**November 13, 2026**

**Questions Regarding**
**City Wide On-Call Multimodal Transportation Quick Build Design and Design Build**

**Project No: 0412.02**

Consultant-led versus contractor-led: Why is the procurement structured around an engineering consultant rather than allowing a qualified construction or implementation contractor to lead a design-build team with a licensed professional engineer as a subcontractor? Would a contractor-led team be eligible to submit?

A design engineer should be part of the lead team as concept designs will be a significant part of the proposed work. If the contractor has a design engineer as part of the team that would suffice.

Construction responsibility: Does the City anticipate the selected consultant directly performing construction, subcontracting installation to qualified contractors, or preparing designs for construction through separate City procurement?

The selected consultant may just do design on certain projects, with a separate procurement method for construction, OR, depending on the project, may partner with a contractor to design and build. The response to the RFP should address respondent's approach to both.

Insurance and liability: What insurance requirements would apply to teams performing physical construction under this contract, including general liability, professional liability, workers' compensation, and any project-specific coverage? Would the engineering consultant be required to carry construction-related coverage, or could that coverage be provided by the installation subcontractor?

Insurance requirements are governed by the Standard Specifications for Public Works construction, as modified in the contract.

Design-build implementation: How does the City envision individual design-build task orders being authorized and executed? Would the selected team be responsible for materials procurement, traffic control, permitting, installation, and construction oversight, or would some of those responsibilities remain with the City?

It is likely that scope of work for each project will vary with some only to a concept level of design. Full construction responsibilities including permitting, material orders and installation are expected to be part of the design build team's responsibilities.

Is the city a part of a cooperative purchasing contract

No, it is not.

Please confirm and clarify that this RFP is for a standard professional services contract and not a formal and traditional Design Build (DB) contract? Further that we do not need to have a dedicated general contractor on the project team for this proposal submittal?

This SAC is to identify on-call designers to design and/or design and build. If applicants have a dedicated general contractor on their project team that is acceptable and may be helpful, but it is not required. Regardless, applicants should identify their experience in working with general contractors to implement designs.

The solicitation document emphasizes incorporating sustainable design practices and energy efficiency- is the City of Albuquerque specifically seeking sustainability information for the submitting firm exclusively or is there a preference to including a sustainability consultant on project teams?

All project designs must meet the current IECC requirements.

If the answer to question 1 is true that no specific general contractor(s) are required on the team, will we be allowed to add on any subcontractor or subconsultant at any time to the project team during the contract period? Obviously, this is assuming an award.

Yes, staff anticipate that subcontractors or subconsultants may change project to project and will be dependent on the scope of the project.

Will all the questions from today's meeting be distributed as an addendum or sent directly to attendants?

Any additional information will be posted at the reference link.