



**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION # 40100-51255
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR eTIP and eSTIP TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PLAN SOFTWARE**

DATE: 06/18/2024

RFI # 40100-51255 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFI Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFI dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

RFI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: EVENT		TIME (Central Time Zone)	DATE (all dates are State business days)
1.	RFI Issued		06/04/2024
2.	Comments and Questions Due		06/11/2024
3.	State Responds to Comments and Questions		06/18/2024
4.	Responses Due	2:00 PM	06/25/2024
5.	State Scheduled Demos/Presentations		06/28/2024
6.	Demonstrations via Microsoft Teams	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Week of 07/08/2024 & 07/15/2024

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFI.

Any restatement of RFI text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFI document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1 Does TDOT require the Vendors to submit the RFI response both in the form of an email and hard copy, or only via email?	Vendors may choose to submit in either hard copy or email. It is not required to submit in both hard copy and email. TDOT prefers email submission.
2 What systems and tools does TDOT currently use to manage its STIP and ROW processes? What are the major issues TDOT is	TDOT is currently using a TIP/STIP management application developed internally by TDOT IT staff. While this seems to work well for TDOT, we have identified some limitations – specifically with

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experiencing with its legacy systems?	regards to TIP amendments that originate from external partners (i.e., MPOs).
3 Please describe the challenges TDOT is facing with its existing STIP environment and processes. What are the benefits TDOT hopes to gain by implementing a new solution for STIP management?	Building from Response #2, the main concern expressed by our external partners is the inability to report / account for TIP amendments that are still in the draft stage. Our external partners do not have the feature of viewing financial tables until the amendment has been finalized. TDOT is looking for an application that provides for financial accounting prior to final adoption of amendments.
4 Please describe how the RFI responses will be scored as part of the evaluation criteria to shortlist the Vendors for demos. Will only qualified Vendors be invited to the demo?	RFIs are used as an information gathering resource and are not evaluated or scored. All respondents who complete the RFI Technical and Cost informational forms will be invited to demonstrate software in accordance with the schedule.
5 Will TDOT extend the due date by two weeks? Extending the due date will allow the Vendors to respond more thoroughly and submit a high-quality response.	Unfortunately, no. TDOT and our external partners will need as much time as possible to procure and implement the successful alternative to our existing process prior to the beginning of our next TIP/STIP cycle.
6 How much data (GBs, records, documents, number of years) need to be migrated from TDOT's legacy systems? What are those systems? Will any of the systems be discontinued after the new solution is implemented?	Refer to Response #2. As of mid-June, there are 1,317 project records, 3,144 associated funding phases and 1,152 attachments. In addition, about 1,194 fund code budgets. These 4 things cover probably 80% of the data in current eSTIP platform. We are expecting to discontinue older versions after the new system has been fully implemented.
7 Please provide more information on TDOT's current third-party applications that need to be integrated with the new eTIP and eSTIP solution.	There are a few TN MPOs that have contracted with other vendors to develop customized TIP management applications specific to their planning region. TDOT is interested in knowing how these third-party applications could be connected to the new statewide application.
8 Will TDOT consider allowing a vendor to redact proprietary information in the RFI response?	No, RFI responses remain confidential so long as an awarded procurement does not result. However, RFI responses will not be held confidential if a procurement is created and awarded from this RFI. Procurement documents will become public record after conclusion of the procurement.
9 In section 4.i can you clarify the term "optional data fields"? Is this optional to enter data, or optional within the reports? What are some examples?	This refers to the ability of the new TIP/STIP application to provide "non-mandatory" data fields unique to TDOT or a specific MPO's preference. An example would be something like, [State Representative], or [Transit Route].
10 For question 5.b can you provide examples of the financial tables currently used?	Examples of financial tables can be found on each MPO's TIP website under their 'Transportation Improvement Plan' link. A list of TN MPOs can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/2aap8jmu .
11 What are the desired start and go-live dates if the state does move forward with this project? Is	While we have set aside funds for this contract, we prefer the cost of this tool to remain market-based. To help provide context, Tennessee currently has a total of eleven (11) MPOs. Five of them cover regions with populations over 200,000. Specific dates have

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there an approved budget for the project?	not been set, but the next TIP development cycle will start this fall and we are expecting this new tool will be fully utilized by that time.

3. **RFI Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFI not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.