

Pre-Award Review and Consultant Procurement Breakout Session #2

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Consultant Procurement

Topics

- Defining Services
- Consultant Selection
- Compliance Requirements
- Pre-Award Submittals
- Review & Feedback

Session Format

- Presentations with Q & A
- Ask questions to engage the presenters



Who are you?

Government

- Local
- State
- Federal

Consultant

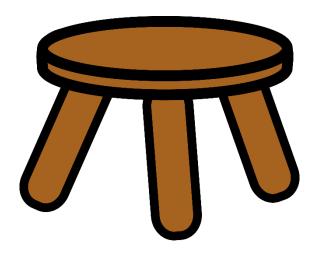




Professional Procurement

What are our roles?

- VDOT
- Localities
- Consultants



Consultant Services

Why do you need Consultants?

- Resources
- Specialty work
- Knowledge of project requirements
- Schedule Constraints
- Degree of difficulty
- Risk Mitigation





Procurement Lifecycle





What Types of Services Are Needed?

- Professional Services
- Non-Professional Services

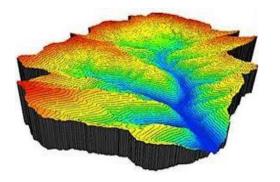




Examples of Professional Services:

- Engineering and design related services directly related to highway construction
- Hydrologic and hydraulic studies
- NEPA Environmental Studies
- > Bridge safety and construction engineering inspection







What are professional services?

- VPPA* defines 12 types of services:
 - Accounting, actuarial services, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture, law, dentistry, economist, medicine, optometry, pharmacy and professional engineering.
 - Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4301
 - * VPPA = Virginia Public Procurement Act



Examples of non-professional services:

- Appraisal services
- Training
- Traffic Monitoring Systems
- Stream/Wetland Credits
- Meteorological Forecasting
- Hazardous Materials
- Cultural Resources
- > Staff Augmentation
- Materials Testing











Similarities between professional & non-professional services:

- Both are qualifications-based selections
- Both use Requests for Proposals
- Both use a selection committee or panel
- Both use weighted scoring criteria
 - Subjective, but based on facts as presented in the offeror's proposal



<u>Differences</u> between professional & non-professional services:

Hourly Rates

- Professional Actual Cost plus FAR overhead and Net fee are used to determine the hourly rates charges for services.
- Non-professional Fully Loaded Hourly Rates are proposed by the Offeror with no requirement to divulge the derivation of the rates.





<u>Differences</u> between professional & non-professional services:

Price

- Professional services price is not evaluated. There is no scoring criteria for price. Price is considered after one Offeror is selected
- Non-professional services price is evaluated for all proposals and price has a scoring weight in the selection criteria.



There are two different options available:

- 1. Professional Services
- 2. Non-professional Services



- ➤ In Virginia there is a very clear definition of Professional Services, leaving any other types of services in the non-professional service category.
- Always work closely with your procurement professionals when procuring services.

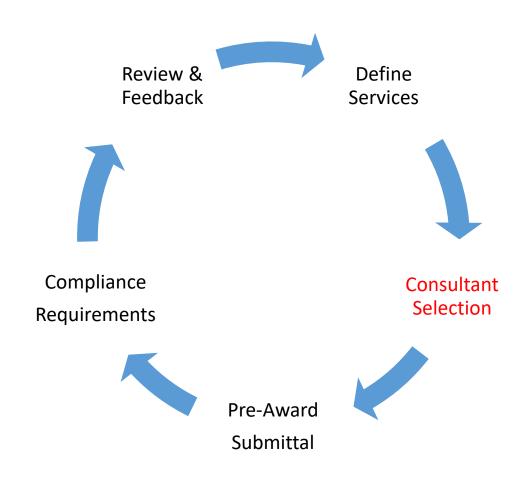


References:

- Locally Administered Projects Manual Chapter 11 (Consultant Procurement)
- ➤ 2009 Manual for the Procurement & Management of Professional Services, Revised July1, 2016
- Virginia Public Procurement Act -
 - §2.2-4302.2 (Process for Competitive Negotiation),
 - §2.2-4303 (Methods of Procurement)
 - §2.2-4303.1 (Architectural & Professional Engineering term contracting; limitations.)



