

**Green Line Extension Project
Pre-Procurement Forum Question Submittals and Responses**

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1.	What Systems materials if any has MBTA pre-purchased, i.e. F. O. Cable and associates appurtenances, Communications Systems equipment.	A listing will be provided in the Request for Proposals ("RFP").
2.	Will IPMT re-design documents be available?	Plans, technical provisions, and specifications reflecting the re-design will be provided in the RFP.
3.	In the IPMT Power Point IPMT it is stated the traction power and signal design have been "modified" – how?	The re-design scope will be provided in the RFP.
4.	In the IPMT Power Point it is stated that "improved construction conditions that will improve productivity" – How were conditions improved???	Longer work windows will be specified in the RFP.
5.	Are limitations-of-operations defined for Contractor's Work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railroad operational restrictions? • Noise restrictions? • Traffic vehicular restrictions? • Single tracking? • Flaggers (can contractor provide own flaggers)? • Piggy back to other GLX projects shutdowns? • Work restrictions for interface shut-overs. • Restrictions for working around Operating Railroad? • Work hour restrictions?? 	Limitations of operations will be provided in the RFP.
6.	What design documents if any will be provided? Directive / Standards drawings / Technical Specifications?	Previous designs will be provided as reference documents. Plans, technical provisions, and specifications will be provided reflecting the re-design in the RFP.
7.	Design Build Methodology – Have Third party integration and property acquisitions been completed?	Third party agreements will be provided in the RFP. Property acquisitions are on-going.
8.	Conflict of Interest Procedures - Will a "Conflicted Out" list be provided?	Yes, MBTA will post on the website a list of parties determined to be precluded from the Design Build ("DB") procurement.
9.	Will a preliminary constructions schedule and / or milestones with LD's be provided ?	Milestones will be noted in the RFP.

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10.	As relates to the DBE goals, is a PLA in place and when will DBE's for the construction phase be named as the construction cannot begin until IFC documents are approved by MBTA?	There is no PLA for the Project. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") requirements will be set forth in detail in the RFP.
11.	Prequalification Statement – Have requirements been set for Systems PM / CM. etc. ?	As stated, it is not clear what this question is referring to.
12.	Will the DB be responsible for preparing required safety and security documents that are associated with most FTA FFGAs (i.e. SSMPs, SSCPs, PHAs, TVAs, OHAs...) and will the DB be required to comply with FTA safety and security certification requirements?... Or will these be tasks be fulfilled by MBTA?	Yes. These items will be the Design Build Entity's (DB Entity) responsibility, with MBTA input. Details will be provided in the RFP.
13.	We are also wondering when you anticipate the PM/CM RFP for the Green Line Extension will be released? Will the DB contract be awarded/announced before the PM/CM RFP is released?	MBTA anticipates releasing the Project Management/Construction Management ("PM/CM") Request for Letters of Interest in late 2016.
14.	Question 1 - Why are the design diversity percentage rates so low? Question 1 Background - Our firm has worked on many projects with other state agencies. A majority of state agencies have diversity requirements of 17.9% for the design phase. We believe that the diversity percentage for design services should be in keeping with what has become somewhat of a standard state-wide and industry-wide practice.	The MBTA sets goals on a contract-specific basis in accordance with 49 C.R.F. Part 26.

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15.	<p>Question 2 – Are sub-contractors who have worked on the previous GLX projects (under MBTA and WSK) excluded from bidding on the project?</p> <p>Question 2 Background - A DBE firm performing Land Surveying services for the GLX project was initially hired by the MBTA and was carried forward by the WSK GLX team. Prior to the awarding of the GLX project to the WSK team, I was told by the MBTA GLX project manager at a GLX DBE outreach event that there were no land surveying opportunities. It wasn't clear if the land survey for the WSK team was under contract with the MBTA, or if the WSK team was required to carry the land surveying services from the previous MBTA engagement. Either way, it basically closed a huge opportunity for firms to participate and went against the intent to create new opportunities as professed at the MBTA GLX Outreach Events.</p>	<p>MBTA will post on the website a list of parties determined to be precluded from the DB procurement.</p>
16.	<p>Question 3 – Will the final DBE Participation percentage be a required percentage or a desired percentage?</p> <p>Question 3 Background - During the presentation, Mr. Tynes appeared to indicate that the DBE participation rates were a “desired percentage or goal” as opposed to a “required percentage”. I was confused if the DBE percentage is “REQUIRED”. If percentage is not required, this opens the door for primes to state that a good-faith effort was attempted, but they couldn't meet the percentage for one reason or another.</p>	<p>The DBE percentage for this procurement has been established in accordance with United States Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 26. The stated participation percentages goal will be a DB Contract requirement and will be evaluated using Good Faith Efforts standards. Detailed information will be included in the RFP.</p>
17.	<p>There was little reference to public involvement at the GLX Forum for D/B firms. Do you anticipate that most of the public involvement will be managed through the Program Manager contract, with the D/B team involved to provide information and respond to questions? If not, please clarify how the MBTA anticipates providing public outreach.</p>	<p>The roles and responsibilities regarding public involvement will be specified in the both the DB RFP and in the PM/CM procurement documents</p>

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18.	ABE, a D/B/E contractor on this project, has executed a contract with WSK which was partially performed and is assignable under Article 27. Is the MBTA amenable to allowing the assignment of its subcontract – with its DBE participation and requirements -- to the owner or the replacement contractor on the project?	This request is under review and a decision is pending.