

## **Storm Drainage Vulnerability Analysis – Responses to Bidder Inquiries**

**DOT Contract No.: 260003**

**State Restricted Grant Agreement Number: 74A1761**

**Date: 4-30-2026**

**Q1. Can MCDOT provide additional refinement or extents of the 5 study areas described in the RFP? E.g., mapped extents of each area or a database of the extent of storm drainage infrastructure to be covered in the analysis for each area?**

A1. See attached. The study areas may not be defined by these outlines exactly, but it should hopefully give more context.

**Q2. Is there a threshold for the minimum storm drain culvert / pipe size that is required to be included in the Task 3 field data collection/mapping and Task 6 H&H analysis? E.g., culverts smaller than x” do not need to be field-mapped/assessed or input into subsequent analyses. Or will the inventory/analysis be focused on “backbone” systems (e.g., 36” or larger)?**

A2. There is no threshold for the minimum storm drain culvert / pipe size that is required to be included in both tasks.

**Q3. Can MCDOT provide copies of the grant materials?**

A3. See website. <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/Home/Components/RFP/RFP/2487/385>

**Q4. Please confirm that the project is to assess storm drain culverts / pipes that cross under County-maintained roads only. Does the analysis need to include City-, State-, Federal-, or private roads?**

A4. This project only includes the storm drainage that cross under County-maintained roads; it does not include any City, State, Federal, or private roads.

**Q5. Does the analysis need to include storm drain culverts / pipes not directly draining and conveying stormwater from or alongside County roads?**

A5. Yes, but nothing under 18” in diameter.

**Q6. For H&H analyses of each of the 5 locations, is there a minimum watershed area threshold?**

A6. 10 acre threshold.

**Q7. Can MCDOT specify the number of community meetings, both online and in-person, to be conducted during the Existing Conditions phase?**

A7. For Existing Conditions task, there should be 2 in-person meetings and one online meeting. For the in-person meetings, one will be held in the Ukiah area to discuss Old Hopland, Talmage, Ukiah, and Redwood Valley, and one meeting on the Coast to discuss Irish Beach. As for the Data and Analysis and Draft tasks, 1 online meeting per task should suffice.

**Q8. For all in-person events, will the consultant scope and budget need to include venue rental, audio-visual equipment, translation, or refreshments?**

A8. For the in-person events, the consultant scope and budget does not need to include venue rental, audio-visual equipment, translation, or refreshments.

**Q9. Will TAC meetings be conducted in-person or virtually, and when should TAC meetings be held?**

A9. TAC meetings will be held virtually. Advisory committee meetings will be held a minimum of three times in total, once at the beginning of the project, once during Task 5, and once during Task 7.

**Q10. Under Task 2 it states that potholing may be needed to identify conflicting utilities near the storm drain system. Will potholing be conducted by County staff from Public Works Department or the Engineering Department? Or is the CONSULTANT expected to conduct all potholing? If CONSULTANT, will CONSULTANT be required to obtain encroachment permits and will County staff oversee potholing?**

A10. The County doesn't anticipate any need for potholing during the design phase. Most likely just USA. Potholing will almost certainly be needed during Construction. But if there was a need to pothole, the CONSULTANT is expected to do the work and obtain a no fee encroachment permit.

**Q11. Under Task 3 will county staff oversee CONSULTANT or assist CONSULTANT with old/hard to remove manhole lids and similar infrastructure?**

A11. County road crew can be available to assist if needed, but CONSULTANT should be equipped with appropriate tools to remove any stubborn manhole lids.

**Q12. Will there be County staff assigned to review and approve public outreach materials?**

A12. Yes. County will review and approve outreach materials.

**Q13. How many feet of culverts/pipes in North Ukiah area?**

A13. Approximately 6150 feet.

**Q14. Under Task 7, will the County or Caltrans provide assistance with ADA document compliance?**

A14. The County will assist in reviewing the Final Plan before sending to Caltrans for review.

**Q15. Section XIII states that only the highest-ranked consultant will be invited to submit a cost proposal and the evaluation criteria does not include cost. However, the proposal checklist requires the Certification of Indirect Costs (Attachment G). Could you please confirm that a cost proposal is not required and whether or not Attachment G is required?**

A15. A cost proposal is not required as part of the RFP submittal and will not be considered during the evaluation process. Attachment G *Certification of Indirect Costs and Financial Management System* is not required with the RFP. It will be required from the highest-ranked Consultant during the cost proposal and negotiation phase.

**Q16. If Attachment G is required, can the Consultant prepare the ICR from their financial management system? Or does it have to be audited?**

A16. If requested during negotiations, the Consultant's Indirect Cost Rate (ICR) may be prepared using the Consultant's financial management system in accordance with applicable federal requirements (e.g., 2 CFR Part 200 and 48 CFR Part 31). An audited ICR is preferred where available; however, a Consultant-prepared ICR may be accepted, subject to review and approval by the County and/or Caltrans, as applicable.

**Q17. Attachment G mentions the Financial Document Review Request form. This form does not appear to be provided. If required, could you please provide the form?**

A17. The Financial Document Review Request form referenced in Attachment G will be provided to the highest-ranked Consultant, if required, during the cost proposal and negotiation phase.