

Questions & MTA's Responses Regarding MTA-1368 A,B&C, PMOEC Solicitation

1. Can you clarify if there will be any conflict of interest for a firm working on the MTA 1368 PMO contract and also working on the Red Line or Purple Line projects?

Response: No firms will be precluded from submitting an Expression of Interest for this project.

2. Are the five key staff members, for which you require Maryland PE certifications, required to be all from the Prime or JV team?

Response: No. However, as stated in the solicitation it is required that the Project Manager, who must be one (1) of the five (5) required Maryland Registered Professional Engineers, is an employee of the Prime or JV Team.

3. You reference that the PMO will "supervise, and review/approve" the Engineering Consultants planning activities and design. What does "approve" mean?

Response: The word "approve" means providing recommendation of approval/disapproval to the Owner after the review of the documents.

4. Is there a list of projects this PMO contract will oversee?

Response: This is a PMOEC (Project Management Oversight and Engineering Consultant Services) Contract. Based upon the task(s) issued, the consultant may either be required to perform Engineering Services or provide recommendation of approval/disapproval to the owner after the review of the documents.

Some of the possible projects are High Speed Passenger Rail Program, B&P Tunnel, Susquehanna River Bridge, MARC Growth & Investment Plan, Bayview MARC Station, West Baltimore MARC Station, BWI Station & 4th Track, improvements to various bus facilities and intermodal yard coordination with CSX and Amtrak. MTA may include additional projects in the future.

5. Is there any leeway with the requirement that the Environmental Planner must be a Professional Engineer Registered in the State of Maryland?

Response: Please see the revised requirement under Section 5, Requirement – Documentation (para. 3) as follows:

The Consultant or Joint Venture JV must document in writing in Item #7 that at least five (5) of its own employees are proposed as Key Staff with one of the individuals identified as the Project Manager. Also The Consultant or JV must document in writing that individuals proposed for the following five (5) Key Staff positions listed above are Professional Engineers Registered in the State of Maryland:

1. Project Manager– must have variety of expertise in transit related projects
 2. Civil Engineer
 3. Structural Engineer
 4. Two (2) additional Key Staff proposed as PEs by the consultant
6. Our Team has a question about the requirement for the Environmental Planner to be a PE in the Program Management RFP (MTA-1368A, B&C), page #9. Is this correct?

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7. 1.A.2.d. – (page 5) – notes that the PMO would be responsible for “review/approval” of Engineering Consultants’ design work. While reviewing and reporting on GEC and PMC activities are typical PMO type functions, activities such as approving GEC designs are typically the responsibility of the GEC/PMC or the transit agency. Please confirm that it is the intent of the MTA to have the PMO “approve” engineering designs.

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8. 1.A.5. – (page 9) – MTA notes that five (5) of the key staff must be Professional Engineers registered in the State of Maryland. This includes the Environmental Planner. Typically Environmental Planners hold other certifications (AICP, landscape architect, etc.), but holding a PE is typically not a requirement. Please confirm that it is the intent of the MTA that the Environmental Planner hold a PE or if this requirement can be applied to another key staff position.

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9. We are seeking guidance with regards to clarification of the below “Key Staff” positions:

A. Architect/Urban Designer – Does the MTA consider this to be one position or two? For example, should AECOM look to provide one individual with both architectural and urban design experience? It will be easier to provide two Key position of each one or either one. Does the MTA want Architect as a Registered Architect (RA) in State of Maryland? Will MTA consider Registered Architect part of the five (5) Key Staff positions who are Professional Engineers and Registered Architect per page 9 of the attached?

Response: MTA is looking for an Architect with Urban Design experience.

B. Scheduler/Estimator – Does the MTA consider this to be one position or two? It will be difficult to provide a Key staff with both scheduling as well as estimating expertise. Should we consider this as two Key staff positions?

Response: MTA is looking for a Scheduler with Estimating experience.