

SRTA Responses to Vendor Questions Received for the ATP Cycle 5 Grant Writing RFP

	Vendor Questions (Paraphrased)	SRTA Responses
1	Why were so many applications from last cycles not awarded?	Threshold for awards was set very high compared to previous cycles, such that projects, which would have been awarded in previous cycles, did not make the cut in Cycle 4 of the ATP.
2	Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like, from India or Canada)	Companies outside the USA may apply but must be able to meet all of the requirements in the contract and be able to meet in person, on site, if needed.
	Whether we need to come over there for meetings?	
	Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA? (like, from India or Canada)	
3	Can we submit the proposals via email?	Pages 7 and 9 of the RFP discuss submittals. We will only accept submittals by email.
4	Regarding question 4 in the Proposal Contents section of the RFP (page 6), should the list of all ATP projects completed by cycle include only grant writing done by the consultant team, or all work completed on projects funded by the ATP?	For item 4 under "Proposal Contents" on page 6 of the RFP, we are looking for a description of any services rendered in the preparation of ATP grant applications (and project description), regardless of whether the projects were awarded or not.
5	The descriptions of the projects provided in the RFP and the Shasta Active Transportation Plan are very basic and do not identify what class of bike lane is desired on each trunk line routes or whether any intersection or traffic calming measures are part of the project scope. However, cost estimates for each project are provided, suggesting that at least some additional planning work has been done to arrive at the cost estimate, but no additional detail on exactly what is included in the cost estimate is included in the plan.	The GoShasta Regional Active Transportation Plan provides the background information for these projects, and the necessary information to develop the applications will be provided over the coming months. The cost estimates referenced in this question can be found in the GoShasta Plan . However, these estimates are very rough and were made prior to the identification of specific trunk line corridors which in some cases may comprise a higher quality facility than originally envisioned through the GoShasta planning process. These corridors have since been identified. SRTA staff and a consultant currently on contract will conduct public outreach starting at the
	To what degree has each of the 11 projects been defined, planned and/or designed?	
	Is there any additional information available on any of the 11 projects?	
	If so, where can that information be found?	

		beginning of October to identify specific facility recommendations for the corridors. Outreach will likely continue into December. Pages three through seven of the GoShasta Plan identify the specific facility types eligible for the "trunk line" classification. Parallel to and following the outreach, SRTA's current consultant will prepare conceptual drawings for the ATP applications, along with cost estimates for the projects. Additional information will be made available as outreach continues and project data are assembled.
6	Have consultations between SRTA and local agencies already taken place to determine the optimal alignment of trunk lines, or do they need to take place as part of the RFP grant preparation project?	The corridors have been identified, as have draft alignments for most of them. The upcoming public outreach for the projects will help determine if these are the optimal alignments. Consultation between SRTA and local agencies will continue until optimal alignments for all corridors have been identified; this will likely continue into the beginning of the ATP grant preparation project.
7	What guidance or information is available from SRTA that would help RFP respondents to quantify the relative amount of effort that is needed in each of the eleven projects for pre-application planning and design work?	Pre-application planning and design work is underway. Level of effort and complexity of the grant writing will be better assessed once it commences. Even on more complex projects, the selected consultant's work will not be impacted by the additional prep work, as SRTA and local agency staff will provide all of the requisite information for the grant writing effort.
8	Are there recent innovations or other potential innovations which SRTA views as best practice examples upon which RFP respondents may form their responses? Are there related public or private sources suggested by SRTA where these examples of innovation would be available and shared with the RFP respondents?	SRTA welcomes vendors' innovative ideas/techniques to employ in the applications and curry the attention and favor of ATP evaluators. ATP Cycle 5 program guidelines have not been released, but vendors may want to review the Cycle 4 guidelines as a potential source of inspiration.