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Types of Professional Services Contracts

- Project Specific Contracts
- Multi-phase Contracts
- Limited Services Term Contracts (On-call Contracts)
 - Reference Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4303.1

Types of Compensation

- Lump Sum
- Cost per Unit of Work
- Cost Plus Net Fee
- Specific Rates of Compensation (Fixed Billable)





Factors to consider for on-call vs. project specific contracts:

- Project size and cost
- Project schedule
- > Type of funding
- Emergency situations
- Complexity





Stand alone contracts

- Estimated design costs exceed on-call limits
- Typically single project
- Looking for particular expertise and availability
- Size of the project is usually larger

On call contracts

- Estimated design costs do not exceed an established threshold
- Used for multiple projects
- Projects require similar experience and expertise
- Usually smaller sized projects



Tips for using on-call contract for professional design services:

- > Nature of the projects should be clearly identified in the RFP
- Contract term is limited to one year or cumulative total project fees reach maximum cost authorized
- Renewable for four additional one-year terms at the option of the locality or MPO
- > Procurement process must be documented and follow Brooks Act
- > RFP must be reviewed by VDOT for mandatory federal provisions
- Selection process must be kept on record for 3 years (interview questions, scores, etc)



When choosing professional on-call contracts:

- ➤ Consider awarding more than one contract with the same scope of services ensures diversity in consultant abilities, ensures availability of staff when quick turn around is needed.
- > Choose someone you and your staff can work with!





Non-professional on-call contracts are an option:

A public body may establish purchasing procedures, if adopted in writing, not requiring competitive sealed bids or competitive negotiation for single or term contracts for goods and services other than professional services if the aggregate or the sum of all phases is not expected to exceed \$100,000

Right of Way work is a great example:

- > Title work
- Appraisal work
- Review appraisal work
- Property management and demolition management
- Award more than one contract
- Choose someone you can work with!



On-call <u>and</u> stand-alone contracts can be used regardless of funding source as long as the following conditions are met:

- > Advertise project according to Federal/State procurement requirements
- Project must be designed in compliance with the requirements of the specific funding
- All compliance requirements are met, and proper documentation is provided
- ➤ A project without federal/state funding can still use a contract with the federal/state requirements—easier to "federalize" a design contract now just in case there is a future need.



Request For Proposals

- > Templates, Federal Provisions, DBE Goals
- ➤ RFP should include: Narrative, Scope of Services, Estimate Project Cost (Use contract value for Limited Services Term Contracts), address Multiple Awards if desired, Evaluation Criteria, Consultant Selection Score Sheets, Estimated Start and Completion Dates, Project Location Map, Statements regarding Specialized Qualifications and Limitations on Eligibility, Justification for Firm's Location to be a Major Factor in Selection, Qualifications or Performance Data required
- RFP will not require consultants to furnish estimates of man-hours or cost for services



Selection Procedure

- Short Listing for Interviews Minimum of 3 Firms for Federal Aid Projects, and 2 Firms for State Aid Projects
- Selection Criteria (price not considered)
- Project Briefing Meetings
- Consultant Evaluation and Selection Process
 - Scored and ranked based on EOI, Interview, and Technical Presentation.
 Price is not considered at this time.
 - Documented
- Negotiations
 - Negotiate contract with top ranked firm. If a mutually acceptable
 agreement cannot be reached with the top ranked firm, then negotiations
 are terminated, and negotiations begin with the next highest ranked firm.









