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NOTICE OF UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

for

2023 Transportation Electrification Planning and Technical Assistance Bench

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the above-titled upcoming procurement opportunity. The upcoming procurement is described more fully in Attachment A, Preliminary Scope of Work. All details included in this notice are preliminary and subject to change.

Proposers are responsible for checking the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) procurement website (<https://mtc.bonfirehub.com>) for the official procurement documents for the opportunity when it is posted. Please register as a Document Taker now to receive notices of any changes to the procurement by registering or logging in as a vendor in Bonfire, and then downloading a document under the Files tab, or submitting a question for this opportunity through the Bonfire Opportunity Questions and Answers message system. The Bonfire message system can be accessed under the Messages tab → Opportunity Q&A field. Responses to the procurement must be submitted in accordance with the instructions set forth in the official procurement documents when published.

For further information, please submit a question through Bonfire or contact the point of contact listed below.

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Thank you for your interest.

Best regards,
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ATTACHMENT A
PRELIMINARY SCOPE OF WORK:

AGENCY: Metropolitan Transportation Commission

PROCUREMENT TYPE: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) - Bench

PROJECT TITLE: 2023 Transportation Electrification Planning and Technical Assistance Bench

ANTICIPATED RELEASE DATE: November 2023

PRELIMINARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A. Background

In 2021, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA 2050), the long-range plan for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. As the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), the plan must chart a path to reduce per-capita greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the passenger vehicle sector by 19 percent, as established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) under Senate Bill 375 (SB 375). To help achieve this target, PBA 2050 includes strategies to support the development of charging infrastructure and accelerate electric vehicle (EV) and electric mobility (e-mobility) options (e.g., electric bikes, scooters, carshare, and assistance mobility devices). Additionally, CARB is instituting various statewide regulations requiring the adoption of zero-emission vehicles, including the Innovative Clean Transit rule, which requires transit operators to transition to 100% zero-emission bus fleets by 2040.

In 2023, MTC approved the development of a set of transportation electrification (TE) initiatives to help implement PBA 2050's clean vehicle strategies. The TE Initiatives include \$65 million invested in four areas:

1. Charging infrastructure – funding to expand the deployment of charging infrastructure for EVs and e-mobility options
2. Electric bikeshare – funding to expand access to electric bikeshare options
3. Local municipal fleet electrification – consultant assistance to local public agencies for fleet transition planning
4. Local planning and regional program strategy – consultant assistance to regional and local agencies for action planning and program coordination

More information on the TE Initiatives is available here:

<https://mtc.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6123888&GUID=A6276099-64A7-4219-ADD0-302F51D728AA>

In addition to these initiatives, MTC is supporting the development of a Regional Zero-Emission Transit Transition Strategy to help Bay Area transit operators meet CARB's Innovative Clean Transit regulation and related zero-emission vehicle regulations.

B. Project Description

MTC is seeking to create a pre-qualified bench of consultants (“Bench”) from which MTC may contract on a per-project basis to provide technical assistance to regional, county, and local governments and public agencies to conduct planning, project development, program development, and outreach that will advance transportation electrification in the San Francisco Bay Area. MTC is currently considering that Consultants may apply to be approved for any one or more of the following service categories on the Bench, however these Service Categories may change when the RFQ is officially published:

- A. Local Transportation Electrification Planning
- B. Fleet Electrification Planning
- C. Charging Infrastructure Project Planning
- D. Program Development and Implementation

C. Timeline

MTC expects the resultant Bench from this procurement will be open from the date it is approved (anticipated early 2024) through June 30, 2027. In MTC’s sole option, the Bench performance period may be extended for up to two (2) additional years. The term for any projects awarded from the Bench will depend on the project, and may extend beyond the term of the Bench. Projects for some service categories are anticipated to be awarded shortly after the Bench is created and approved.

BUDGET: The budget for projects solicited from the Bench will depend on the project. MTC estimates at least \$15 million dollars will be budgeted for projects issued to the Bench.

FUNDING: Funding for projects awarded to the Bench will depend on the project. Contracting requirements may vary depending on the fund source used.

Near-term projects awarded to the Bench are anticipated to be funded in whole, or in part, with federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Carbon Reduction Program. As such, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program requirements may apply to this procurement. Please see <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights> for further details.

Other projects may be funded with non-federal state or local funding. As such, varying contract and procurement requirements may apply.