



PRE-SUBMITTAL QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

Open Land Use Model Software Development Request for Qualifications

Question 1: How will the Management Committee (PMC) ensure that features that the committee wishes to develop as part of the project will be implemented, if UrbanSim Inc is on the consultant bench and if these features are similar to the functionality of UrbanSim Inc's commercial products?

Answer: The purpose of this procurement is to establish the consultant bench, not identify specific development priorities or scopes of work. In addition, the composition of the consultant bench is not yet known, so it is premature to speculate about how the bench composition may influence the work program development. The anticipated general areas of the project development efforts are identified in section "III. Scope of Work and Period of Performance" of the RFQ, and are focused around ensuring that open source libraries will continue to be available to support and enhance established agency work flows. It is not a goal of the project to compete with UrbanSim Inc.'s commercial products.

Question 2: Are foreign companies without a US footprint eligible to bid for this project?

Answer: Yes, provided these companies accept the terms identified in the contract established between the company and the Zephyr Foundation. One key provision of the contract will be that all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the Zephyr Foundation and the bench contractor will be addressed in State of Virginia courts, where Zephyr is incorporated.

Question 3: Has the first-year work plan been developed yet and is there an immediate pool of tasks or would the work plan be developed in consultation with the bench members?

Answer: No, the first-year work plan has not yet been developed. It is anticipated that the first-year work program will be collaboratively discussed and developed by the PMC and the bench consultants prior to the issuance of any task orders. All final decisions about task order scopes, schedules, budgets, and task order assignments are exclusively the discretion of the PMC.