Pre-Award Submittal New Instructional Templates

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Pre-Award Submittal

Goals for the Pre-Award Template and Instructions

- > Expedite review process
- Organize submittal
- Standardize submittal





Pre-Award Submittal

Actions taken

- Prepared standardized template
 - Originally prepared for use by VDOT
 - Effective means to improve Locally Administered Projects pre-award review
- Prepared specific, detailed instructions
 - Step by step instructions
 - Example templates





- ☐ The Prime and each subconsultant are required to complete the tables
- ☐ Submittals will be accepted from the Prime firm only. The Prime firm is responsible for performing a Quality Check of the subconsultants submittals
- □ All documentation must be submitted to the Local Program Administrator (LPA) by the Prime firm electronically via email or File Transfer Protocol





Electronic Submittal Requirements

- 1. One copy of the Excel template for each firm (Prime and subconsultants)
- 2. One copy of the Excel templates from each firm in the Adobe.pdf format
- One combined submittal of the below documentation (for Prime and subconsultants) for the Assurance and Compliance Office in the Adobe.pdf format
 - A. The ACO FAR table (prime and subconsultants)
 - B. VDOT Contractor Cost Certification (CCC) of Final Indirect Cost Rates



Electronic Submittal Requirements

- 4. One copy from each firm (prime and subconsultant) of the below documentation in Adobe. pdf format
 - A. Title VI Certification from the VDOT Civil Right Division
 - B. The Certification of Insurance (Prime firm only)
 - C. Sam.gov registration documentation

All information submitted in items 1-3 must be forwarded to the VDOT Project Coordinator, who will verify completeness before routing to VDOT ACO. Item 4 shall be maintained in the procurement file



Explanation of Excel Tabs

- ☐ Tab A; Pre-Award Evaluation Documentation Checklist
 - Ensures that firms have documentation needed
 - Guidance only
 - Includes the following:
 - Consultant Type (Prime or subconsultant)
 - Certification of Wage Rates
 - Personnel Classifications
 - Labor Summary
 - Rate Schedules (Home and Field Office)
 - Non-Salary Direct Costs
 - Additional Documentation
 - Signature Lines





Explanation of Excel Tabs

☐ Tab B; FAR Rate Table

The Prime firm is responsible for a consolidated version of all FAR rates for the prime and all subconsultants

The table requires the following information:

Firm	Home Office - Indirect Cost	Home Office - Facilities Cost of Capital (FCC) Rate	Field Office - Indirect Cost	Field Office - Facilities Cost of Capital (FCC) Rate	VINTERARIATION =
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Explanation of Excel Tabs

- ☐ Tab C; Certification of Payroll/Wage Rates
- The Certification of Wage Rates tab must be signed by an official of each firm and submitted in the Adobe .pdf file
- The firms must submit actual payroll records that show the employee name, hourly rate, gross and net pay and the number of hours in the pay





Explanation of Excel Tabs

- □ Tabs D and E; Personnel Classifications and Hourly Rate Home Office and Field Offices
- 1. Verify that all personnel proposed for the contract based upon the organization chart provided in the prime consultant's proposal
- 2. Verify that all information is submitted as specified and confirm that average hourly rate calculation is accurate
- 3. Principal, partners executive, etc. are considered administrative, whose costs should be included in the indirect cost rate and shall not be listed separately.
- 4. The Negotiated/Capped Rates column may be left blank for the initial pre-award submittal



Explanation of Excel Tabs

☐ Tab F; Personnel Classification and Wage Rate Summary

Verify that the personnel classifications and rates for both the **home** and **field** office transferred correctly from the information entered in the Personnel Classifications and Wage Rate entry tables.





Explanation of Excel Tabs

- ☐ Tabs G and H; Rate Schedules Home Office/Field Office
- The Rate Schedule tabs are used to establish the fully-loaded fixed billable rate for each personnel classification. The personnel classifications and rates will automatically populate
- 2. Each firm must input, in the shaded cells, the following information:
 - A. Escalation Factor
 - B. Indirect Cost Rate
 - C. Facilities Cost of Capital (FCC)
 - D. Net Fee
 - E. Overtime Fixed Billable Wage Rates



Explanation of Excel Tabs

- ☐ Tab I; Non-Salary Direct Costs (NSDC)
- 1. The NSDC table is for listing all costs directly billable to the project(s) unrelated to salary. Non consumable items should not be listed in NSDC.

