

RFP 2017-11 Transit Service Plan

RFP Q&A's as of 5/8/17

Questions from Pre Proposal Conference Call

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Q. Will we be checking the mail by 1630 on Wednesday? Is that how you'll know if it arrives on time?

A. Yes

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Q. Problem statement; Wants to hear from us what our goals are? What are we looking for? Kind of the way we see this unfolding?

A. We have been operating the same way since 2000 and we want to see if it is the most efficient way to provider service.

Q. Elaborate on what we meant about the variety of reasons the majority of the implementation activities have not been realized. Can you provide a little more background on what you mean by a variety of reasons?

A. Funding is the biggest reason

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Q. Is this going to cover all of the Peninsula including Homer, Seward, and do you anticipate meetings there as well?

A. Good questions. Will have to get back to you.

Q. Public outreach meetings and number of presentation; But that probably ties back to whether you are including the other communities or not. Do you have any sense of that for number of meetings?

A. This is something we want the contractor to figure out – how many meetings you think are needed.

Q. Are you in a position to tell us how much you are able to spend? Because obviously that helps how much outreach can be afforded?

A. We have not received a final number from DOT, but around \$100,000.

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Q. Organization Chart: In relation to the partners that you've been working with and that are identified in the coordinated plan; could you make a comment about which partners are your strongest players? Which partners you have high hopes for in terms on continuing a role in the transportation deliver system that might be envisioned... Maybe that's part of the project to discover it?

A. Not sure who will be the most helpful or want to participate. Yes – that is something to be fleshed during the project.

Q. Do you have an estimate of what your funding may require? Are there limitations to the schedule?

A. Not that I am aware of.

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Questions Received via Email

Q. Is the copy of your 2010 plan on your website? It would be good to look at before going into the study.

A. It is a large document. I will put links to it on our website. In addition, the 2015 update can be found on DOT's site. I will add links by the end of the day.

Q. Aside from the Coordinated Plan, what public outreach regarding transportation needs within the CARTS service area?

A. Nothing official has been done by CARTS.

Q. Have any passenger surveys been conducted?

A. Nothing formal; we do collect comment cards.

Q. Is there interest in the conduct of passenger surveys and/or of broader community outreach within this study?

A. We want to see a creative approach and we expect community outreach as a part of the planning process.

Q. What is the consultant budget study?

A. Approximately \$100,000; however as stated in the phone call we are waiting to receive confirmation on the dollar amount from AKDOT&PF

Q. What is the anticipated start date for this project?

A. July

Q. What is the anticipated budget for this project?

A. Approximately \$100,00

Q. What is the likely funding source for this project?

A. FTA funds through AKDOT&PF

Q. Has project funding been secured?

A. Yes, however as stated in the phone call we are waiting to receive confirmation on the dollar amount from AKDOT&PF.

Q. If funding has not been secured, when will CARTS know whether funding will be available?

A. N/A

Q. Can CARTS please elaborate on why recommendations for previous projects have not been implemented?

A. The prior two plans that were written were Coordinated Plans.

Q. Given recommendations from the prior two studies were not implemented, what is CARTS' plan to ensure that recommendations from this study will be implemented?

A. The prior two written plans were Coordinated Plans. We are not seeking an update to the Coordinated Plan. We are seeking a Transit Service Plan for CARTS.

Q. Does the plan cover all of the Kenai Peninsula?

A. The plan will focus on the central and southern peninsula where CARTS is currently providing public transportation.

Q. Will meetings be held in Seward and/or Homer?

A. There will need to be community outreach in all areas CARTS serves.

Q. Are there advisory committees set up?

A. Not at this time.

Q. How much public outreach is anticipated?

A. We want to see a creative approach and we expect community outreach as a part of the planning process.

Q. Can CARTS make arrangements for committee and public meetings?

A. CARTS can assist but the majority of work will fall on the contractor.

Q. How many presentations of the plan area anticipated: Borough, cities, CARTS Board?

a. Once the project is complete CARTS will assume responsibility to distribute the plan, with assistance from the contractor if funding is available or contractor has included it in the budget.

Q. Do you have an approximated budget range?

A. Approximately \$100,000; however as stated in the phone call we are waiting to receive confirmation on the dollar amount from AKDOT&PF

Q. Will CARTS provide a list of firms that attended the pre-proposal conference call for this RFP? We are interested in possibly finding a partner and we believe this list would be helpful.

A. Unfortunately, there were some people on the call that did not identify themselves on the call so I cannot.