

ACPTP-2021-1

Mitigating Potential ASR Expansion in Airfield Concrete Pavements

The answer to this question is being reviewed by FAA acquisitions office. With the resolution pending, we will extend the deadline for this RFP to August 16, 2021. We will send out a revised RFP and revised instructions for proposals as soon as FAA completes their review.

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1. Question: Are letters of support for material suppliers allowed, do they count against the 25 page limit, and if allowed where are they required to be placed?

A: **Letters of support for material suppliers can be placed in the Appendix. The Appendix does not count against the 25 page limit.**

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3. Question: In the instructions document it states: “Capital equipment purchases are not allowable.” Could you provide any additional information about what constitutes ‘capital equipment?’ Is there a dollar limit or other requirements that could cause supplies etc to be classified as capital equipment (for example at my organization anything less than \$5k is not considered equipment, but a DOT project I am on classifies it as anything greater than \$1k).

A. **Anything greater than \$5,000 is considered a capital equipment purchase.**

4. Question: Is there any limitation that would prevent us from being named as a sub/consultant on more than one proposal? .

A. The ACPTP does not limit the participation of any entity to only one team. The principal investigator, however, may only submit one proposal, and may not be part of an additional team.

5. Question: Are there any criteria that ACPTP uses to distinguish between a subcontractor vs. consultant?

A. Iowa State University follows the stipulations of Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. §200)

Consultant/Vendor:

- Little or no independent decision-making is involved in the design and conduct of the research work being completed.
- The agreement only specifies the type of goods/services provided and the associated costs.
- The entity does not expect to be credited as co-authors on papers that emerge from the research.

Subcontractor

- Has responsibility for programmatic decision-making.
- Has responsibility for adherence to applicable federal program compliance responsibilities.
- The entity may be credited as authors/co-authors on papers that emerge from the research

6. Question: Facilities and equipment capabilities – the proposal instructions does not state anything about where it wants the facilities and equipment capabilities of the team described. Where would it like that done?

A. Section 5. Qualifications of the organizations.

7. Question: The proposal instructions gives a sample budget with effort by tasks, and then states on the next page to have an itemized budget prime made using the example spreadsheet attached. Are both tables required?

A. Yes both tables are required.

8. Question:References –where do they you want them placed and does it count against page limit?

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9. Question: Can companies that are bidding price out work by test as a flat rate per test instead of by labor to run the test?

A. Testing may be considered as a flat rate per test, for tests associated with a standard test rate from that laboratory. You could be required to show a testing rate sheet for the laboratory that is applied to all projects/testing being done through that laboratory.