

ADDENDUM No. 1
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR
PREPARATION OF MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

Below are responses to questions from prospective proposers that provide information not included in the RFP or previously disclosed in public documents. The substitutions, alterations, changes, clarifications, additions and/or deletions resulting from these responses are made a part of the Request for Proposal and all proposals shall conform with all applicable specifications and details contained herein:

Question 1: Will we be precluded from competing for work preparing environmental studies or PS&E on Measure A projects if we are selected as the Strategic Plan consultant?

Response: No. There will be a separate consultant selection process(es) for project development work, administered by project sponsors, and being selected as the firm that prepares the Strategic Plan will not preclude a firm from competing for that work.

Question 2: Will we be precluded from competing to be the Measure A program manager if we are selected as the Strategic Plan consultant?

Response: No. If a recommendation for an outside program manager is approved by the SBCAG board, there will be a separate consultant selection process for that work and the firm that prepares the Strategic Plan will be eligible to compete for that work.

Question 3: Will there be a conflict of interest if the prime firm or sub-consultants are currently under contract to a local jurisdiction where a Measure A project is located?

Response: Maybe, depending on the type of project and role of the firm on the team.

If, while working for SBCAG on the Strategic Plan, the firm or sub-consultant is under contract or enters into a contract with the local agency to work on a project in the Measure A investment plan, including highway projects, circulation improvements, and passenger\commuter rail, that could create a conflict of interest. The firm could be conflicted when it comes to recommending to SBCAG which year to schedule the project in the Strategic Plan. For example, an early year could benefit the firm but not the Measure A program, and vice versa. SBCAG would like to avoid these real or perceived conflicts. So firms working on project in these programs would not be eligible proposers unless their role in the proposal is restricted to being a sub-consultant serving as a technical resource preparing cost estimates, compiling traffic data, safety information, etc. In that capacity, they would not be making recommendations on how to prioritize projects, only providing information to the prime firm making a recommendation.

A firm under contract to a local agency to work on a project that could be funded through a Measure A competitive grant program, such as bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes projects, or potentially funded by the Local Street & Transportation Improvement program, is an eligible proposer. Developing rules to administer these grant programs are not a part of the Strategic Plan scope of work. Therefore funding for the project would not be based on a recommendation of the Strategic Plan consultant; a competitive public process would be undertaken to select projects for funding after the Strategic Plan is completed.

The RFP requires proposals to include a statement of impartiality declaring that project team members are not currently, and will not during the performance of services, participate in any other similar work involving a third party with interests in conflict or likely to be in conflict with SBCAG's interests. Firms should err on the side of transparency and disclose contracts with local agencies, Caltrans, transit agencies, or other agencies with an interest or stake in Measure A and provide an explanation of the services being rendered and why they do not create a conflict.

SBCAG retains the sole discretion to determine whether a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest exists and whether such conflict precludes a firm from being eligible to provide Measure A strategic planning services.

Question 4: Are covers, dividers, tables of contents included in the 40 page count?

Response: Yes. Page 5, Section 6.0, Proposal Requirements, states that covers and dividers are included in the page count. We are also counting tables of contents in the 40 page limit.

Question 5: What assistance will SBCAG staff provide to the consultant project team in terms of developing an estimate of matching funds for the projects? In the Investment Plan Appendix A, you show matching funds you expect to receive so you must have an estimate.

Response: SBCAG staff prepared, for internal discussion, estimates of matching funds from state, federal and local sources expected to be received over 30 years. We will share the estimates with the winning consultant team and work with the team to update, refine and improve the estimates. The matching fund estimates are not "cash flowed" over 30 years, however. The estimates are 30 years lump sums per funding source.

Question 6: Are the costs estimates in the Investment Plan in current dollars? What cost escalation rate did you use in preparing the investment plan?

Response: The dollar amounts shown in the Investment Plan aren't necessarily cost estimates. They are the amount of funding allocated to the project or program by Measure A. The matching or leveraged funds assumed for projects in Appendix A of the Investment Plan, when added to the Measure A allocation, equals a cost estimate for those projects. The cost estimates are assumed to be in 2010 dollars for projects that are under development. For projects not under development, we used very rough estimating techniques which essentially consisted of a consensus of experts on the likely cost. For purposes of developing the Investment Plan, we assumed that the project cost escalation rate and the rate of growth in Measure A revenues would be equal over 30 years and cancel one another out.

Question 7: How will Measure A revenues be allocated to projects and programs in the North County and South Coast sub-region programs? Do they get the fixed dollar amount shown in the Investment Plan? A percentage of the revenues allocated to each sub-program?

Response: The winning team is going to have to make a recommendation on how revenues should be distributed and get the support of the staff and committees that have a role in advising the SBCAG board, and ultimately the SBCAG board.

Question 8: What role will the Citizens Oversight Committee play in developing the Strategic Plan?

Response: SBCAG staff envisions a limited role for the Committee of ensuring that the plan has been prepared consistent with the Measure A ordinance before it is adopted by the SBCAG board. We don't envision the Committee providing recommendations on policy issues such as which projects should be prioritized first in the plan. Those types of issues would submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee and North and South sub-regional committees for vetting and recommendation, before being approved by the SBCAG board.

Question 9: Does the scope of work include preparing the administrative guidelines for allocating funds through Measure A's competitive grant programs, such as Bicycle\Pedestrian and Safe Routes to School?

Response: No. Guidelines for competitive programs will be developed by SBCAG and will not be a part of the Strategic Plan scope of work.

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