RFP Q&A for AMR Leader-Follower TMA Evaluation

Task 2: Literature Review/DOT Interviews
…MoDOT's evaluation on the current system has focused only on if the system has met all the technical metrics.

Q1: Will the contractor be provided with the data regarding technical metrics of the system and results of analysis?

A1: (Answer directly from Kratos) Kratos will be happy to work with the team to provide any necessary data regarding technical metrics of the system and results of analysis. During on-site deployment of the system we can provide training for accessing the data as needed and can also provide any follow-on email and phone support as needed. We can also provide written procedures that we have for accessing and downloading the data. In short, we will ensure the program is properly supported with data as needed.

Q2: If technical metrics and results of the evaluation will be provided, is there a conflict of interest in another autonomy kit provider having access to this data?

A2: (Answer directly from Kratos) This can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. However, most data that has been provided needed for similar efforts has been sufficiently detailed and we have been comfortable that no conflicts of interest were overstepped with regards to proprietary or intellectual property. If we do feel that there is an issue, we will work with the team as best as possible to support the program without divulging proprietary trade secrets.

Task 4: MoDOT System Evaluation/Interviews
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All team members that operate the systemshall be included in the interviews.

Q3: Who is responsible for scheduling interviews and ensuring all team members participate?

A3: The research team will be responsible for coordinating the interviews. However, if they have any issues with getting these scheduled, they will be assisted by MoDOT staff.

Q4: Are these team members' opinions or has data for defined metrics (aligned with metrics we are likely to identify in Task 3: DOT Outreach) been collected? Will data be provided to the contractor?

A4: These metrics are not defined at this time. We expect the research team to propose some of these metrics within their proposal. We also expect some of these metrics to come from the interviews with other state DOTs. Many of these will be the perceptions/opinions of the MoDOT operators.

Task 5: Presentation

A presentation to the technical advisory panel will be made either in person or virtually at the time of submittal of the draft final report.

Q5: Is the expectation this work (Task 1 Kick-off Meeting, Task 4 Interviews) will be performed remotely or in person? Only task 5 provides a virtual option.

A5: Typically, we like to have kick-off meetings in person; however, with COVID-19 we are conducting most meetings virtually at this time. It is anticipated the kick-off meeting will take place virtually. The research team and technical advisory panel can determine the advantages and disadvantages of having the interviews in person verses virtually. Due to COVID-19, it would not be unreasonable to have these interviews done virtually.

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Q6: Would subcontractor costs and travel costs be itemized under Miscellaneous on the Cost Estimate from Price page?

A6: Yes, these can be included under Miscellaneous but they should be labeled as to what these costs are. You can create additional rows as necessary.