

Question 1: Do you have a complete proposal template which would show how you would like the proposal to look?

Answer: Not at this time. Our only limits are Font size 11 pts or greater and proposals of 12 pages or less.

Question 2: Are the budget and work schedule/calendar included in the 12-page limitation?

Answer: Only the proposal form and two required exhibits are not included in the 12 page limit. A budget is not to be provided in the proposal, other than assuring the proposal is designed to not exceed the budget limit. A work schedule or calendar is part of the proposal, and is included in the 12 page limit.

Question 3: Could you define "Concept of Operations"? (What elements are you including, how extensive, etc.)

Answer: A concept of operations can be thought of as a plan of development and operation for a strategy, program or policy that details and includes all relevant factors and variables and provides implementation and operation guides. In this case, a concept of operations would detail how a strategy, policy or program can be developed, implemented and operated. Refer to Tasks 4 and 5 for discussion regarding level of detail required.

Question 4: Is the study anticipated to address water use and balance between the segments of the river above Gavins Point Dam, below the dam to the Mississippi and the Mississippi south?

Answer: This effort is directed at re-establishing and expanding markets and commodities transported on the Missouri river. Refer to Objective 1 and task 4 for discussion regarding water management.

Question 5: How much emphasis is needed on the existing conditions, e.g. limited point to point barge movement of gravel along the river?

Answer: Please refer to Task 2 for a discussion regarding a baseline inventory of existing conditions.

Question 6: Confirm Aviation Freight analysis is not part of the study; just surface transport (road, rail, water)?

Answer: This effort is directed at re-establishing and expanding markets and commodities transported on the Missouri river and as such we do not anticipate freight aviation to play a significant role.

Question 7: What is the purpose in Task 2 of preparing “cost estimates” for baseline port inventory “improvements that are need to begin or advance operations at port facilities” infrastructure and intermodal connectors prior to generating output from the Project which would result in various “Concept of Operations”?

Answer: We expect a sketch planning level of initial assessment of private and public port infrastructure and costs needed for the ports to provide basic service that includes intermodal access and ability to load, unload or transload commodities. This initial, baseline information provides a starting point and can quickly be used to identify potential projects should funding become available.

Question 8: At what level of detail associated with the Task 2 “cost estimates” for baseline port inventory “improvements that are need to begin or advance operations at port facilities” infrastructure and intermodal connectors required.

Answer: Estimates should be sketch-planning level, or preliminary project scoping level.

Question 9: Is there a geographic boundary for the Project’s output, such as inclusion or exclusion of Missouri River ports beyond the State of Missouri, for those markets and facilities above Kansas City that will be reviewed?

Answer: All markets and commodities that could be reasonably organized and shipped on the Missouri river should be considered for this project. Port development analysis should predominately focus on ports within the state.

Question 10: Regarding the insurance requirements listed on page 6 of the Standard RFP Requirements, may the Contractor evidence umbrella coverage in order to meet the \$2,500,000 single occurrence limit for general liability and auto liability?

Answer: This may be taken into consideration with the selected proposal during contract negotiation.

Question 11: Please clarify whether this project will be invoiced as cost reimbursable or fixed price. If the project is cost reimbursable, what would happen in the event that MoDOT requires changes to the final report after the final invoice due date but before the contract ends? Would the Contractor have the ability to submit a revised final invoice, or could the due date for the final invoice be changed to a date after the contract end date?

Answer: The cost reimbursable final invoice can be revised up until the end date of the contract as long as it is within the project limit. If MoDOT requests additional scope, then this will be negotiated.

Question 12: Will MoDOT consider modifying the indemnification provision in Section 30 of the Standard Research Agreement such that the obligation to indemnify is triggered

by the proposer's negligence? In particular, would MoDOT consider modifying the language so that it reads, "The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, including its members and department employees, from any claim or liability whether based on a claim for damages to real or personal property or to a person for any matter to the extent relating to or arising out of the Contractor's negligent or wrongful performance of its obligations under this Agreement"?

Answer: This may be taken into consideration with the selected proposal during contract negotiation.

Question 13: If proposals are submitted electronically, is a hard copy submission also required?

Answer: No. A hard copy proposal is not required in addition to an electronic copy.

Question 14: If a hard copy of the proposal is submitted rather than an electronic version, does MoDOT require only one copy?

Answer: Electronic proposals are encouraged, but if submitting a hard copy, then only one copy is required. It should be suitable for duplication.