



Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS (RFQ) #24-02
Architectural & Engineering Services for the Next Generation Transit
Facility Project

Addendum #1

Questions & Answers

1. Will the facility be required to be LEED Certified?

It is a goal to construct a modern NextGen Transit Facility that provides a pleasant environment in which to work, is visually appealing and has minimal maintenance and operating costs due to quality of construction and efficiency of the building. While LEED certification is the most widely used building rating system that provides a framework for healthy, highly efficient buildings, other equivalent building standards will be considered. If a proposer recommends an equivalent building standard in their proposal, the proposer must provide sufficient information to allow the Authority to easily make comparisons against other equivalent building standards. Proposer shall clearly explain why the recommended equivalent building standard will be beneficial to the Authority.

2. Are consultants that have previously worked on the project precluded from proposing?

No.

3. Are the environmental documents required to be submitted within the 150 days or is environmental clearance expected in 150 days?

The submittal of the environmental documents to the approving agencies must be completed within 150 days. The awarded proposer will pursue obtaining a categorical exclusion for environmental requirements from the FTA.

4. Can Envision certification be added to or in place of LEED certification?

See response to Question #1.

5. Is the facility planned to be a net zero energy building?

See response to question #1. Building efficiency and reduced utility costs are goals, but at this time net zero is not a goal unless there are incentives to do so that make it cost effective.



6. Will the space needs assessment in the Next Generation Transit Facility Section #2 Design Criteria (<https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/yuba-sutter-transit-s-next-generation-facility-project>) be revisited?

Yes, due to changes in future operations brought on by the completion of the NextGen Transit Plan (May 2023) (<https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/nextgen-transit-plan>) the type and size of vehicles used in daily operations is anticipated to change. Secondly, due to the pandemic the growth assumptions used to generate the needs assessment may be tempered as well. However, the space needs assessment provides a starting point for discussions and design parameters.

7. Will the Authority or client build the stakeholder list for outreach?

Yes, a stakeholder list can be provided.

8. Does the Authority aim to hold public outreach meetings and hearings in-person or virtually or hybrid?

The Authority is open to all options, but at least one public outreach meeting should be held in-person.

9. Section 5.1 states we must provide a complete copy of our Professional Liability policy including all forms and endorsements. This is not allowed by our corporate management team policy. We can make a copy available for viewing at our office upon request, and/or we can also provide a redacted copy of the declaration pages and relevant endorsements upon request. Would this be acceptable?

The Professional Liability policy is only required if the awarded consultant is lawfully exempt from workers' compensation laws. Proof of insurance will be required per the RFQ.

10. Section 4.8 states that twenty-one (21) days before its insurance policy's expiration, cancellation, termination, or non-renewal, Consultant shall deliver to Authority evidence of the required coverage as proof that Consultant's insurance policy has been renewed or replaced with another insurance policy which, during the duration of this Agreement, meets all of this Agreement's insurance requirements. We would request that this be changed to seven (7) days. This is because our insurer is typically unable to issue renewal certificates until the end of March, just prior to our April 1 renewal date. Would this be acceptable?

Yes, as long as there is not a lapse in insurance coverage.

11. Is the price proposal template (Attachment B) available in Excel format?

Yes, it is posted below the RFQ on the Yuba-Sutter Transit website.

12. Please provide a copy of the May 2021 NEPA Categorical Exclusion.

Link:

<https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/files/d890dda7a/FTA+NEPA+Determination+Letter+YSTA+Protective+ROW+Acquisition.pdf>



13. Please provide a copy of the May 2021 Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.

Link:

https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/files/51a228928/71112.00_Ph1+ESA_210511.Fe.pdf

14. Please provide a copy of the referenced documentation regarding Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle.

Link:

<https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/files/db5bb4ede/6035+Avondale+Avenue+Post+Fire+Biological+Evaluation+Report.pdf>

15. The RFP references Caltrans District 3 Local Assistance. Is FTA the NEPA Lead Agency, or is Caltrans? What is the Caltrans role, if any?

FTA is the regulatory agency and is the lead agency for NEPA. Caltrans is not anticipated to partake in a NEPA compliance role. However, CEQA documents will need to be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) per the guidance found here:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/environmental-management/ctc-submittal-guidance>.

16. If the project is being administered through Caltrans Local Assistance, has the Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) form been approved by Caltrans? Is a copy of the draft or signed PES form available?

The project is not being administered through Caltrans, so a PES form has not been completed or approved.

17. The reference documents listed in Appendix C includes a 2006 IS/MND. Was this completed for the current project? Is a copy available?

The 2006 IS/MND was done by Yuba County Planning Department for a Planned Unit Development (PUD 2005-0002), Tentative Subdivision Tract Map (TSTM 2005-0038) and it is available at the following link:

https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/files/c2d22232a/12.+STAFFREPORT+_IS-MND-060213.PDF

18. Please clarify whether a certificate of insurance is required as part of the proposal, or if it will only be required of the selected consultant.

Only the selected consultant will be required to submit the certificate of insurance.

19. Please confirm that Attachment D – Required Forms & Certifications are required only for the prime and are not required for subcontractors.

The forms and certifications outlined in Attachment D are designated for completion by prime contractors. It is the prime contractors' responsibility to integrate the requisite forms and certifications into their subcontractor agreements accordingly.