



ADDENDUM 1
October 27, 2023

Questions/**Answers**

- 1) The RFP requires a Washington DBE certification , we are an NJ based buisness and we dont have DBE certification , but we are 8a certified business ? Do you accept this certification ?
 - a. The RFP does not require a Washington DBE certification.**
 - b. The RFP does not require any certification.**
 - c. The only accepted certification is a DBE certification.**

- 2) **ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM**
COG is replacing the DBE section as follows:

XI. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

- A. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (“DBE”) participation shall be a component of the Contractor selection process for this RFP. COG's DBE Policy may be viewed on its website:
<https://www.mwcog.org/documents/2022/05/27/dbe-plan-goals-submission-form/>

Responding firms shall submit with their proposals a DBE Participation Plan to meet this goal.

The plan shall identify any DBE (defined in 49 CFR Part 26) that shall be participating in the project. The plan shall include the name and address of the participating firm, a copy of the firm's current DBE Certification from any federal, state, or local government agency that certifies DBE ownership. Failure to provide DBE Certification documentation with the DBE Plan Form will result in no points awarded.

Please note - DBE is a specific certification and is the only certification that will be accepted by COG for this purpose. No other certifications qualify for points.

- B. COG, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000 d - 42 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, hereby

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notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered pursuant to this advertisement will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

- C. DBE Assurance – The Contractor or Subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of USDOT assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.
- D. A total of 15 possible points (out of a maximum of 100 points) may be awarded for DBE participation, as measured in dollars, either as the Contractor or "Subcontractor". In the event of a tie score between 2 or more proposals, the proposal with the largest percentage of DBE participation, as measured in dollars, will be awarded the contract. DBE points are to be awarded as follows:

Participation	Points
10% to 14%	3
15% to 19%	6
20% to 24%	9
25% to 34%	12
35% or more	15

Failure to have DBE participation does NOT disqualify a firm from being awarded a contract but can lower to odds of winning a contract.

All proposers must submit a DBE Plan form (Attachment D) even if they do not have any DBE dollars in their proposal.