

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Environmental Improvement Department
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Regional Green Infrastructure Planning
RFP #230008

Announcement: May 8, 2023

Project Description: The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is requesting proposals from all interested consultants, engineers, and other professionals for TRPA's regional green infrastructure planning project. The RFP seeks professionals to provide watershed analyses and community and stakeholder outreach, to inform and complete green infrastructure conceptual planning and preliminary engineering within two City of South Lake Tahoe, CA project areas.

Evaluation: Proposals will be evaluated based on consultant qualifications, understanding of the project, proposed approach, ability to adhere to the proposed timeline, proposed budget, references, and sample work products.

A selection committee will evaluate bids. TRPA reserves the right to select a consultant based solely on the written proposals and not convene oral interviews. If oral interviews are needed, the qualifying consulting firms will be invited to make a presentation to the selection committee. TRPA is not required to contract with a consultant and may choose not to select any of the submitted consultants.

Multiple and varied tasks are laid out in the Scope of Work included in this RFP. Bids that include proposals covering all needed work are preferred, however, bids for specific elements will be accepted.

Depending on the bidders proposed scope of services, the bidder should have the following experience:

- Conceptual Planning & Design
 - stormwater management & green infrastructure features
 - street scape and active transportation elements
 - recreation access
 - mobility and parking
- Stakeholder Coordination & Public Outreach
- Engineering/Drafting
 - detail drawings
 - 30 percent conceptual design plans
- Maintaining budgets
- Adhering to timelines

See criteria in section 4 of this document for more detail on proposal content requirements.

Deadline: Monday May 22, 2023 – Bidding Firms' Questions Due
Responses to questions shall be posted on TRPA website by May 24, 2023
Wednesday June 7th, 2023 – Deadline for Proposal Submissions.

Questions: All questions should be submitted in writing to the RFP Coordinator:

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1. Introduction and Agency Background

Introduction:

This project will use community and stakeholder outreach and a watershed scale approach to identify opportunities for multiple benefit green stormwater infrastructure in two South Lake Tahoe, California project areas; Ski Run Mountain to Marina and the Tahoe Keys. The project will help implement the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) while creating healthier urban environments that are more resilient to climate change.

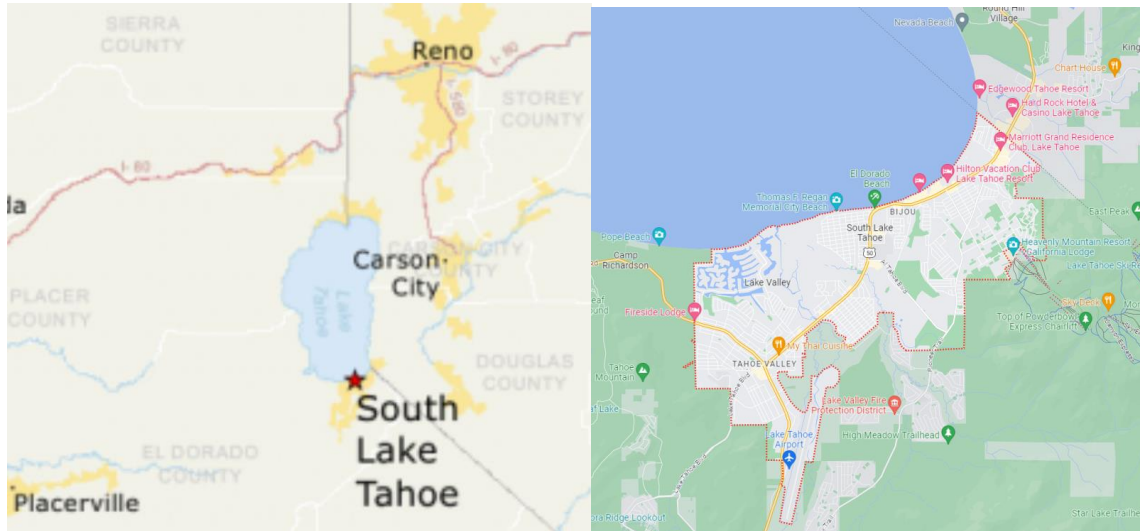
Green infrastructure provides opportunities for regional treatment of urban stormwater using natural hydrologic processes before it enters Lake Tahoe. Green infrastructure infiltrates and treats stormwater using vegetation, soils and other elements, while having the potential to deliver other environmental, social and economic benefits.

