

**Agreement to Submit Research Contract Proposals**  
**Structure Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)**  
**Geotechnical Technical Advisory Panel (GTAP)**  
**California Department of Transportation**

By using the STAP and GTAP website and submitting research proposals (RP) I agree to and accept all of the following understandings and conditions:

1. The STAP and GTAP accepts and carefully considers all submitted RP for structure, geotechnical, and seismic research in the subject areas specified.
2. Only public colleges, universities, and government agencies may submit RP. Interested private colleges, universities, and other private entities are encouraged to collaborate with public institutions in developing and submitting RP.
3. Our Call for Submissions (CFS) is our request for RP. The STAP and GTAP use a website (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/rpm>) to manage and facilitate the CFS and the submission of RP.
4. Unless otherwise indicated each RP submitted must be in response to a single research subject area or topic specified in the CFS.
5. The Department has strategic goals and objectives for planned research as generally indicated by the research subject areas or topics specified in the CFS. Submitted RP that more closely align with the Department's goals and objectives may be given preference over others.
6. Any RP submitted may be shared broadly for the purposes of considering, developing, and planning future Department research.
7. RP that are not selected for contract will be used solely for the purposes indicated herein.
8. A research contract may or may not be awarded from this CFS. RP submitted may or may not lead to any research contract.
9. Qualified institutions may submit one or more RP in each of the subject areas or topics contained in the CFS.
10. RP may not be entered, modified, or submitted after the due date indicated in the CFS.
11. The Department may select none, one, or more of the RP submitted as the basis for one or more research contracts.

12. The Department will respond to inquiries pertaining to this CFS or to any research topic using the website. Those submitting RP are responsible for assuring that their RP are consistent with the current information in these inquiries.

13. Inquiries from contributors and the associated responses are public but the contributor's name will be withheld from the public. The contributor's name will be available only to select Department people.