

**RFP 19-009
MARKET ASSESSMENT AND TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY FOR VRE-MARC RUN THROUGH SERVICE
IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
Addendum #1**

Date 2/22/2019

PROPOSERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR THE SUBJECT RFP:

- A. Under section X. SUBMISSION DATE AND CONTACT, the submission deadline has been extended to no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, March 8, 2019. Please attach this addendum to the documents in your possession.
- B. This is a summary of answers to the questions received via email about RFP# 19-009

Questions and answers

- 1. Question: With regard to Section IV Scope of Work, Tasks 3.1 and 3.2, please confirm that, consistent with the identified project budget, MWCOG's expectation is for manual analytic techniques to be applied, and that no computer modeling, such as using the regional travel demand model, is anticipated.?

Answer: COG is seeking a Contractor to identify a commuter shed (Task 3.1) and the present and future volume of commuter travel (Task 3.2). These tasks are considered the primary focus of the study and the Contractor is expected to designate an appropriate emphasis in their proposed level of effort. The scope does not prescribe a methodology or require performing travel demand modeling or other computer-based simulation modeling as part of the analysis to support these tasks. The Contractor's proposal should summarize their proposed methodology along with data sources and tools that are anticipated to be used. The Contractor may apply creative and innovative analytical methods using standard computer-based tools such as GIS, statistical analysis software, databases, spreadsheets, etc. to analyze outputs of previous model runs, analyses, plans, and studies in combination with available regional data from public or commercial sources (including big data). The methodology should address the best way to identify existing and potential trips originating outside the COG model area and potential for increases in ridership if first mile/last mile connections were improved at specific stations.

- 2. With regard to Section XI Method of Proposal Evaluation and Selection, the RFP states that 15 of the 100 points available for scoring proposals are attributed to DBE participation, and 35% participation is needed to earn the maximum 15 points. As an SBE firm, I suggest that this approach could make it challenging for a non-DBE firm to manage the administrative effort and maintain profitability given the project budget. Would MWCOG consider assigning 15 points to proposals submitted by SBE (or DBE) firms as the prime, regardless of overall DBE participation?

Answer: Only DBE certification firms are eligible for DBE points as stipulated in the proposal. A DBE firm that submits a proposal as a prime automatically receives the maximum 15 points.

All other terms and conditions to RFP No. 19-009 remain the same.