

Alabama Virtual Site Project
Request For Proposal Questions and Answers
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Question 1. Will EDPA provide any computer hardware or software to the contractor for execution of the project? Will EDPA retain after the project any hardware or software used in the project?

Answer 1. No computer hardware or software will be provided by EDPA to the selected proposer. The selected proposer will be expected to secure all hardware or software needed to execute the project as specified in the RFP. Computer hardware or software may be included in the project cost at the proposer's option. EDPA will retain any and only such hardware and software that is required to be delivered to it by the RFP.

Question 2. The total effort to develop all of the visualizations required is estimated to be large. How should this be handled in the proposals?

Answer 2. Proposers must include in their proposal a project cost that will allow them to execute the entire project as specified in the RFP. Proposers may, at their option, also include a cost estimate for a subset of the project if they wish to provide a lower cost option. If an optional subset estimate is provided, it should give the cost to develop the visualizations for all of the sites explicitly named in the RFP, but none of the "to be determined" sites.

Question 3. On page 4, in Section 2.1 Overview of the Work, the RFP states: "*The Alabama model shall include the terrain surface and highway infrastructure for the entire state of Alabama.*" Does the referenced highway structure include the highway on/off ramps, clover leaves, signage, etc.?

Answer 3. On/off ramps and clover leaf interchanges are required where they connect highways represented in the model. They are not required where a ramp leads to/from a road that is not represented. Signage is not required.

Question 4. On page 10, Section 3.7 Part 4: Supplemental Information, Number 3, the RFP states: "*In addition, the proposer's submission of a draft visualization of the I-22/I-65 connector in Birmingham will be looked upon favorably.*" According to the available data, the identified location is currently under construction; and, therefore, we are unsure of how it will appear when completed. Are there any engineering drawings available to assist with the 3D model construction? If not, will we be penalized for our interpretation of how the connector is visually represented?

Answer 4. EDPA will not provide engineering drawings or other representations of the I-22/I-65 connector. The proposer may wish to contact appropriate authorities to secure publicly available information. The proposer's ability to secure such information will be required to perform the project and is therefore part of what is to be demonstrated in the sample model development.

Question 5. What are the intended uses for the Alabama terrain and road infrastructure model portion of the project, as distinguished from the site models and flyovers portion of the project? The intended uses will affect the required level of detail and possibly the representation of the terrain and roads.

Answer 5. The intended uses for the terrain and road infrastructure model are centered on economic development. The model will be used to visualize Alabama so as to show locations and features of the state to interested parties. For example, suppose a business is considering relocating to Alabama and is interested in examining potential business locations in Alabama not included in the site models. The terrain and road infrastructure model would be used to show possible sites in the state, the transportation routes leading to those sites, and other infrastructure in the vicinity. The terrain and road infrastructure model might also be used by government authorities considering infrastructure improvements as a means to do an initial visual survey of the areas affected and served by the proposed projects. EDPA expects the terrain and road infrastructure model to be realistic enough to make a favorable impression on decision makers. Consistent with that broad expectation, the proposer should clearly specify in their proposal the level of realism and detail they will deliver in the terrain and road infrastructure model, and if possible, provide representative example(s) of that level of detail and realism.

Question 6. The RFP states “Proposal evaluators will base their conclusions only on information contained in the proposal.” We would like to include on-line videos in our proposal submission. Is this permitted?

Answer 6. Yes. To comply with the RFP, the URLs for all videos the proposer would like to be considered part of the proposal must be explicitly listed in the proposal.

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