Currently, specific Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) projects such as BMP retrofit, local erosion control projects, and stream channel restoration work are delivered on the basis of land ownership. Each property owner or municipal jurisdiction is responsible for independently delivering their “share” of EIP projects. This approach misses opportunities for collaboration among adjacent interests to work cooperatively to achieve mutually beneficial results. On the other extreme, the broader scale of watershed planning is typically completed for the entire Lake Tahoe Basin, as in the TMDL process. The broad planning approach does not identify opportunities linked to the distinctive nature and composition of individual communities and natural resources found within a watershed. There is a need to conduct planning and facilitate TMDL implementation at a watershed scale to effectively deliver environmental improvements specific to watersheds and their communities. Elements of this request include area-wide stormwater treatment planning, outreach to private property owners to encourage environmental stewardship and protection of investments in aquatic invasive species prevention and control.

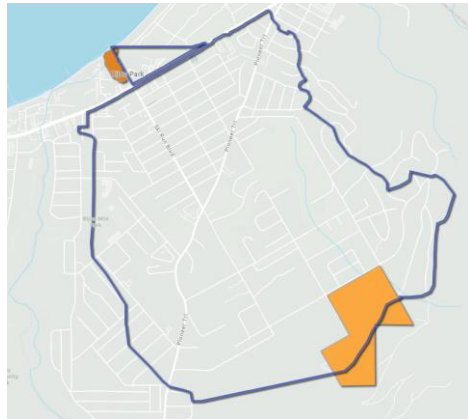
The Ski Run Mountain to Marina project area is a developed urban watershed starting at the Heavenly California Base Lodge Parking Lot and draining ultimately to Lake Tahoe at the Ski Run Marina. Here green infrastructure can combine expanded stormwater treatment with better parking, improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, enhanced recreation access and increased wildlife habitat. For more information visit the [Ski Run Mountain to Marina Story Map](#).

The Tahoe Keys project area is situated in a former wetland and one of Lake Tahoe’s most environmentally sensitive areas. It primarily comprises of residential development within the TK-1 TMDL catchment. High groundwater impedes infiltration, and the area needs an integrated approach to treat runoff from the public rights-of-way and private driveway and parking areas. Green infrastructure can replace conventional landscaping and turf with conservation landscaping and features that combine stormwater treatment with recreation access, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and wildlife habitat improvements.

Project Area Maps



South Lake Tahoe, California



Heavenly Mountain Resort to Ski Run Marina Project Area



Tahoe Keys Project Area

TRPA Background Information:

Established in 1969, by a Federally sponsored, interstate compact between California and Nevada, TRPA is authorized under California law (California Government Code sections 66800 through 66801), Nevada law (NRS 277.190 through 227.200), and Federal law (PL 96-551).

The mission of TRPA is to “lead the cooperative effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region, while improving local communities, and people’s interactions with our irreplaceable environment.” TRPA is the leading partner for plans and actions to preserve the environment of the Tahoe region. TRPA establishes transportation and land use policy as the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization and works with local, regional, state, and Federal organizations and governments to facilitate a cooperative approach in implementing these plans and programs. The TRPA Regional Plan is designed to maintain a healthy natural environment, meet adopted environmental thresholds, maintain social and economic health, and allow orderly growth in the Region.

TRPA is governed by a 15-member Board. California and Nevada each have seven members comprised of elected officials and governmental appointees. In addition, a non-voting member is appointed by the President of the United States. Further information can be obtained at TRPA’s website at www.trpa.gov.

Lake Tahoe faces a constant and serious threat from the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). AIS can devastate aquatic ecosystems, and negatively impact the recreation opportunities that drive Lake Tahoe’s economy. The Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Species Program’s mission is to prevent, detect, and control aquatic invasive species in the region so that future generations can enjoy Lake Tahoe. TRPA and the Tahoe Resource Conservation District lead the program in collaboration with the public and private partners.

TRPA is granted environmental planning and regulatory authority at Lake Tahoe pursuant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (Public Law 96-551). TRPA requires all projects to be consistent with the applicable development and environmental standards found throughout the TRPA Regional Plan package.

2. Project Description

Scope of Work

A. Ski Run Mtn to Marina Green Infrastructure Planning

EIP Project # 01.01.01.0192

This project uses a watershed scale approach to evaluate the Ski Run “Mountain to Marina” neighborhood from Heavenly’s California Base Lodge and Parking Lot to the Ski Run Marina and identify opportunities for multiple benefit stormwater green infrastructure. The project helps implement the TMDL through regional stormwater treatment while providing other community benefits such as bicycle and pedestrian amenities, enhanced recreation access, wildlife habitat and parking. For more information visit the project [storymap](#).

