

Addendum No. 1

Date: October 5, 2022

To: All Proposers

From: Alexandra Arroyo, Procurement Specialist I

Subject: RFP20220907MCAG Consultant to Prepare an Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan

Proposers: This Addendum issued by MCAG supersedes the language in the RFP. Any part of the RFP not addressed in this Addendum remains unaffected, and the original RFP language stands.

Please note the change is shown in **red** and *italicized* text.

The following changes were made to the procurement contact and proposal submission:

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- Proposal Submission – *alexandra.arroyo@mcagov.org*

Questions and Responses

Please note that proposer questions are written verbatim and MCAG's responses are provided in **red** and *italicized* text.

1. Page 12 - Is the review of current EV charging infrastructure meant to establish a state of the industry or is this specific to EV infrastructure deployed (existing) in the target areas.

The review is to provide a baseline of what has already been deployed within Merced County. This baseline will provide the information to show where needs may or may not be met.

2. Page 13 - Does the Draft Final Report need to be accompanied by an Arc-GIS or other online dashboard?

Arc-GIS data layers would need to be included and are considered part of the "all project files" and "supporting technical data" deliverables. Other online dashboards are not required but would be welcome.

3. Page 13 - Does the Draft Final Report need to present a cost benefit analysis of each site? (Amount spent per charging station or amount spent per citizen, state/federal vs. local dollars, amount spent per avoided ton of CO₂e, etc.?)

Per Task 5, only a general cost estimate for charging set ups and in-ground infrastructure is needed. MCAG does not expect an in-depth cost-benefit analysis for every recommended site. These will be developed as projects are implemented.

4. General - Is there or will there be a weighting provided to benefits to air quality, vs. economic equality, vs. racial equality, vs total EVs on the road or other criteria?

For site selection criteria, weighted benefits have not yet been established. The factors will be developed collaboratively and discussed during project development.

5. General - Are we expecting to prepare recommendations for changes to local building code requirements or permitting requirements that may facilitate deployment and or successful deployment of EVCSs?

No, specific recommendations on a jurisdiction-to-jurisdiction basis are not expected. However, as the consultant is expected to do a review of existing initiatives, any discussion on readiness and planning would be incomplete without potential changes. In this case, MCAG expects more general recommendations, not necessarily specific building code changes for each local jurisdiction. MCAG would welcome sample ordinances, codes, and requirements to provide our jurisdictions options to implement.

6. Page 10: Task 2: Public Outreach says: "CONSULTANT shall also be responsible for generating and maintaining a project mailing list to keep all members of the public informed about the project's progress, upcoming outreach events, and other relevant details." Could you please clarify that this "project mailing list" is an email list, not a list of physical mailing addresses.

An email list would be appropriate to meet the needs of a project mailing list.

7. Page 10 says "meetings must have translation services available" – would bilingual outreach staff who are fluent in both Spanish and English be appropriate to serve most meeting needs or do you prefer having a separate translation service for all meetings? Would the consultant be responsible for providing this service for MCAG Committees and Governing Board meetings (Task 2.3) as well as public outreach meetings?

Bilingual Spanish and English staff would be appropriate for most meeting needs. The consultant would not be responsible for providing these services at MCAG Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Review Board, or Governing Board meetings.

8. Page 11 Task 2.2 Stakeholder interviews and outreach events –says "in conjunction with the field visits" – but the RFP does not mention field visits otherwise. Can you please clarify what field visits you mean? Also, do you have a minimum number of stakeholder interviews or outreach events that you expect to be conducted?

MCAG is requiring field visits for the Consultant to physically visit each of the jurisdictions to see potential sites in person. Stakeholder interviews should be done while visiting the jurisdictions for efficiency. Workshops and other public meetings, however, can and in some cases should be done virtually.