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YNP West Yellowstone Gateway Study

RFP FAQs

Q1. The RFP Scope of Work is broad and covers many study areas. Is the expectation that the final report will fully respond to each element listed in the RFP?

- A. It is not expected that the final report will include a comprehensive analysis of all the items listed in the RFP. The selected consultant's work plan should be developed in coordination with project partners and focus on transportation and economic development matters. The decision of how much time and action to give elements of the RFP should be made in consultation with project partners and related to how necessary they are to answer the research question and produce a recommendation.

Q2. The RFP identifies a regional area that extends south from Big Sky and east from Idaho. Is the expectation that the study will include all features within that geographical region?

- A. The expectation is that the study will recognize significant traffic and economic impacts from the Park, Idaho and Montana converging at the West Yellowstone gate but not include all the features.

Q3. The RFP mentions preapproved agendas, questions and data collection plans. Are these available for viewing?

- A. The selected contractor will, as part of their Plan, commit to preparing agendas, questions and data collection plan(s) for approval by the funding agency prior to utilization.

Q4. What is the estimated project budget?

- A. It is unlikely that a contract will exceed \$92,000.

Q5. Is there a firm project-completion date of 4th quarter 2019?

- A. The project is currently scheduled to complete in the 4th quarter 2019. While there is no certainty of success it is the intent to seek permission of the granting agencies to extend the project out to a date in 2020.

Q6. Will the RFP Scope of Work also be the language of the final contract?

- A. The response should embrace the key reporting elements of the RFP. The project contract will be based on the plan and language that is submitted by the successful applicant.

Q7. Is it expected that the applicant will engage a separate team to respond to the RFPs economic development-related items?

- A. The applicant does not need to have a separate team devoted to the economic development issues, but its plan should indicate examples of the information and data it plans to gather on the subject and also mention that in the final work contract deliverables related to economic development would be coordinated with NRMEDD and stakeholders.