Tasks

Conceptual Planning

1. Develop a preferred alternative conceptual plan and graphics that identifies types and locations of multiple benefit green infrastructure in the Ski Run “Mtn to Marina” Green Infrastructure project area boundary. Green infrastructure shall provide regional treatment while accommodating other community benefits such as bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, enhanced recreation access, wildlife habitat, and parking. The preferred alternative conceptual plan shall align with the project priorities and correspond to the opportunities identified in the project [storymap](#) as well as reflect input received from the community and stakeholder outreach tasks described below.
2. Develop 30% conceptual design plans of preferred alternative that addresses the following:
Active Transportation, Mobility & Recreation Access
 1. Heavenly Mountain Resort
 - a. Multi-use year-round connection from Ski Run Blvd sledding/overflow parking to California Base Lodge along Needle Peak and Wildwood.
 - b. Employee Parking
 - c. Summer trailhead for hiking and biking
 - d. Potential opportunities to expand or improve parking facilities.
 2. Bijou Community School/ Ski Run Blvd
 - a. Spruce Ave to Ski Run conceptual complete street plan
 - i. coordinate green infrastructure with proposed City Bijou Park Creek water quality improvements and safe routes to school planning.
 - ii. Address traffic circulation and parking with school pick up/drop off.
 - iii. Connect Spruce through USFS parcel across Bijou Park Creek with pedestrian/bicycle bridge to park location on Ski Run Blvd and Spruce Ave.
 - iv. Bike and pedestrian connection along Herbet from Greenway to Spruce/Bijou Community School.
 - b. Tamarack/Ski Run intersection
 - i. traffic calming pedestrian crossing bulb outs with snow plow compatible green infrastructure stormwater improvements.
 - c. South Herbert or other pedestrian improvements and connections to Bijou Community School.

Stormwater

1. Heavenly Mountain Resort

- a. Clean water bypass from above Lodge
 - b. Flow through treatment basin for parking lot stormwater on adjacent USFS land.
 2. Blackwood
 - a. Address off pavement parking in the ROW.
 - b. Coordinate with proposed Bijou Park Creek water quality improvements.
 3. Sonora/Wildwood
 - a. Address off pavement parking in the ROW
 - b. Stormwater infiltration on public lands
 - c. Proposed improvements compatible with existing bicycle and ped network connections
 - d. Identified extent of regional treatment provided.
 4. Osgood Basin Expansion (as developed by the City Bijou Park Creek project)
 - e. Identified extent of regional treatment provided.
3. Coordinate with the City's Bijou Park Creek Watershed and SEZ Restoration Project [EIP Project# 01.01.01.0153](#), as well as with TahoeRCD pollutant load reduction modelling and watershed model comparisons to inform conceptual planning.
4. Draft memo on the feasibility of the preferred alternative that considers, but is not limited to, the following criteria:
 - Utilities (need for underground or relocation of water, sewer, electrical and any provider future plans)
 - Acquisition need
 - User conflict inventory
 - ADA compliance

Deliverables:

- Conceptual Plan, maps and graphics for the overall project area boundary in a format compatible to be incorporated into the project story map.
- Feasibility Memo
- 30% conceptual design plans of preferred alternative

Community and Stakeholder Outreach

1. Conduct no less than six stakeholder/public/community meetings to engage the public, inform conceptual project design and create broad-based community support. Meetings may be separated by topic area (active transportation, mobility and recreation access, or stormwater) and/or by location as needed.
2. Outreach directly to key stakeholders by phone, email, and video conference as needed to inform conceptual design. Stakeholders may include but are not limited to the following:
 - Bijou Community School Principal
 - Family Resource Center - Bill Martinez
 - Utility Providers including Liberty Energy, Southwest Gas, and STPUD
 - Public Agencies (USFS, City of South Lake Tahoe, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board)
 - Vail Resorts
 - Ski Run Business District
 - League to Save Lake Tahoe
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee
3. Use other direct and web-based forms of communication to share conceptual plan information and coordinate with TRPA on outreach to property owners about information on BMPs and any proposed area-wide treatment to meet environmental requirements.
4. Use QR code or other means to share existing [google survey](#). Administer survey and track results.
5. Draft a summary of community and stakeholder outreach results to inform conceptual planning.

Deliverables:

- Six public meetings & materials
- Web based and other outreach materials for project [storymap](#) and direct mail to property owners.
- Community & Stakeholder Outreach Summary that includes survey results.

