

RFP 2021-12 Project Manager Consultant Pool Questions and Answers

Bidder Questions:	Covered CA - Response:
<p>1. 3.2 Scope of Work – Purpose</p> <p>Can you please confirm if we are allowed to submit our response to qualify for ONLY Project Manager (Waterfall) or ONLY Scrum Master (Agile), or does it need to meet both expertise areas requirements?</p>	<p>Proposers can submit for either position or both.</p>
<p>2. 2.1 Project Team Min. Qualifications</p> <p>If vendors are allowed to submit a response to qualify for only one expertise area: Are MQ# 3 & 4 (Agile related) still required for the proposed team if the response is only pursuing to be pre-approved for Project Manager (Waterfall)?</p>	<p>All the MQs are required for both expertise areas.</p>
<p>3. 2.1 Project Team Min. Qualifications</p> <p>If vendors are allowed to submit a response to qualify for only one expertise area: Are MQ# 1 (assuming it's referring to Waterfall specific PM experience - please advise if it's referring to general PM experience) and DQ#1 still required for the proposed team if the response is only pursuing to be pre-approved for Project Manager (Agile)?</p>	<p>MQ #1 is referring to general project management experience utilizing any methodology.</p> <p>DQs are desired qualifications but not required to be considered for this engagement.</p>
<p>4. Will remote work be allowed under this contract? If so, is it feasible to utilize offshore resources or those outside of California, within the U.S.?</p>	<p>Remote work is allowed. Work outside of CA is allowed. Work outside of the U.S. is not.</p>
<p>5. Is there an existing pool for these types of services?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>6. Exhibit B, Attachment 1 Cost Worksheet: What information is required in the “description” column on the cost worksheet?</p>	<p>This column can be used to describe the position/title being proposed.</p>

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<p>7. Is there an anticipated number of contracts expected as a result of this pool formation?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>8. Exhibit A Section E</p> <p>Due to the current pandemic situation, is CCA willing to accept out of the area but still in California resources or out-of-state resources for any part of this contract?</p> <p>RFx Language The Contractor is required to perform all services under this Agreement on-site at Covered California, unless directed otherwise by the project representative listed in this Exhibit. The Covered California office is located at 1601 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento, California, 95815. Travel and expenses for reporting to this headquarters location shall not be reimbursed.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>9. Section 2.1</p> <p>Can Covered California confirm that any of the six common Agile certifications; PMI (PMI-ACP), ICAgile Professional (ICP), AgilePm (APMG), Certified Scrum Master (CSM), Professional Scrum Master 1 (PSM1), be considered equivalent?</p> <p>RFx Language Possess one or more of the following certifications: Certified Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) Scrum Master or equivalent certification. Project Management Professional (PMP) is not considered equivalent.</p>	<p>These certifications are acceptable.</p>
<p>10. Section 4.3.1 Understanding and Approach (page 20 of the RFP) asks vendors to provide a table of hours per week by person and a Work Plan that itemizes activities to be performed during the entire contract term. Since services under this contract will be driven by Work Orders</p>	<p>Agree. Language updated. See RFP Addendum #1.</p>

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<p>that will formalize the requirements (scope of work, budget, duration) of each project assignment and these assignments are not know at this time, might Covered California remove this from the RFP? If not, might Covered California clarify this requirement so that we may respond appropriately?</p>	
<p>11. Is this a New Contract or a renewal of an existing contract? If a renewal requests you to answer the below questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who is the incumbent on this opportunity? b. What is the spend of the previous contract c. Is there any preference given to the Incumbent Vendors? 	<p>This is a new contract.</p>
<p>12. What is the max rate allowed for this opportunity?</p>	<p>There is no max rate, however, cost will factor into each Proposer's score. Covered California expects all Proposers to offer competitive rates in order to be considered for this engagement.</p>
<p>13. This position is onsite or remote?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If onsite, what is the location to perform the services b. If both, please specify the % of work to be done onsite? 	<p>Covered California is currently working in a remote environment. It's possible resources may have to attend an occasional meeting at 1601 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento.</p>
<p>14. Is there any preference given to Local Vendors?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>15. Can we provide exceptions to the terms mentioned in the RFP?</p>	<p>No, the RFP's requirements are not subject to negotiations.</p>
<p>16. Please specify the details & technology stack of the projects that need to complete.</p>	<p>Not yet determined.</p>
<p>17. Please specify the number of resumes we can submit per expertise area?</p>	<p>No limit</p>

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18. Is there any advantage given to vendors having Local/California references?	No.
19. We are a WMBE & MBE Certified firm from California. Can we self-perform the preference goal?	No.
20. Is there is a link to download the SB, MB, or DVBE vendor directory?	See Department of General Services (DGS) Web site for links to search SB, MB, or DVBE vendors. https://www.dgs.ca.gov/
21. Contract amount for the opportunity is \$3,000,000.00 for 3 years or 5 years (3 years initial & 2 years optional)?	Correct (\$1 million per year)
22. Please specify, if Awarded Vendor needs to perform any services Onsite?	We are currently working in a remote environment. Vendors may need to attend occasional meetings onsite.
23. Do we need to provide contact details with descriptions in the Past Projects Section?	This section only requires descriptions of past projects. Contract details would be helpful but not required.
24. Is there any page limit for the resumes?	No
25. Can the Project Team qualifications be met by a combination of staff or is each staff member required to meet all of the 4 minimum qualifications?	Each staff member is required to meet all of the minimum qualifications. RFP language updated – see RFP Addendum #1.