

LTSS RFQ Small Business FAQ's

The purpose of these Frequently Asked Questions is to help smaller firms understand the requirements of the RFQ process and to learn how to participate on the Line, Track, Station and Systems Request for Qualifications.

1. How can I get a copy of the LTSS Interested Parties list?

For the LTSS Interested Parties list you should contact the BART District Secretary's Office, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, in person on the 23rd Floor at 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California 94612, or by mail at P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, California 94604-2688.

2. Is there a cost for getting a copy of the plans?

For the RFQ there is no cost. Contact the District Secretary's Office for a CD version of the document and/or limited number of hard copies in person on the 23rd Floor at 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California 94612, or by mail at P.O. Box 12688, Oakland, California 94604-2688. The RFQ is also available on the BART procurement website for viewing purposes only at <http://www.bart.gov/about/business/procurement/contractsout.aspx>.

3. How do I get more information about the Warm Springs Extension Project?

More information on the Project is available on our Project website at www.bart.gov/wsx.

4. What are the bonding requirements for the LTSS contract?

There is no bonding required at the RFQ stage. The RFP will contain language prohibiting the contractor and subcontractors from requesting performance and payment bonds from subcontractors on subcontracts less than \$500,000.

5. When was the pre-Submittal meeting held and where can I get a copy of the sign in sheet from the pre-Submittal meeting?

A pre-Submittal meeting was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612 in the 2nd Floor Kaiser Center Auditorium. The sign in sheet is posted on the BART website at www.bart.gov/wsx.

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6. How can I get a copy of the addenda to the RFQ via email?

You must obtain a copy of the RFQ from the BART District Secretary to be added to the Interested Parties list to get the addendum. Addendums will also be posted on the BART website at www.bart.gov/procurement.

7. Does BART recognize firms certified by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) for the MBE & WBE program?

Yes. Firms certified by the CUCP may be found at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/find_certified.htm.

8. Where can I find a list of the certified MBE and WBE companies?

A list of certified MBE and WBE companies can be found on the BART website at <http://www.bart.gov/about/business/ocr/>.

Additional MBE and WBE firms may also be found at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/bep/find_certified.htm.

9. What happens if I make a submittal and I don't acknowledge an addendum?

The submittal may be considered non-responsive.

10. After submittal I found that I omitted something or made a mistake? What can I do?

If any information provided by one of the Prospective Design-Build Entities (PDBE) becomes inaccurate, the PDBE must immediately notify the District and provide updated accurate information, identifying the location of the inaccurate representations and identifying the new representations being made. These corrections shall be made in writing, under penalty of perjury in the form of a declaration as described in Code of Civil Procedure Section 2015.5.

11. If I am a subcontractor, do I need to be prequalified as part of this prequalification process?

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The firms listed in Section 16.0, "Description of Prequalification Design-Build Organizational Structure" of the RFQ must be prequalified. However, if your firm is not one of the listed subcontractor firms that must be prequalified, then it is optional for the Design-Builder to prequalify your firm. If the Design-Builder decides not to prequalify your firm, then the Design-Builder must follow the procedures listed in Section 16.10, "Other Subcontractors" of the RFQ in order to add any subcontractor that was not prequalified.

12. How do I get prequalified?

It is the subcontractor's responsibility to contact the prime contractors to get prequalified. Contact information for the identified prime contractors can be obtained through BART's website at www.bart.gov/wsx.

13. Can I use one subconsultant that is certified as both MBE and WBE to meet the MBE and WBE availability percentages?

No, firms that are certified as both MBE and WBE can be used to satisfy one availability percentage, but not both.