Preliminary Environmental Review

1. Draft memo that identifies the required environmental review necessary to implement the project.
2. Complete CEQA/TRPA checklist for programmatic conceptual plan.

Deliverables

- Memo that lists and provides rationale for environmental review required to implement proposed project.
- CEQA/TRPA checklist completed for programmatic conceptual plan.

B. Tahoe Keys Green Infrastructure Planning

[EIP Project # 01.01.01.0197](#)

This project uses a watershed scale approach to evaluate the Tahoe Keys residential neighborhood in South Lake Tahoe and identify opportunities for multiple benefit stormwater green infrastructure that helps implement the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) while providing other community benefits.

Tasks

Conceptual Planning

1. Coordinate with City of South Lake Tahoe (City), Tahoe Key Property Owners Association (TKPOA), Tahoe Resource Conservation District (TahoeRCD), and TRPA staff working on the project, as well as other public agency staff working on the Tahoe Keys Control Methods Test [EIP Project #01.03.01.0006](#) as needed. Obtain data of existing stormwater infrastructure, micro-topography and drainage, utilities, land ownership, easements, identified problem areas or “hot spots” for AIS, nutrients and/or harmful algal blooms (HABs), bicycle and pedestrian network, and recreation amenities. Coordinate with public agencies working on pollutant load reduction modelling and watershed model comparisons to inform conceptual planning.
2. Using information obtained in Task 1, Complete GIS analysis and mapping to identify opportunities for, and preferred locations of, multiple benefit green infrastructure in the public rights of way (ROW), on TKPOA common area parcels and on private land. Green infrastructure shall treat stormwater runoff from roadways, driveways and parking areas while providing other community benefits such as conservation landscaping to lower water and nutrient use, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and enhanced recreation access where feasible.
3. Develop a conceptual plan and graphics that identifies types and locations of multiple benefit green infrastructure for the greater Tahoe Keys neighborhood, and a for a pilot project along Al Wai Blvd in the ROW and on TKPOA land.

Deliverables:

- GIS layers provided to City and TRPA
- Conceptual Plan Map and Graphics for the greater Tahoe Keys neighborhood, and the Al Wai Blvd pilot project.

Community & Stakeholder Outreach

1. Conduct three stakeholder and one public TKPOA Board meetings to engage the public, inform conceptual project design and create community support.
2. Use other direct and web-based forms of communication to share conceptual plan information.

3. Outreach to TKPOA members to encourage environmental stewardship and solicit private participation in green infrastructure through the TKPOA "Keys Breeze" and other direct communication as needed.
4. Draft a summary of community and stakeholder outreach results.

Deliverables:

- Four public meetings & materials
- Other communication used, such as web and/or storymap materials
- Keys Breeze article
- List of private property willing participants
- Community & Stakeholder Outreach Summary

Engineering

1. Develop and draft up to four engineered detail drawings to be used as templates of typical green infrastructure designs proposed for different scenarios found in the Tahoe Keys watershed. Scenarios should include, but are not limited to:
 - linear features located in the public rights-of-way, upstream of drop inlets.
 - small residential rain gardens and other features located on private parcels, both with and without easements
 - corner parcel and cul-de-sac designs

Deliverables:

- Up to four green infrastructure detail drawings in PDF and AutoCAD format.

Term of Engagement

It is the intent of the Agency to contract for services presented herein for a 3 year term effective August 1, 2023, and expiring on July 31, 2026. **Due to strict grant funding timelines, A. Ski Run Mtn to Marina Green Infrastructure Planning tasks must be completed within the first 20 months of the agreement by March 1, 2025, and B. Tahoe Keys Green Infrastructure Planning tasks completed by the July 31, 2026 expiration date. No contract renewals are available beyond these end dates.**

TRPA Budget

TRPA's annual operating budget is constrained by being a public agency and grant funding supports funding of this project. Please take this into account when responding to this request for proposals.

3. RFP Schedule & Submission Process

Public Records:

The documents submitted in response to this RFP should be considered public information and subject to FOIA disclosure. Restrictions on any information submitted will render a bid non-responsive.

TRPA assumes no contractual obligation to enforce any exemption on behalf of a respondent to the RFP.

RFP Coordinator:

Upon release of this RFP, all communications concerning this proposal request should be directed to the RFP Coordinator listed below. All written questions and requests for clarification must be received by the deadline on the RFP schedule listed below. Email shall have the subject stating: **"RFP INQUIRY – RFP #230008 Green Infrastructure Planning."** Responses will be posted to the website trpa.gov/contact/request-for-proposals/ in accordance with the RFP schedule listed below. The respondent should rely only on written statements issued by the RFP Coordinator.

