

RFP#DEEP-MMCA-SERC-03162015

Answers to Questions Received

<p>1. Q - Opening Paragraph describes the exercise as a "Bi-State Full Scale Transportation Related Exercise".</p>
<p>A - Please refer to more detailed project description "Outline of Work": To accomplish this goal, the SERC will retain a contractor to work with both States (RI and CT) public emergency response officials and possibly facility owners and operators to exercise their plan through a tabletop exercise. After a review of the tabletop exercise and it is anticipated that that Project will then support a full scale exercise followed by an evaluation and lessons learn discussion.</p>
<p>2. Q - Are you looking to bid an exercise series? Table Top? And Full Scale? As well as an After Action Review and Improvement Plan?</p>
<p>A - We are looking for table top exercise (TTE) to be held prior to the full scale exercise (FSE), with the intention that this activity would support a more successful FSE.</p>
<p>3. Q - If it is a full scale exercise is the NTE (not to exceed) price \$34,900? Or is that only for the TTX ?</p>
<p>A - The funding statement is for the entire project as described in the detailed project description. Funding for this project will be from the Federal U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration Agency, Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Program (HMEP) Training and Planning Grant Application, at a proposed budget upper limit of \$34,900 or less.</p>
<p>4. Q - Is there an Exercise Planning or Design Team in place for the contractor to work with?</p>
<p>A - The Bi-State Full Scale Transportation Related Exercise, "the Project", calls for an exercise design team to be assembled using the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) model, with emergency response representatives from the two states of RI and CT, the federal government and the private</p>

sector. It would be the responsibility of the selected contractor / firm to assemble this team of representatives, and indicate such in proposal response.

5. Q - Will there be trusted agents the contractor can use representing the major agencies involved in play?

A - It would be the responsibility of the selected contractor / firm to assemble this team of representatives. The SERC Chairman has already had discussions with a town in the Northeast CT area that abuts Rhode Island and that is willing to host the exercise. This information will be provided to the awarded contractor/firm.

6. Q - Task 1 states that the consultant will "Perform as facilitator/coordinator using the HSEEP model to deliver training to emergency responders..." What training are we expected to provide?

A - It would be the responsibility of the selected contractor/firm to propose training related to this type of project. The following task found in RFP Announcement Outline of Work H. 1. describes this responsibility of the contractor:

"Perform as facilitator/coordinator using the HSEEP model to deliver training to emergency responders based on their expected function."

7. Q - TTX spring/early summer 2015 then full FSX late summer/early fall 2015? Again all for \$34,900? Generally a FSX done properly is a 6-9 or 6-12 month process particularly when coupled with a TTX?

A - Please refer to above responses for questions 1 and 3.

8. Q - For the FSX will the contractor be responsible for all evaluators and controllers for both a TTX and FSX? Who will be responsible for the full scale evolutions?

A - The contractor will be responsible for all evaluators and controllers for this project. Response organizations will be responsible for their own equipment and personnel that participates in this exercise.

9. Q - Task 6 mentions "contractor will negotiate agreements of the locations" What agreements are to be used?

A - The awarded contractor will be provided with contact information from the designated local host community. Specific location agreements can be negotiated with host and surrounding community representatives and the CT SERC Chairman.