

Questions From Consultants Regarding the Nine City Wetland and Riparian Area Inventory and Assessment Project.

1. Is this an update to prior Goal 5 wetlands work? If so is there an incumbent?

Response: In most if not all cases this work is not an update to prior Goal 5 work. Some of the cities may have been involved with prior Goal 5 work but we are not aware of anything major that has been conducted with/for any of the cities involved in the project.

2. Who will be evaluating proposals?

Response: We will have an Evaluation Committee that at a minimum will be comprised of LCOG, Department of State Lands, and one or two small city representatives.

3. Is there a contract vehicle already in place for this project or is the Lane Council of Governments interested in finding contract vehicles (for example, an existing Consultant of Record (COR) vehicles with cities)?

Response: We view this as a project specific piece of work needing outside Consultant assistance. Although there could be potential additional work in the future we are not necessary interested in finding contract vehicles to support future work (potential future work is also not funded at this time). Once a Consultant or Consultants are selected, we will contract for this work.

4. Can a consultant submit a proposal that includes both group 1 and group 2?

Response: Yes a consultant can submit a proposal to conduct the work for both group 1 and group 2. We need to see separate budgets however for the each group. If the consultant is anticipating a cost-savings (economy of scale) by doing both groups at the same time, that cost savings can be expressed in the overall budget portion of the application.

5. Is there a page limit?

Response: There is not a specific page limit but consultants are encouraged to be as concise as possible.

6. If selected, will the consultant have access to the GIS data layers.

Response: Yes we can provide copies of the data.

7. What aerial photography are you using?

Response: The source information and specifications for Color Aerial Orthoimagery (no infra-red) include the following:

Lane County cities	LCOG	3/22/2008	Resolution 0.5 feet per pixel, Photo scale 1"= 840', Map scale 1" = 100'
Benton County cities	Benton County	7/02/2005	Resolution 1 foot per pixel, Photo scale 1"= 1650', Map scale 1" =200'
Linn County (Harrisburg)	Linn County	8/14/2008	Resolution 1 foot per pixel, Photo scale 1"= 1700', Map scale 1" =200'
Linn County (all others)	Linn County	8/15/2008	Resolution 0.5 feet per pixel, Photo scale 1"= 850', Map scale 1" = 100'

8. In much of the RFP, we are interpreting references to the riparian inventory and assessment to mean that the consultant will conduct the riparian inventory and assessment. However, on page 4 of the RFP, Task 4, there is this bullet item:

- LCOG in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct riparian area assessment.

Does this bullet item indicate that it is LCOG's intent to complete the riparian inventory and assessment in its entirety, without assistance from the consultant?

Or are we correct in understanding that LCOG intends to have the consultant complete the riparian inventory and assessment in its entirety?

Or, is it intended that the consultant assist LCOG in completing this part of the work by completing certain parts of it? If this is the case, what parts does LCOG intend the consultant will complete?

Response: The riparian inventory and assessment portion of the RFP is a bit confusing. In part because the waterway and associated wetlands inventory is part of the local wetland inventory under the OARs. However, for this project we want a more robust inventory and assessment of the riparian areas than is typically done under the LWI rules.

Initially we envisioned having the consultant do all of the riparian area inventory and assessment work. Because there is a set dollar amount for the consultant portion of the work, in an effort to relieve some of the work load burden we decided that at least the assessment portion of the riparian area work could be conducted by LCOG and DEQ staff.

We would welcome proposals that show some assistance with the riparian area inventory and/or assessment. There may be portions of the work that would make sense to be done when the consultant is out in the field with the other inventory work. Helping with identifying stream reaches, vegetation inventory, teaming up with LCOG or DEQ staff are a few examples that

come to mind. But the consultant may see other partnering opportunities that could be proposed as well.

Let me know if you need further clarification.

9. From the 3-page Project Summary (posted on webpage):

Phase 1, Task A: Who are the five watershed councils?

Phase 1, Task B: Are the work sessions and forums underway? Has property owner notification occurred? Have the base maps been generated? If so, are there any initial results you could share?

Response: The five watershed councils potentially involved in the project include the Coast Fork, Middle Fork, Santiam, Calapooia, Mary's River. We have not worked out the specific roles (or desired roles) of each council.

Briefings with the public officials in each city will be happening mostly in December. We have not notified property owners yet and are just finishing up the base maps. Completed base maps are posted on the web page along with a shapefile of the study boundary for each city. Property owner notification will be derived from the base maps with input from the consultant. We will hold public forums in late January-early February.

10. How likely do you think it is that a single consultant will be selected to work with both groups of cities identified in the RFP? Do you think a proposer would be penalized if proposing on both?

Response: It may be possible for a consultant to be selected to work with both groups if they have the capacity to complete the work within the time frame. A proposer will not be penalized in any way for proposing on both groups but should submit separate budgets for each group. Although proposing for both groups, the consultant may be selected to conduct the work for one group but not the other (if interested). If you envision an "economy of scale" cost reduction by conducting the work for both groups you can express that value through stating something like: "If selected for both groups we would realize a cost reduction of X percent per group".

11. Do you yet know which cities will be the test cases for the LiDAR work? Or for the ORWAP work?

Response: Cities for the LiDAR or ORWAP work have not been selected.

12. Has the proposal evaluation committee membership been determined yet? If so, can you share with me who is on the committee?

Response: The proposal evaluation committee has not been formally determined yet but is likely to include but not be limited to: Representatives from two of the cities, LCOG Project Manager, one DSL staff person.