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Request for Proposal Schedule:

TRPA anticipates the following schedule, which is subject to change:

Date of Announcement:	May 8, 2023
Bidding Firms' Questions Due:	May 22, 2023
Questions and Answers posted to www.trpa.gov	May 24, 2023
Deadline for Proposal Submissions:	June 7, 2023
Sealed Proposals Opened:	June 9, 2023

Selection of Consultants for Interviews (if necessary):	June 13, 2023
Consultant Interviews (if necessary):	June 20, 2023
Anticipated Award of Contract:	August 1, 2023
Anticipated Commencement of Work:	August 1, 2023

Late proposal submissions will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the sender.

Proposal Submission:

Electronic submission of proposals via email, file transfer, or other method is preferred. RFP and cost proposals are submitted separately, and cost proposal is only opened for proposals that meet format requirements. Send electronic submittals to bids@trpa.gov with the subject line “**RFP #2230008 Green Infrastructure Planning RFP Response [lead firm name]**” and “**RFP #2230008 Green Infrastructure Planning RFP Cost Proposal [lead firm name]**”.

Mailed submissions will be accepted if the submission is too large to transmit digitally. Please include hard copies and digital files on a thumb drive. Mailed submissions must be received by TRPA before the RFP deadline.

Address written proposals to:

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Attention: Shay Navarro
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PO Box 5310
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Subject Line: “**DO NOT OPEN – RFP #2230008 Green Infrastructure Planning RFP Response [lead firm name]**” and “**DO NOT OPEN – RFP #2230008 Green Infrastructure Planning RFP Cost Proposal [lead firm name]**”

All opened proposals and accompanying documentation become the property of TRPA and will not be returned. Any late proposals will be returned unopened.

Terms and Conditions:

- TRPA reserves the right to amend the RFP schedule or issue amendments to the RFP at any time. TRPA also reserves the right to cancel or reissue the RFP, to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities or informalities in the selection process, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items. TRPA reserves the right to request clarification of information from any bidder or to request supplemental material deemed necessary to assist in the evaluation of the proposal. TRPA reserves the right to accept any agreement deemed by the agency to be in its best interest. This RFP does not obligate the TRPA to accept or contract for any expressed or implied services.
- In the event that the bidder to whom any services are awarded does not execute a contract within thirty (30) calendar days after TRPA approval, TRPA may give notice to such bidder of intent to award the contract to the next most qualified bidder or to call for new proposals and may proceed to act accordingly.

- TRPA will not reimburse any bidder for any of the costs involved in the preparation and submission of responses to this RFP or in the preparation for and attendance at subsequent interviews.
- Selected consultant(s) will be expected to sign the TRPA Consultant Services Agreement listed on trpa.gov/contact/request-for-proposals/. Any desired edits to this agreement should be included in the Contractor's proposal. Desired edits may not be accepted by TRPA.
- The Consultant or its employees may be subject to the provisions of Article III (a)(5) of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact (P.L. 96-551, 94 Stat. 3233, Cal. Gov't Code Section 66801, N.R.S. 277.200), which requires disclosure of any defined economic interest and prohibits such persons from attempting to influence Agency decisions affecting certain economic interests.
- Bidder shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with these terms and conditions of the TRPA Consultant Services Agreement. The failure or omission of any bidder to receive or examine this document shall in no way relieve any bidder of obligations with respect to this proposal or the subsequent contract.
- Bidder must certify to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency. TRPA will verify bidders' status by checking the SAM system.
- All subcontractors, if any, used by the selected consultant will require prior written consent of TRPA and will be subject to all provisions stipulated in the TRPA Consultant Services Agreement.
- This contract will be funded by federal and state grant awards and is subject to federal and state grant award requirements including, but not limited to, cost principles and administrative regulations including but not limited to travel and per diem rates, mileage rates, and allowable cost requirements.

4. Minimum Required Proposal Contents

Minimum Required Proposal Contents:

All proposal responses should address the following matters:

Main Proposal – Max Page Limit: 10

1. Project Definition: Indicate your understanding of the Project objectives.
2. Project Approach: Describe how the Project will be managed, implemented, and evaluated to accomplish the objectives, requirements and scope of work outlined in this request.
3. Team Organization: Briefly describe how the project team will be organized to facilitate effective management, implementation, and evaluation.

