

## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) RFQ TOD16-01**

Questions from Pre-submission meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Q. How much in-depth will the environmental assessment need to be for this study?

A. The study should identify potential environmental impacts; however, these should be evaluated for conducting fatal flaw screening for any alternatives being considered. We do not anticipate a detailed environmental evaluation.

Q. Can the deadline be postponed?

The deadline for SOQ will not be postponed.

Q. Has the City looked at METRO's intermodal plans at Burnet Transit Center.

A. Yes, the City has reviewed this previously as a part of METRO's intermodal analysis.

Q. Are there federal funds in the project?

A. No, this project is funded completely by the City of Houston.

Q. MWBE - COH Certification requirement?

A. The selected team will need to submit M/WBE certificates.

Q. Size of the anticipated project size in terms of fee?

A. The project has adequate funding to cover the preferred proposal to be selected by the City. Based on the general scope identified in the RFQ the project may be in the range of \$250,000 with additional funding for Task Orders as needed for further evaluation.

Q. Has TCR developed a ridership demand model?

A. The City does not have a copy of TCR's ridership demand model. Coordination with TCR will be a part of the study.

Q. What does financing imply in the RFQ?

A. Financing means developing the cost benefit analysis for alternatives and understanding the potential cost associated with the preferred alternative for implementation. Options for funding sources could be identified; however detailed assessment is not required within the proposed scope.

Q. Has H-GAC looked this analysis in prior studies?

A. Past H-GAC and Gulf Coast Rail District studies are available on their respective websites. Alternative corridors have been evaluated in the past for Commuter Rail feasibility.

Q. Is there funding to implement this project?

A. No. Purpose of the study is to understand potential options and its impact, for the City to consider next steps.

Q. Clarify 11 point font request.

A. The 11 point font is for the proposal text. This does not apply to graphics. Graphics can be printed in 11x17 format if needed.

Q. What is the period of performance for the contract?

A. We expect the final report to be completed in 8 months.

Q. Does the prime need to carry professional liability (E&O) insurance?

A. Yes.

Q. Do subs need to carry professional liability (E&O) insurance?

A. No.