



PEER Transportation Systems Research Program Request for Proposal 20-01 Proposal Submission Deadline: May 8, 2020

Questions submitted by 5PM, April 30, 2020, with Responses

1. The RFP is very specific on the topic (LRFD-based bridge deck design procedure) but the Bridge program overall lists 7 priority topics.

Do you accept proposals for only the LRFD procedure or are you open to receiving proposals addressing any of the other research areas?

Answer:

We are accepting only proposals related to the topic of the RFP that is due on May 8th not the general 7 topics. There will be future RFPs focused on different aspects of the 7 general topics.

2. As a UC, we will be waiving indirects; however, our industry partner (the sub-awardee) has indicated that they cannot. Would this be allowable?

Answer:

Yes.

3. Is the development of analysis and design methods for the isolation of bridge decks within the scope of the PEER-BRIDGE 20-01 RFP?

Answer:

No.

4. 1. The RFP mentioned that the *“Co-PIs or collaborators may be from public or private institutions.”* Can the collaborators be private industrial partners such as consulting firms (as a consultant, for example)? If so, is there any requirement related to this? For example, can the company be out of state (not California based)?
2. Can my colleague in the department who is currently our Adjunct Professor but also holds a regular position at Caltrans qualify for the “Co-PI” role? Is there any conflict of interest here?

Answer:

For 1. No restrictions.

For 2. COI is decided by you, not us. If the Caltrans person is not involved in this RFP, there may not be any COI.