4. Qualifications and Experience: Provide a summary of company and project team qualifications and experience related to topics identified in this request.
5. References and Sample Work: Provide a minimum of three (3) client references of similar sized and/or governmental accounts which the bidder has served in a similar capacity or is currently serving. Provide a contact person, telephone number, and email address for each reference. Provide a minimum of three sample work products completed by the bidder that are of similar capacity to the request. References and sample work should be submitted as an attachment to this response and do not count toward the proposal page limit.

Cost Proposal – Max Page Limit: 4

Schedule and Cost: Provide a timeline and itemized cost estimate based on the tasks, subtasks and deliverables described in the Scope of Work of this request. In addition to documenting the overall cost of each Task, bidders shall provide an itemized cost estimate for each Task being bid on. Cost estimates shall be based on hourly rates and/or milestones and/or deliverables.

Please note that due to strict grant funding timelines, A. Ski Run Mtn to Marina Green Infrastructure Planning tasks must be completed within the first 20 months of the agreement by March 1, 2025, and B. Tahoe Keys Green Infrastructure Planning tasks completed by the July 31, 2026 expiration date. No contract renewals are available beyond these end dates.

Please provide a “Not to Exceed” cap and a bid guarantee through July 31, 2026.

W-9 and Proof of Insurance

Submit a completed IRS form W-9. Proof of Insurance will be required if selected under this RFP for a contract award. TRPA contract insurance requirements are outlined in the TRPA Standard Two-Party Contract, available here <https://www.trpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/archive/TRPA-Standard-Two-Party-Contract.pdf>.

5. Notification and Selection Process

Review of Proposals

After the deadline date the Agency shall review and evaluate all proposals for responsiveness to the RFP to determine whether the bidder possesses the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. The Agency shall also investigate qualifications of all bidders to whom the award is contemplated, and the Agency may request clarifications of proposals directly from one or more bidders. In reviewing the proposals, the Agency may consider the following:

1. The experience and past performance of the bidder and its agents, employees, and sub-consultants in completing projects of a similar type, size, and complexity.

2. The Agency may consider Bidder's timely and accurate completion of similar projects within budget.
3. The specific recent experience of the bidder and its agents, employees, and sub-consultants in auditing governmental entities and especially transportation entities.
4. The feasibility of the proposal based upon the performance and cost schedules, and the methodology to be used by the bidder.
5. Bidder's understanding of the work to be completed based upon the clarity of the proposal and responsiveness to this RFP.
6. Bidder's proposed language for the Professional Services Agreement.
7. TRPA agrees to make a good faith effort to contract with small, minority, disabled, and women owned business enterprises. Accordingly, the TRPA strongly encourages small, minority, disabled, and women owned businesses to reply to this RFP and submit Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), or similar certifications as an attachment to this RFP.

Section	Evaluation Criteria
1. Definition of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates exceptional knowledge of the overall goals and objectives
2. Project Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall project approach including role, philosophy, and project process used by the firm. Overall strategy and deliverables.
3. Team Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project team and leadership. Planning activities, support tools, and reporting methodology.
4. Qualifications and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth of relevant experience, verifiable ability of proposed firm to meet Agency expectations.
5. Schedule & Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptability of proposed overall cost and specific cost formulation for the Agency. • Availability and accessibility of the firm during the duration of this project.
6. References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory responses from prior engagement references provided for proposed firm.
7. Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory completion of all general RFP content and submission requirements

Award of Agreement

Upon completion of the review period, the Agency shall notify those bidders whose proposals will be considered for further evaluation and negotiation. All notified bidders may be required to make presentations and negotiate in good faith in accordance with direction from the Agency. Any delay caused by bidder's failure to respond to direction from the Agency may lead to a rejection of the proposal.

If the Agency determines, after further evaluation and negotiation, to award the Agreement, the TRPA Two-Party Contract Agreement shall be sent to the successful bidder for the bidder's signature. No proposal shall be binding upon the Agency until after the Agreement is signed by duly authorized representatives of both the bidder and the Agency.

Should the selected bidder and TRPA be unable to agree to the terms of a contract within forty-five (45) calendar days after TRPA approval, TRPA will reserve the right to disqualify the consultant and select another qualified bidder. Should this process not result in the hiring of a consultant, the RFP may be reissued.

The Agency reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularity. The award of the Agreement, if made by the Agency, will be based upon a total review and analysis of each proposal and projected costs.

TRPA will contract with the bidder that will best accomplish the project objectives for the best value and in the best interests of the Agency.