

Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO)

Economic Development Report

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Questions:

Could you provide any clarification on the 'on call' nature of this proposal noted in the overview and again in Task 7.

What is the expected turnaround time for responses in the on-call role? Is the on call person expected to provide technical assistance. For example, a senior researcher?

Answer:

The "on-call" contract will be an extension of assistance to WAMPO with updates and ongoing evaluations on the economic impacts of transportation projects. The contractor will also give assistance to help with Economic Development Committee meetings, held quarterly. The expected turnaround time for responses in the on-call role varies (please see examples below). The consultant can decide on who their contact person will be to provide the assistance.

Examples of Potential On-Call Tasks:

1. There is a project identified in a certain quarter of a year, that needs to have its economic impacts analyzed.
2. There is a city/jurisdiction in the WAMPO area, that needs employment data - this on-call request would address such a need for specific data within the sub-areas of WAMPO.
3. Revision of forecasts based on new information available, such as major employer changes in the region.
4. Data summary request for a certain sub-area within the county. In other words, data that is already available, but formatting the data in a table for a geographic area of interest.

The turnaround time will vary, based on the project scope and request, some small requests e.g., "revised forecasts" may take a couple of weeks. Other projects may involve research, that may take a couple of months or so. Some may take more than 3 months or up to 6 months.

Question:

Would WAMPO be willing to extend the proposal deadline for the Economic Development Study RFP? It appears that the RFP was not picked up by government solicitation websites until this past Tuesday, October 25. Also, would WAMPO be willing to accept electronic proposals?

Answer:

The RFP has been extended to November 14th at 5:00 PM. WAMPO requests 1 digital copy and 5 paper proposals.



Question:

I was hoping you could clarify if there is a DBE goal for this project? The RFP says that consultants are encouraged to partner with a DBE, but it does not say what the % goal is.

Answer:

While there is no DBE goal on this project firms are still encouraged to work with DBE firms on their proposal.

