



## **PEER Transportation Systems Research Program Request for Proposal 20-02**

**Proposal Submission Deadline: November 2, 2020**

**Questions submitted by 5PM, September 30, 2020, with Responses**

(Posted on 10/2/2020)

- 1. Is it possible for one of the PIs of the proposed project to be a postdoctoral researcher? This seems to be unclear in the solicitation announcement.**

**Answer:**

- PI should be limited to those researchers who have the PI status in a PEER core institution.
- Co-PI should be limited to those researchers who have a PI status in their respective institutes (not necessarily PEER core institutions).
- Collaborators can be anyone including postdocs without PI status or members of BIP, industry, government agencies, etc.

- 2. Can you clarify the following text in the RFP: "Each investigator is limited to be the PI or co-PI on one proposal only." Does this mean that an investigator can be a PI on one proposal and a co-PI on another proposal? Or does this mean that an investigator can only contribute to one proposal?**

**Answer:**

An investigator can contribute to ONE (and only ONE) proposal in response to this RFP. PI on one proposal and co-PI on another proposal will make both the proposals noncompliant. The reason for limitation this year is because we have several 2-year projects from last year that have reduced the available funding from this year's TSRP fund.

- 3. The call says: "Each investigator is limited to be the PI or co-PI on one proposal only." Does this mean you cannot be the PI on one proposal AND co-PI on one proposal? Can someone be a collaborator on more than one proposal?**

**Answer:**

You are allowed to be listed on one proposal in total where you are a PI or a co-PI in this RFP. The reason for limitation this year is because we have several 2-year projects from last year that have reduced the available funding from this year's TSRP fund. To clarify further, here are the three cases:



- You are not allowed to be listed in one proposal as a PI and on another proposal as a co-PI. If so, both proposals are not compliant and neither will be reviewed.
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- You are not allowed to be listed in one proposal as a co-PI and on another proposal as a co-PI. If so, both proposals are not compliant and neither will be reviewed.
- The three cases above also naturally apply to more than 2 proposals.
- Collaborators are researchers *without PI status* in an academic institution, such as members of BIP, industry, government agencies, etc. In this RFP, there are no restrictions on a collaborator (someone *without a PI status*) being on multiple proposals.

**4. Is there an interest in environmental impacts of earthquakes with regards to transportation systems?**

**Answer:**

PEER is interested in life cycle costs (please see Topic S1), which environmental impact can be a part of. The Research Committee will evaluate this for possible inclusion in future RFPs.