Those include, but are not limited to:

- a) Fax machines
- b) Fire extinguishers
- c) Software
- d) Computer license fees
- e) Cell Phones
- f) Books

- g) Refrigerators
- h) Copy Machines
- i) Pagers
- j) Helmets
- k) Tape Measures
- I) Computers (would require approval)



Explanation of Excel Tabs

- ☐ Tab I; Non-Salary Direct Costs (NSDC)
- 2. Verify that information proposed is supported
 - a) Unit priced items must be supported by an attestation letter and standard fee schedule
 - Non-unit priced items must be supported by quotations from vendors who will provide services or items.
- 3. For Fixed Billable Rate Term Contracts routine items such as copy, printing or office expenses should not be included
- 4. Leased Vehicles/Equipment
 - Must conform to the VDOT Construction Division Instructional and Informational Memorandum (IIM-CD-2017-02.01) titled Advance Agreement for Consultant Construction Engineering and Inspector Vehicle and Mileage Payment.



Additional Required Documentation

- ☐ Title VI Certification Form
- □ Certification of Insurance
- ☐ Systems for Awards Management (SAM.gov)







Network for Success Local Programs Workshop



Pre-Award Review of Locally Administered and Federal Funded Projects

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Procurement Lifecycle





AGENDA

- Purpose of Pre-Award Review
- Process Overview & Timeline
- Cost Proposal Template
- Common Deficiencies
- Deficiencies by major cost category
- Suggestions to Improve



Purpose of a Pre-Award Review

- To assist in the Award & Administration of the proposed contract by advising on contractor's ability to perform (financial capability and adequacy of accounting systems design), reasonableness of cost proposal, and compliance with Federal and State procurement regulations
 - Non-Compliance with requirements will compromise efficiency & effectiveness of process, increase the risk of unallowable costs & may reduce federal funding participation
- ACO currently focuses on the adequacy of the cost proposal and compliance



Pre-Award Review Threshold

Cost Proposal Value*

Responsibility

>\$200,000 **

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<\$200,000

LPA***

- * Combined for prime and subs
- ** Increase in threshold being explored
- *** LPA retains the result of its review



Allowable Compensation Methods

Fixed Billable Rate

Rate schedules show the cost build up of billing rates

Cost Plus Net Fee

- Use average hourly rates on Labor summary tab to compute the basic total labor cost on summary cost worksheet before payroll additives
- Cost plus % of the cost contracts are prohibited

Lump Sum

Use Cost Plus Net Fee Template

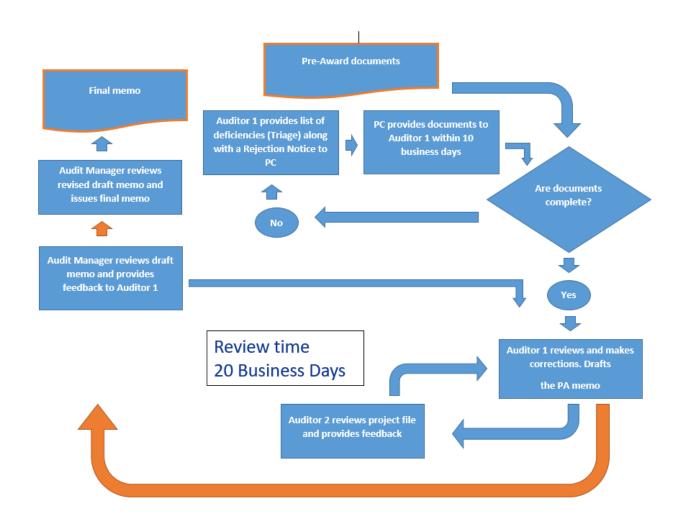


Pre-Award Process Overview

- Local Participating Agency (LPA) ensures that consultant package is complete prior to submittal of Pre Award (PA) package to the VDOT Project Coordinator (PC)
- PC verifies completeness & submits package to Assurance & Compliance Office (ACO)
- Within 20 business days of receipt of complete documents, ACO finalizes review & submits PA memo to PC.
- PC coordinates resolution of ACO comments & provides written notification of approval to LPA prior to contract execution



ACO Pre-Award Review Process





Pre Award Review Template (Fixed Billable Rate Contracts)

