

proposed key personnel and outside consultants and subcontractors. Proposed key personnel must have detailed demonstrated experience providing services similar in scope and nature to the proposed effort. The proposed Project Director will serve as the responsible individual for the program. 100% of the Project Director's time must be dedicated to the SBTRC. Both the Executive and Project Directors must be located on-site. In this element, OSDBU will consider the extent to which the applicant's proposed Staffing Plan; (a) clearly meets the education and experience requirements to accomplish the objectives of the cooperative agreement; (b) delineates staff responsibilities and accountability for all work required and; (c) presents a clear and feasible ability to execute the applicant's proposed approach and strategy.

(e) Cost Proposal (10 Points)

Applicants must submit the total proposed cost of establishing and administering the SBTRC in the applicant's geographical region for a 12 month period, inclusive of costs funded through alternative matching resources. The applicant's budget must be adequate to support the proposed strategy and costs must be reasonable in relation to project objectives. The portion of the submitted budget funded by OSDBU cannot exceed the ceiling outlined in Section B. Applicants are encouraged to provide in-kind costs and other innovative cost approaches.

(f) Scoring Applications

A review panel will score each application based upon the evaluation criteria listed above. Points will be given for each evaluation criteria category, not to exceed the maximum number of points allowed for each category. Proposals which are deemed non-responsive, do not meet the established criteria, or incomplete at the time of submission will be disqualified.

OSDBU will perform a responsibility determination of the prospective awardee in the region, which will include a site visit, before awarding the cooperative agreement.

(g) Conflicts of Interest

Applicants must submit signed statements by key personnel and all organization principals indicating that they, or members of their immediate funded transportation project, nor any relationships with local or state transportation agencies that may have the appearance of a conflict of interest.

2. Review and Selection Process

A team of people will evaluate the proposals. Those proposals meeting the mandatory criteria will be assessed based on the above mentioned criteria. The proposals demonstrating the organization's capacity to fully execute the requirements of this grant will be considered. The proposal receiving the highest overall score will be awarded.

F. Federal Award Administration

Following the evaluation outlined in Section E, the OSDBU will announce the awarded applicant with a written Notice of Funding Award. The NOFA will also include the cooperative agreement for signature.

(a) Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All awards will be administered pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards found in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted by DOT as 2 CFR part 201.

(b) Reporting

Performance Reporting—The recipient of this cooperative agreement must collect information and report on the cooperative agreement performance with respect to the relevant deliverables that are expected to be achieved through the cooperative agreement. Performance indicators will include formal goals or targets, but will include baseline measures for an agreed-upon timeline, and will be used to evaluate and monitor the results that the cooperative agreement funds achieve to ensure that funds achieve the intended long-term outcomes of the cooperative agreement program.

Progress Reporting—The recipient for this cooperative agreement funding must submit quarterly progress reports and annual Federal Financial Report (SF-425) on the financial condition of the cooperative agreement and its progress, as well as an Annual Budget Review and Implementation Plan to monitor the use of Federal funds and ensure accountability and financial transparency in the program.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contracts

For further information this notice please contact the OSDBU program staff via email at sbtrc@dot.gov, or call Ms. Steronica Mattocks at 202-366-0658. To ensure applicants receive accurate information about eligibility or the program, the applicant is encouraged to contact DOT directly, rather than through intermediaries or third parties, with questions.

H. Protection of Confidential Business Information

All information submitted as part of or in support of any application shall use publicly available data or data that can be made public and methodologies that are accepted by industry practice and standards, to the extent possible. If the application includes information you consider to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, the applicant should do the following: (1) Note on the front cover that the submission "Contains Confidential Business Information (CBI)"; (2) mark each affected page "CBI"; and (3) highlight or otherwise denote the CBI portions. DOT protects such information from disclosure to the extent allowed under applicable law. In the event DOT received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, DOT will follow the procedures described in its FOIA regulation as 49 CFR 7.17. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under that procedure will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Replacement Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Louisville, Kentucky; Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice of availability; Comment period extension.

SUMMARY: On October 27, 2016, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published, in the **Federal Register**, the Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Replacement VA Medical Center (VAMC) and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) regional office in Louisville, Kentucky, that analyzes the potential impacts of three alternatives for changes to VA's facilities in the Louisville area. Two public hearings on the Draft EIS were held in Louisville on November 15, 2016, which were attended by over 200 people. Since then, VA has received many requests from stakeholders for more time to review and analyze the document due to its size and the controversy surrounding

the preferred alternative. After considering these requests and other factors, VA is extending the comment period for the Draft EIS by 30 days, from December 12, 2016 to January 11, 2017.

DATES: All comments must be submitted by January 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the Draft EIS at *www.Louisville-EIS.com*, by email to *Louisville ReplacementHospitalComments@va.gov*, or by regular mail to Robley Rex VAMC, Replacement VAMC Activation

Team Office (Attn: Judy Williams), 800 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, KY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Replacement VAMC Activation Team Office, 800 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206 or by email to *Louisville ReplacementHospitalComments@va.gov*.

Signing Authority: The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal

Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document, for publication.

Dated: December 7, 2016.

Jeffrey Martin,

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