



**Baton Rouge Rail Station Project
Pre-Response Q&A, 09/06/17**

1. What is the role of BRAF and CPEX in the selection and ongoing management or leadership in the planning?

An employee of BRAF is Vice-Chairman of the Southern Rail Commission, grantor of this project, and an employee of CPEX will serve on the Selection Committee for this project. Neither BRAF nor CPEX have a role in ongoing management or leadership in the planning of the project.

2. Is there a standing community group for the downtown station area?

Standing community groups for the area are: Downtown East Civic Association, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, and Old South Baton Rouge Civic Association.

3. Does the RDA require any specific forms regarding confirmation of DBE/MBE/WBE/WMBE status?

If your firm is certified, please state that in your submittal. If you are currently pursuing certification, but official certification is pending, please state when your application was submitted and when you expect certification. If your team is shortlisted, we will ask for proof of certification.

4. Will the successful team be precluded from future phases of the project?

Successful teams will not be precluded from bidding on future phases of the project, if such opportunities shall exist.

5. The Selection Requirements asks for a listing of a maximum of three (3) projects performed by the lead firm that are most similar and relevant to this project, completed within the last five (5) years. Do you need project examples for each consultant?

Up to three (3) projects maximum should be listed, focusing on recent, relevant projects of the proposed team or of the lead consultant.

6. The scope mentions pretty detailed tasks pertaining to sidings, signals, crossing improvements including costing for facility construction; topographic surveys; to station architectural renderings and financing plans. Is RDA willing to be flexible on tasks covered under this scope for highest and best value with this limited budget?

The RDA will consider all proposals that reasonably meet scope and budget requirements and deliver the highest and best value for the project.

- 7. Will the City, as part of coordinating the stakeholder sessions, identify and build the stakeholder distribution list and take responsibility for notification and follow ups in order to ensure robust participation for meaningful stakeholder sessions?**

The RDA will assist with coordinating stakeholder sessions- identifying stakeholders for the project and providing contact information via a distribution list. Notification will be the responsibility of the consultant team who are leading the project; however, the RDA will assist with following up to ensure maximum participation and support for the project.

- 8. Regarding Item 4 on the Submission Requirements, we are forming a team that will have two firms co-lead the design. Can we include projects (within the 3 maximum) from both firms or do we need to limit it to just the lead firm?**

Please limit submissions to up to three (3) recent, relevant projects total. Projects can be from both firms.