

**Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**RFP # 2019-1001**  
**Pavement Management Plan**

**Questions & Answers**

The RFP issued April 17, 2019 by the HPFL-MPO prescribed a timeline including that proposal inquiries/questions be presented by May 9, 2019. Below is a list of questions received, edited for presentation and clarity, along with responses. The publication of this document in the same place(s) where the full RFP is available will satisfy the prescribed "Responses in Writing to Questions" in the RFP.

- 1) Will out of state consultants be considered?
  - a) All complete proposals submitted in accordance with the specifications will be given full consideration. Out of state consultants are not excluded. Be aware that "availability of key personnel" is a factor of the evaluation, but geographic location of a firm does not necessarily equate to availability or unavailability of key personnel. It may be valuable for respondents to communicate in proposals exactly how key personnel will be made available for this project and what lead times may be required.
  
- 2) Is the PASER Rating scale required?
  - a) The PASER system is referenced in Task 1 of the RFP. However, the PASER scale is not absolutely required. Alternatively, proposals may include the use of other similar programs/scales. If other programs/scales are used, the proposal must communicate how the alternate scale would be an improvement over the use of PASER or demonstrate that it is effectively comparable.
  
- 3) What is the target budget for this project?
  - a) There is not a set budget for this project. Responses to the RFP will provide the MPO and each entity therein with the information needed for budgeting their own portions. It is expected that any mileage analyzed within the MPO Planning Area will be funded through the MPO with an 80% federal participation and 20% local match. Local match will have to be committed by the respective jurisdictions, and the RFP is written in a way to allow the two counties in the MPO the option to also have mileage outside of the MPO Planning area analyzed. These variables make it difficult to provide a target budget.
  
- 4) There is a large quantity of mileage referenced in the RFP; should the proposal present separate systems for each agency/member of the MPO?
  - a) Each member jurisdiction of the MPO has individual responsibility for the maintenance of non-state maintained roads in their respective jurisdictions. While the RFP does not require that the final product of this plan present separate systems, the nature of the end-users being unique governmental bodies would suggest that it would be beneficial if the final product results in individualized systems, plans, or plan segments applicable to each entity. Respondents may wish to communicate in proposals how (if capable) final products can be individualized or segmented in such a way while still supplying the deliverables as prescribed in the RFP.
  
- 5) Is there an error in the mileage calculation on page 7 of the RFP?
  - a) Yes, the total should have shown 1,548 centerline miles.
  
- 6) Is there a shapefile of the MPO Planning Area available?
  - a) Yes. Please contact Hema Gopalan at [hgopalan@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:hgopalan@hattiesburgms.com) or 601-545-6220 to request the shapefile. Please allow up to one business day for response.