TAB DESCRIPTION

A ACO Checklist

B FAR Rate Table

C Payroll/Wage rate certification

D&E Personnel Class & Hourly Rates

F Personnel class & Wage rate summary

G&H Rate schedules

I Non salary Direct costs



Common Unallowable Costs

FAR Reference

31.205-1 +31.205-38(b)(1)

31.205-1(f)(2)

31.205-1(f)(5)/(7)

31.205-1(d)(2)

31.205-3

31.205-6(m)(2)

31.205-8 +31.205-1(e)(3)

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31.205-15(a)

31.205-19(e)(2)(v)

31.205-20

31.205-22

31.205-27

31.205-46

31.205-49

31.205-51

Unallowable Costs

Advertising

Trade Show Expenses

Promotional Material /Civic organizations

Souvenirs/Imprinted Clothing for Public

Bad Debts/Collection costs

Personal Use of Company Vehicles

Contributions or Donations

Employee Gifts and Recreation

Social Activities

Fines, Penalties

Life Insurance on Key Employees

Interest Expense

Lobbying/Political Activity Costs

Reorganization costs

Travel Costs in Excess of FTR Rates

Goodwill

Alcoholic Beverages



Common Deficiencies

- Incomplete/inadequate submittals
- Departure from approved procurement process
 - Pre-Award review requested after contract award/or after work has been performed without proper authority (Notice to Proceed)
- Math Errors
- Evidence of unallowable items in cost proposal
- Incorrect Excel format (FBR of Cost Plus) used for proposal
- Delayed or poor communication
- Required certifications not provided



Documentation Deficiencies per ACO Database-Local Assistance

#	Description	Count
1	Auditor did not have access to Share Point	2
2	Signed CCC form was not submitted and/or incorrect	23
3	VDOT project Manager did not sign Pre Award Checklists	16
4	Excel templates provided without passwords	13
5	Payroll registers not provided/incorrect	27
6	Missing FAR approval letter	23
7	Request FAR review with Pre-Award	6
8	PA documents not in one easy to find site	5
9	Pre Award template incorrectly completed	<i>30</i>
10	Insufficient Non-salary direct cost documentation	28
11	CEI "Capped Rates" not used correctly	3
12	Other	30
	Total	206



Documentation to Support the Cost Proposal

- Completed Excel Template for type of contract
- Direct Labor Actual Payroll Registers
- Overhead Rate Table with VDOT Accepted Rates
- Non-Salary Direct Costs Supporting Docs
- Properly completed and signed Contractor Cost Certification form (CCC)



Contractor Cost Certification (CCC)Form

Requirements

- VDOT requires a signed CCC form for overhead rates per FHWA policy order 4470.1. Form should:
 - Certify VDOT accepted rates
 - Reflect the correct Period Covered
 - Be signed by an executive or officer

- Form is not provided
- Form does not have the correct rates, period covered, and/or was not signed by an executive or officer



Signed Cost Proposal Checklist

Requirement

 The consultant and Locality Project Manager are required to sign the fee proposal checklist to signify completeness of proposal documents

Common Issue

 The proposal checklist is not signed by the consultant and/or Locality Project Manager



Wage Rate Certification

Requirement

 A responsible company official must certify that the employees' respective wage rates are the actual rates at the time of proposal

Common Issue

The Wage Certification form is not provided and or signed



Direct Labor

Requirements

- Personnel Class/Hourly rate sheet establishes average hourly rates
- Actual pay registers for each employee proposed
- Principals, Partners & Executives may bill at technical equivalent rates but hourly rate <u>cannot</u> be used to calculate average hourly rate.
- CEI hourly rate limits per Deputy Chief Engineer's memo
- Overtime eligibility and accuracy

- Hourly rates not supported by pay register
- Overtime incorrectly calculated
- CEI hourly rate limits exceeded
- Principals/executive rates proposed or rates used to compute average hourly rates



Overhead Rate (OH)

Requirements

- FAR Rate Table
- VDOT FAR Acceptance letter (Approval) required
 http://www.virginiadot.org/business/indirect_cost_rate_audit_home_page.asp
- VDOT Acceptance required for unaudited rates (110% Home; 75% Field), if no audited rates or cost history

