



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ALAMEDA CTC RFP NO. R23-0009
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY ADVOCACY SERVICES**

January 13, 2023

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) invites you to submit a proposal to provide federal legislative and policy advocacy services for Alameda CTC. The anticipated performance period is for an initial period of three (3) years from July 2023 to June 2026, with options for up to two (2) additional years of service.

This contract will be funded with Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Revenue, Measure B, and/or Measure BB funds, or such funds in combination with other local funds. As such, the Alameda CTC Local Business Contract Equity (LBCE) Program will apply. The LBCE Program's goals for professional services are 70.0% for Local Business Enterprise (LBE) firms and 30.0% for Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) firms. This contract is not subject to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requirements.

Responses should be submitted in accordance with the requirements and instructions set forth in this Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP documents have been posted on the RFP Web Page below. To sign up for optional email notifications of important updates regarding this RFP only, please use the RFP Registration Form below.

Proposals are due on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. PT.

RFP Web Page: www.alamedactc.org/contracting-opportunities

RFP Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/zLFWtEL9FrEUipzDA>

Reference Questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/vW4k4v2aXzZCxWej9>

Should you have any questions, please email Alastair Powell, the Sole Point of Contact for this RFP, at apowell@alamedactc.org. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn Clevenger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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INTRODUCTION

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is a joint powers agency which plans, funds and delivers a broad spectrum of transportation projects and programs to enhance mobility throughout Alameda County, as the successor to three previous agencies: Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA), Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA).

ACTA was created by the approval of Measure B by Alameda County voters in November 1986. Measure B authorized the imposition of a half-cent sales and use tax in the County for a period of 15 years, the proceeds of which were principally reserved for highway improvements, local transportation improvements, and transit funding in the County.

In November 2000, prior to the expiration of the first Measure B, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors placed a new Measure B on the ballot and Alameda County voters approved the measure with 81.5% support. The 2000 Measure B authorized the extension of the collection and expenditure of a half-cent sales and use tax for a period of 20 years, in order to address major transportation needs and congestion in Alameda County. ACTIA was instituted to administer the new Measure B funds, as detailed in the 2000 Transportation Expenditure Plan, including contract oversight, policy direction, financing, investment management, and coordinating projects with regional transit and transportation agencies and other Project Sponsors.

Although ACTA stopped collecting sales taxes in 2002, the agency continued its function to complete certain unfinished projects. On June 24, 2010, the ACTA Board adopted a resolution to transfer all of ACTA's assets, responsibilities, functions and liabilities to ACTIA, effective on July 1, 2010, and to terminate ACTA following the completion of the transfer process.

ACCMA was created in 1991 by a joint powers agreement between Alameda County and all its incorporated cities. ACCMA's goals, duties and composition enabled the local government to better address the complex problem of traffic congestion. ACCMA was responsible for planning, programming, and coordinating Federal, State, and Regional funds for transportation projects within Alameda County.

One such planning effort by the ACCMA evolved into a capital project, the Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Project. The Sunol Smart Carpool Lane Joint Powers Authority (Sunol JPA) was created in February 2006, pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between ACCMA, ACTIA and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. The Sunol JPA was formed to plan, design and construct, and then administer the operation of a value pricing HOV program on the Sunol Grade segment of Interstate 680 in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. The Sunol JPA began project operations when the I-680 Southbound Express Lane was opened to traffic on September 20, 2010. The Sunol JPA will also operate the I-680 Northbound Express Lane when the facility is opened to the general public for revenue operations in the near future. Alameda CTC serves as the Managing Agency for the Sunol JPA.

In early 2010, ACTIA, ACCMA, the County of Alameda, the fourteen incorporated cities within Alameda County, the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), and the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District each took actions required to create a new joint powers agency known as Alameda CTC, which combined the roles of ACCMA and ACTIA.

On June 24, 2010, the Boards of ACTIA and ACCMA gave the final approval required to create Alameda CTC. After a transition period required to accomplish certain administrative matters, at the close of business on February 29, 2012, ACTIA and ACCMA were both terminated, and Alameda

CTC was designated as the successor to both agencies. Alameda CTC is responsible for all of the functions and responsibilities previously held by ACTA, ACTIA and ACCMA along with certain additional powers as described in the joint powers agreement establishing Alameda CTC. Combining forces as Alameda CTC allowed ACTIA and ACCMA to eliminate redundancies and create efficiencies in planning, programs and project delivery and streamlined legislative, policy and funding efforts.

On November 2, 2010, Alameda County voters approved Measure F, authorizing ACCMA to administer the proceeds from a Vehicle Registration Fee (“VRF”), starting with registrations effective July 2011 with collection beginning in May 2011.

On January 23, 2014, Alameda CTC approved the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan. The 30-year Expenditure Plan was designed to expand BART, bus and rail services within Alameda County, keep transit fares affordable for youth, seniors, and people with disabilities, provide traffic relief on city streets and highways using new technology, improve air quality, and create good quality, local jobs. On November 4, 2014, Alameda County voters approved Measure BB (supported by the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan), which augments and extends the existing transportation sales tax (Measure B) and provides nearly \$8 billion to fund implementation of the 30-year Expenditure Plan. Alameda CTC is responsible for administering the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan, including contract oversight, policy direction, financing, investment management, and coordinating projects with regional transit and transportation agencies and other project sponsors.

