



ADDENDUM 5
August 24, 2023

Questions/**Answers**

- 1) Has the USEPA awarded the grant to MWCOG or is it still pending? What amount has been awarded and what percentage of that is anticipated to be available for Phase I and Phase II project work?

Yes, COG is in receipt of the award notification from the funding agency. Funding allocations for consultant(s) will be determined based on project needs over the course of the multi-year planning effort.

- 2) Can you please clarify what is needed to be eligible for DBE status? Our firm is a registered Minority Supplier through the National Minority Supplier Development Council (see certificate below). Is this sufficient documentation to demonstrate DBE status?

As per the RFP "... (please note only DBE certifications will be accepted by COG for this purpose – MBE, SWaM and other certifications are not accepted)...." To reiterate, to qualify for DBE points the proposer MUST have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification. This is a specific certification not a general category. If the certification document does not have Disadvantaged Business Enterprise as it title is does not qualify.