

ARCHAEOLOGY QUESTIONS – 2016

CONSULTANT SUBMITTED QUESTION	TDOT RESPONSE
<p>We may be using one of the prime consultants for archaeology as a sub consultant to do any ground penetrating radar work that may be required during the period of work. Would that be a conflict of interest to use one of the prime consultants that has been selected for archaeology as a sub consultant to do the ground penetrating radar work? Or can we list that company on our proposal as a sub consultant as well without any ramifications?</p>	<p>We are awaiting final responses from our legal division on those questions submitted on the new Organizational Conflicts of Interest Policy. A follow-up email with the responses to those questions will be sent out when they are available.</p>
<p>One question I have from the supplemental questions you sent over for archaeology is it states that several individual items (example report and example health and safety plan for example) must be provided on a CD. Can these be all on one CD or do they have to be individual CDs for each requested item?</p>	<p>Yes – all required example documents may be submitted on one individual CD.</p>
<p>A question regarding the archaeology proposal. For question VI. On page 3 of the Archaeology supplemental questions, are you wanting all our projects completed in 2014 and 2015 or a select few? I didn't see a limit stated in the questions so I wanted to make sure I knew how many they were looking for before I started tracking down this information.</p>	<p>All Phase I archaeological survey projects completed in 2014 and 2015.</p>
<p>We have dozens if not hundreds of Phase I projects in the last two years. Can we limit the number of projects included?</p>	<p>No, if you don't provide all of them, how can we determine whether the sample you provide is self-selected and biased toward projects that were completed on schedule? The reason we want all of this meta-data is to evaluate your firm's ability to deliver Phase I surveys on schedule and within budget.</p>
<p>Can the response to item I. Staff Qualifications in the Supplemental Information packet be presented in a table?</p>	<p>Yes – please provide this information in tabular form. It should've said so, but we missed it in that requirement.</p>
<p>Can responses to requests in the Supplemental Information packet be included in Part H of our 330 submission?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>We plan to deliver our completed proposal via FedEx/UPS. Will this be an issue given the procedures for entering the James K. Polk building (described on the bottom of TDOT's letter of request, page 1)?</p>	<p>No, our Division receives FedEx/UPS deliveries daily.</p>
<p>The Archaeology Supplemental Questions, Item V, requests our Worker's Compensation rate. Our Worker's Compensation rates re assigned by our insurer based on various job positions and the closest match in the Workers Comp schedule and do not reflect our safety performance. We believe the rate TDOT is seeking is our Experience Modification Rate (EMR), which reflects our safety performance and which in turn is tied to our workers comp insurance premiums. Could you please confirm that the rate you are seeking it our EMR?</p>	<p>We will accept either the workers compensation rate (rate per \$100 of payroll) or the Experience Modification Rate.</p>
<p>Is the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement required</p>	<p>We are awaiting final responses from our legal division</p>

<p>for each employee who will be working on TDOT Archaeology and Historic Preservation projects? Or, is one completed form required for each discipline?</p>	<p>on those questions submitted on the new Organizational Conflicts of Interest Policy. A follow-up email with the responses to those questions will be sent out when they are available.</p>
<p>Under Section V of the Archaeology request, we are asked to provide information regarding “Worker’s compensation rate for the Archaeology unit, office, or branch assigned to TDOT specifically (if unavailable, provide rate for entire firm).” Does TDOT want a three year average (or another time limit) for the Worker’s Compensation rate?.</p>	<p>We did not specify a time-period. Provide your current rate, however calculated and over whatever time-period, but include this information in your response.</p>