- Proposed OH rates do not match the most recent VDOT accepted rates
- Use of combined rate when Home & Field rates are available
- Proposed rate based on weighted subsidiary company rates



Facilities Cost of Capital (FCOC)

Requirements

- An imputed cost of allowable fixed assets used in contract
- Shown as a separate line item on overhead schedule
- Not included in the fee base to determine net fee

- Combined with Overhead Rates
- Incorrectly computed



Non-Salary Direct Costs

Requirements

- Direct costs
 - Defined as "consumed in the project"
 - Should NOT be included in overhead
- Vehicle/Equipment leases per IIM. Master lease agreement & Lease schedules/quotes if IIM not used
- Travel expense rates itemized per VDOT travel policy
- Standard fee schedule & Attestation letter for unit priced items
- Quotations for Other Direct Costs
- POV & Lease mileage rates per VDOT approval memos
- Caps on cell phones (\$45 per month)
- No administrative mark up allowed



Non-Salary Direct Costs

- Direct billing of tools of the trade/overhead type costs
- Mobile device costs exceed the VDOT cap
- Unit price proposals are not supported by Standard Fee Schedule & Attestation letter
- Attestation letter used to support <u>all</u> direct expenses!
- Price proposed "at cost." Quantities "TBD"
- Mileage rates other than per VDOT policy
- Lease costs not supported
- Administrative mark up on direct costs



Escalation Rate

Requirements

- Limited Services Term Contracts a separate rate for each year
- Not to exceed 3.0% per year or the rate established by the CPO Division (2.2% for FY20), whichever is less
- Half of the annual escalation rate for first year (1.1% for FY20)

- Incorrect escalation proposed
- Escalation exceeds current VDOT cap
- Escalation not proposed



Contingency on CPNF Contracts

Requirements

- VDOT permission required for use
- Usually 5% on fee base
 - Direct Labor plus overhead
 - Non Salary Direct Costs
- Not allowed on Lump Sum contract
- Prime cannot get contingency on sub-consultant services

Common issue

Contingency applied to Lump sum or Fixed billable rate contracts



Sub-Consultants Issues

- Administrative add-ons (Mark-ups) on sub-consultants NOT allowed
- Subcontractor NOT allowed to sub contract, without written authorization from VDOT, per General Terms of VDOT MOA



Negotiated Net Fee

Requirements

- Net fee of 8% 12% of direct labor plus overhead only as a test for prudence, otherwise net fee negotiated and fixed
- Overhead not to exceed 156% when calculating net fee
- Written justification for net fee > 10%

- Overhead > 156% used to determine net fee
- Net fee outside the VDOT range of 8% 12%



Suggestions to Improve

Documentation & Communication

- Complete documentation submittals aid in timely review
- Deliberate communication
- Improved Risk assessment

Collaboration To Improve Knowledge Of:

- Federal & State Procurement requirements
- VDOT Procurement process
- ACO Pre-Award review requirements
- Stakeholder responsibilities



Public Law 92-582 (Brooks Act) and 40 USC Chap 11

Section 904 (a) –the requirement for fair & reasonable compensation

23 CFR Part 172

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text idx?rgn=div5&node=23:1.0.1.2.3

- Requirements for procurement of engineering and design related services under 23 U.S.C. 112 & as supplemented by Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles (48 CFR Part 31) and Audit Requirements for Federal awards Rule (2 CFR 200).
- Qualifications-based selection



48 CFR 31

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/textidx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title48/48tab_02.tpl

This part contains cost principles and procedures for—

- The pricing of contracts, subcontracts, and modifications to contracts and subcontracts whenever cost analysis is performed
 (see <u>15.404-1</u>(c)); and
- The determination, negotiation, or allowance of costs when required by a contract clause

FHWA's Engineering & Design Services website

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/consultant.cfm

 Provides the statutory and regulatory framework, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) policies, and supporting guidance and resources



VDOT Manual for Procurement and Management of Professional Services

https://insidevdot.cov.virginia.gov/div/CPO/5ZAC7/SitePages/Home.aspx

VDOT Locally Administered Projects (LAP) Manual

Section 11.2.8 Consultant Negotiations & Pre-Award Audit http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locally_administered_projects_manual.asp



Virginia Public Procurement Act (VA code Title 2.2-4302)

https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodepopularnames/virginia-public-procurement-act

The AASHTO Audit & Accounting Guide

https://bookstore.transportation.org/item_details.aspx?ID=2625

Focus is on auditing and reporting on indirect costs and resultant overhead rates.







