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TO: Prospective Respondents

RE: Call For Submissions – Number 2015DRISI

The purpose of this document is to answer written questions submitted by prospective respondents before the June 18, 2015 submittal deadline.

Question 1: The document lists as the objective: "This project will build upon the recent work completed under the Caltrans SHOPP Pilot Project, which resulted in a prototype project prioritization framework and tool. The primary objective of this research is to identify any shortcomings from the prior work and improve the decision analysis framework."

You may know that under the umbrella of Multi-Objective Decision Analysis (MODA), many methods exist. Has the team involved in this Pilot Project identified one specifically? Which one? Which methods did they consider prior to picking one? How did they come to that conclusion?

Answer: Section 3.2.4 of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Pilot Project Report provides a discussion of the different methods considered and employed.

Question 2: The document mentions ""As decision analysis is a highly specialized area of study, the team initially consulted with top decision analysis experts..."
Who were the experts consulted? What was their affiliation (if not internal to CalTrans)?

Answer: The team consulted independently with Dr. Ralph Keeney and Dr. Lee Merkhofer as described in Section 3.4 of the report.

Question 3: What is the order of magnitude of the budget you expect to see in submissions? Is there an upper limit on your allowable budget?

Answer: To maintain the integrity of this solicitation process, a specific budget amount will not be disclosed.

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