



# Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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## Questions on RiverCOG RFP for Regional Waste Authority Study

### **Question & Answer 11/08/24:**

1. *The section in question is this:*

*In Exhibit A. Appendix A. Scope of Work. A. Task 1: Comprehensive RWA Study. 1. "...The Contractor may utilize the assistance of a qualified subcontractor to conduct the RWA Study. In the event that the Contractor utilizes a subcontractor, the Contractor shall develop and implement a competitive bidding process to select such qualified subcontractor. The Contractor shall submit the RWA Study to DEEP upon completion."*

*Question: We have discussed this opportunity with two (2) firms with whom we are familiar. The turnaround on this RFP response did not allow sufficient time to conduct a proper competitive bidding process. That said, is it acceptable to proceed with the two (2) subcontractors we have identified, or would this be cause for being disqualified?*

The Contractor being referred to is us; we will be the ones submitting the study to DEEP. The subcontractor referred to would be you and/or other respondents. Your process for hiring your own subcontractors (therefore our sub-subcontractors) is up to you. Hopefully this helps clarify this.

### **Question & Answer 10/30/24:**

1. *What is the expected budget for the RWA RFP?*

The RWA Study Project will be funded by a grant by CT DEEP. A portion of the grant will be used to support RiverCOG administration of the project and staff work. The remainder will be spent on consultants. According to our procurement process we are unable to release the preliminary budget for the consultant work on this project.

### **Questions & Answers 10/21/24:**

1. *Could you potentially award this project to a consultant has less than the requested amount of professional insurance coverage in the RFP?*

We would expect a consultant to obtain the level of insurance necessary if they were to be awarded the contract. We would like a statement in the response to RFP that they'd be willing to obtain the level of insurance necessary, even if they don't currently have it.

2. *Is it possible to provide a two-week extension to the submission deadline of November 1 to allow additional to proposers to develop a quality proposal and to account for the fact that next week is WASTECON, the biggest industry conference that most firms involved in waste management attend?*

We are willing to extend the deadline to Tuesday, November 12, 2024. We have firm deadlines in our contract with the State of CT. If, on that due date, we don't receive sufficient responses, we will consider extending it further.

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