatever platform is provided. All submitting firms, regardless of their data source, will be evaluated equally if their chosen data source can effectively support the intended scope of work. See more details from Question 2 response.