

Fresno COG Response to Questions - Fresno County Climate Action Plan Status Report RFP

1. Scope of Work, Task 5: Stakeholder Engagement Activities:

What type of public input is Fresno COG looking to gather through the Community Engagement task, and what topics is Fresno COG seeking input on? Specifically, is Fresno COG looking to conduct general public outreach (e.g., email blasts or other communications) to raise awareness of progress being made on the CCAP, or is the intent to obtain specific feedback from the public on particular elements or findings of the Progress Report? **Response: Given the Status Report nature of the Scope of Work, general public outreach to raise awareness of the progress being made on the CCAP is appropriate.**

2. RFP Section III, Part E-Management Approach:

The section states that resumes are to be included in an appendix. Later, in Part J-Summary of Qualifications, it asks for “resumes of assigned staff” to be included there. Does the COG want resumes both in Part J and an appendix? Or would just an appendix be sufficient? **Response: Resumes can be included in an appendix, please make a note within the proposal that resumes can be found in the appendix.**

3. RFP Section III, Part D-Detailed Work Plan:

The RFP references a “proposed project timeline (Appendix B),” but there doesn’t appear to be one posted with the RFP online. Is there a timeline available for review? **Response: The Status Report should be scheduled for Policy Board Adoption by July 31, 2027. All other task deliverable deadlines can be set by the proposer.**

4. RFP Section III, Part H – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification:

In light of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s October 2025 Interim Final Rule (IFR) regarding DBE certification and participation requirements, and Fresno COG’s previous clarification that DBE program requirements were suspended for a past RFP, can Fresno COG confirm whether the DBE requirements are suspended for this RFP? **Response: DBE requirements remained suspended for this RFP.**

5. RFP Section III, Part H – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification:

Following the October 3, 2025, U.S. Department of Transportation IFR, the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) has completed the reevaluation and recertification of certain DBE firms under the revised federal requirements. **Response: DBE requirements remain suspended for this RFP. The proposer may disregard all DBE language within the RFP, including GFE requirements. Attachment B is not required to be submitted.**

- a. Does Fresno COG recognize firms that have been recertified and are currently listed in the CUCP DBE Directory as eligible DBEs for this solicitation?
- b. If DBE participation requirements have been reinstated, what is the applicable DBE goal for this solicitation?
- c. Section III.H states that evidence of Good Faith Efforts (GFE) may be required if DBE participation is not achieved. Can Fresno COG clarify the GFE requirements and process

for this solicitation, including the specific outreach, documentation, and submission requirements?

- d. If DBE requirements are suspended, can Fresno COG confirm whether Attachment B (DBE/WBE Bidders Listing) remains a required submission for all proposers?