

Q: Pages 7-8. I believe this is referring to the *City of Philadelphia's Minority, Women, Disabled Owned Business Support*, can you please confirm? We do not have certifications in the City of Philadelphia, but we are a certified DBE through the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP). Does this certification count? If so, how should we designate that on the "Solicitation For Participation And Commitment Form"?

We are the Prime, so we haven't "contacted" ourselves or given quotes to ourselves. Is it acceptable to put N/A in those sections?

If our certification with the PA UCP *doesn't* count, how would you like us to fill out the form if we have not contacted any companies (since it's not a requirement)? This is also important to know for our subcontractors, since they are required to fill out the form as well, but have not likely contacted any companies because they are subconsultants, and not the Prime.

A: PA UCP, or any other certification (PRPA, SEPTA, etc.) will count. Note all firms' particular certification somewhere on the form and fill it out to the best of your ability.

Q: Do images count against the 2-3 page limit for approach?

A: No, images do not count against the page limit.

Q: Can the DRWC provide a sample/standard contract to prospective proposers prior to submitting proposals?

A: A sample copy of DRWC's consulting agreement will be sent by email to those who signed in to the pre-proposal meeting. This is a sample copy and is not meant for distribution or other use.

Q: Are "all modes" are on the table (including ferries, for example), or only solutions using existing service providers?

A: DRWC currently owns and operates a ferry and three water taxis and water transportation is discussed in the master plan as a long-term strategy. We are open to these modes, and others, being included in this transit study to ensure a comprehensive set of recommendations.

Q: Can existing data from DRWC/DVRPC/SEPTA be used to inform study, or are consultants expected to collect new quantitative data? If so, can more detail be provided on how much and what type of new data is envisioned?

A: We expect that the consultant team will be able to get any and all available data from SEPTA, DVRPC, and any other relevant agencies. DRWC will also share any data we've collected in previous pertinent projects and studies, as well as our efforts to learn about waterfront visitors in recent years. We expect that once all existing and pertinent data is identified, DRWC and the consulting team can determine if and where there are any gaps to be filled in, either by the consultant, by DRWC in its data collection initiatives, or by others.

Q: Is DRWC looking for a single solution using existing service providers (for example a new strategic bus route operated by SEPTA) to link destinations and create connectivity or a package of various mobility solutions to support diverse land uses and users?

A: While we are looking to make real improvements to bus service that serves and connects waterfront destinations, we are also open to any recommendations for a comprehensive transit/transportation strategy that make non-private automobile travel to and along the waterfront easier and more meaningful.

Q: What is the existing political and stakeholder climate and support for this initiative? Are there any known road bumps or dissent anticipated on the political front across these geographies this project crosses?

A: There is great interest and excitement in this study from agencies, funders, advocacy organizations, adjacent neighbors, and the public. While some resistance is possible with any planning effort, we hope to use this study and the public engagement around it to ensure a meaningful dialogue and develop a transit plan that provides a benefit for all waterfront visitors, no matter their mode of transit.

Q: Are there expected to be any matching funds available from SEPTA or other City agencies to support this study and/or future implementation?

A: There are currently no additional funding sources identified for implementation but having this study completed will allow us to be competitive as we, and others, pursue funding opportunities for specific recommendations. DRWC does currently have some funding available for supporting a marketing and communications strategy, should that be a recommendation of the study.

Q: Is there a suggested or required participation percentage for M/W/DBE?

A: Our inclusion goals for this project are as follows:

MBE: 10-20%

WBE: 5-10%

DBE: Best Efforts