Procurement Lifecycle





Review & Feedback

Provide quality feedback for firms that request a debrief

- Discuss how they ranked and the pros/cons of their proposal and/or interview
- ➤ Be honest, open, & professional—consultants spend a lot of money chasing after these projects so an hour debrief shouldn't be a burden
- > Avoid vague statements such as, "firm X just wanted it more"
- Quality debriefs translate into better proposals/interviews which translate into more quality competition
- > Don't forget to debrief the chosen firm—they need to hear feedback as well



Review & Feedback

VDOT Consultant Evaluations

- Performed twice a year
- Includes consultants AND subconsultants
- Based on facts and documentation not personal biases
- Consultant reviews and can provide written comments for any unsatisfactory evaluation
- Consultant Performance Report Template (AS-415)

AS-415 COMMONWEAL IN OF VINCINIA BBJUL31 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT PERFORMANCE REPORT					
Prime Sub	Date:				
Type of Report: Interim	Post Design Post Construction				
Consultant					
Address:					
Project Manager:	Discipline Manager:				
VDOT Project Manager:	Division/District:				
Route: City/County: _	Project No.:				
Description of Work:					
Contract Value: \$	Date Contract Completed:				
DBE or WBE goal for contract:	% Category of Consultant Work (A, B, C or D A - On-call surveying B - Preliminary engineering):			
STATUS REPORT:	C - Inspection				
Estimated total percent of contract Tasks completed or underway at the contract of th					
3. Estimated percent of contract to b RatingPoints for individual tems and overall score Exceptional 5 Exceeds Expectations 4 Meets Expectations 3 Needs Improvement 2 Poor 1 Not Applicable NA	Note: Any rating less than 3 requires appropriate comment Comments supporting all ratings should be given. The rating must be reviewed with the consultant. Scores may be given in tenths of a point. A score of 3 indicates the consultant meets the term and conditions of the contract. A score of 5 would in that the consultant has far exceeded what is normal expected. Ratings shall be based on facts and docurand not personal prejudices.	is dicate ly			
I. ATTITUDE AND COOPERATION		RATING			
Cooperation with VDOT:					
2. Cooperation with other agencies	s, firms, cities, etc.:				
3. Attitude toward public:					
4. Attitude toward work:					
5. Application of Specifications and	d Standards:				
6. Scope of work and terms of Agr	reement followed:	-			



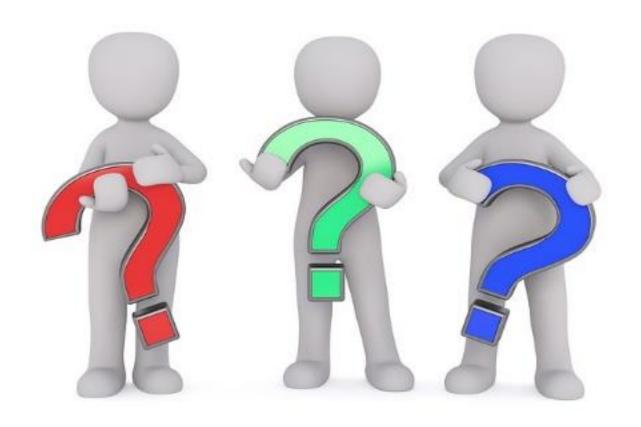
Review & Feedback

Overall

- Make time to discuss how things are going
 - Schedule a separate meeting to provide feedback on the contract
 - Use these meetings to brainstorm process or procedural improvements
- > Don't wait until the end of the contract to discuss performance issues
- Don't let the work overshadow the need to make changes in personnel or processes









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