

RFI Response 01

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RFP: Zone 7 EVSE Design for North Canyons and Parkside Locations (24-05)

We understand that the final scope of the services will be developed in cooperation with the selected consultant. Does that mean the fee in our proposal is only an estimate and is subject to change after the consultant is selected?

Yes. The responding firm may include in their proposal recommended revisions to the scope of services included in the RFP as recommended services. The final scope of services and associated fee will be developed in cooperation with the selected Consultant and included as part of the contract between Zone 7 and the selected Consultant.

Could you please confirm all sub-consultants need to be on board prior to the submission of our proposal?

Responding firms may opt to include more than one potential sub-consultant for certain tasks/disciplines. The firms should be named, and if multiple sub-consultants are included, the technical proposal and fee proposal should clearly describe teaming assumptions and rate assumptions. The responding firm shall secure written approval from Zone 7 for any significant changes to the consultant team following Zone 7's acceptance of the proposal. Prior to contract execution, the selected consultant team shall meet all requirements described in the RFP (California Labor Code Requirements, insurance requirements, etc.).

Would Zone 7 consider hiring different consultants for different tasks or is the expectation to have only one prime consultant for the whole project?

The preliminary scope included in the RFP assumes a prime consultant will be responsible for the entire scope of work and will be responsible for managing its sub-consultants. Section 5.2.7 of the RFP describes rights of Zone 7 regarding changes to the RFP.

Would the selected firm be responsible for writing or supporting the development of the CEQA document?

The selected firm will not be responsible for authoring necessary CEQA documents. Zone 7 will have lead responsibility for development of necessary CEQA documents. However, the selected firm shall provide related assistance as described in the RFP.

Has Zone 7 conducted any power load studies or analyses for the Parkside and North Canyon facilities? If so, could those be provided for our review as we develop our proposed scope of work?

Zone 7 has not performed formal studies. The following preliminary information is provided for reference, but shall be verified by the selected firm:

- North Canyons: Preliminary analysis of PG&E data indicates that 100KW may be available for EVSE use.
- Parkside: No preliminary calculations have been made. However, due to current use level at the Parkside office building, adequate capacity is anticipated for Level 2 chargers.

Has Zone 7 established an estimated cost or budget for the EVSE Design at Parkside and North Canyon facilities that can be revealed?

Zone 7's mid-cycle budget planning process included funds for the design and construction phases of this project. The Agency is interested in cost-effective approaches to supporting the project. Responding firms may include a description of any cost-saving ideas or innovative approaches for the Agency's consideration.

Is Zone 7 considering any alternative funding sources (e.g., State of CA or Federal grants) to fund all or a portion of the project?

Zone 7 is interested in alternative funding sources. To date, Zone 7 has not pursued any EVSE-specific funding. Responding firms may include a description of any cost-saving ideas or innovative approaches for the Agency's consideration.