General information about Alameda CTC can be obtained by visiting www.alamedactc.org.

SECTION I

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Governing Law

This RFP summarizes the applicable laws and governance; when in conflict, applicable State/Federal requirements shall apply. The resulting contract and legal relations between the parties hereto shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

B. Examination of Proposal Documents

By submitting a proposal, the proposer represents that it has thoroughly examined and become familiar with the work required under this RFP, and that it is capable of performing the work identified in [Appendix A](#) (Required Scope of Work, Deliverables, and Staffing).

C. Rights of Alameda CTC

This RFP does not commit Alameda CTC to enter into a contract, nor does it obligate Alameda CTC to pay for any costs incurred in preparation and submission of the proposal in anticipation of a contract. Alameda CTC also reserves the right to transfer certain services covered by this RFP in-house, to be performed by staff.

Alameda CTC may investigate the qualifications of any proposer, require confirmation of information furnished by the proposer, and/or require additional evidence or qualifications to perform the work described in this RFP from any proposer.

Further, Alameda CTC reserves the right to do each of the following, in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of Alameda CTC and the citizens of Alameda County:

1. Reject any or all proposal submittals.
2. Cancel this RFP in whole or in part.
3. Issue one or more subsequent Requests for Qualifications and/or RFPs.
4. Postpone opening of proposals for its own convenience.
5. Remedy technical errors in the RFP process.
6. Negotiate with any, all, or none of the proposers responding to this RFP.
7. Waive informalities and irregularities in any proposal.
8. Request additional information from any proposer.
9. Issue Addenda to this RFP.

D. Work Scope Modifications

Alameda CTC reserves the right to request changes to staff and/or scope of work proposed in any of the proposals and to enter negotiations with any of the proposers regarding their submittal.

E. Pre-Award/Post-Award Audit

Alameda CTC reserves the right to perform pre-award and/or post-award audits.

The proposer shall be aware that if a pre-award audit is to be performed, full cooperation with the auditors is expected. The pre-award audit recommendations shall be incorporated into the contract.

If Alameda CTC permits the resulting contract to be awarded based on a post-award audit requirement, the proposer shall agree to the following contract language below:

Consultant acknowledges that this Agreement and the cost proposal are subject to a post award audit. Based on any post award audit recommendations, the cost proposal and/or the total compensation figure shall be adjusted to conform to the audit recommendations. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that individual cost items identified in the audit report may be incorporated into this Agreement. Refusal by Consultant to incorporate interim audit or post award recommendations will be considered a breach of the Agreement and cause for termination of the Agreement.

F. Conflict of Interest

By submitting a proposal, proposer represents and warrants that, for the term of the resulting contract, no member, officer or employee of Alameda CTC, or of a public body within Alameda County or member or delegate to the Congress of the United States, during their tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any direct interest in any such contract or any direct or material benefit arising therefrom, as defined in California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.* and 87100 *et seq.* Prohibited interests include interests of immediate family members, domestic partners, and their respective employers or prospective employers.

The proposer further warrants and represents that it presently has no interest and agrees that it will not acquire any interest that would present a conflict of interest under California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.* or 87100 *et seq.* during the performance of services under any contract resulting from this RFP and that it will not knowingly employ any person having such an interest. Violation of this provision may result in the contract being deemed void and unenforceable.

Proposers must provide a list of any potential conflicts of interest in working for Alameda CTC. This must include, but is not limited to, a list of your firm's clients who are cities in Alameda County, the County of Alameda, and/or transit or transportation agencies that operate and/or have projects in Alameda County, and a brief description of work for these clients. Identify any other clients that would pose a potential conflict of interest as well as a brief description of work you provide to these clients. This list must include all potential conflicts of interest within the year prior to the release of this RFP as well as current and future commitments to other projects.

On the contract resulting from this RFP, consultant key team members may be required to submit a California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700: Statement of Economic Interests documenting potential financial conflicts of interest. For additional information, proposers should refer to the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html.

After award, the successful proposer shall take all reasonable measures to preclude the existence or development of an organizational conflict of interest in connection with work performed under the agreement resulting from this and other Alameda CTC solicitations. An organizational conflict of interest occurs when, due to other activities, relationships, or contracts, a firm or person is unable, or potentially unable, to render impartial assistance or advice to Alameda CTC; a firm or person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be impaired; or a firm or person has an unfair competitive advantage in proposing for award of a contract as a result of information gained in performance of this or some other project.

Proposer shall not engage the services of any subconsultant or vendor on any work related to this RFP if the subconsultant or vendor, or any employee of the subconsultant or vendor, has an actual or apparent organizational conflict of interest related to work or services contemplated under this RFP.

If, at any time during the term of the contract resulting from this RFP, the consultant becomes aware of an organizational conflict of interest in connection with the work performed under such contract, the consultant shall immediately provide Alameda CTC with written notice of the facts and circumstances giving rise to this organizational conflict of interest. The consultant shall immediately notify Alameda CTC of any organizational conflict of interest, whether actual or apparent, in connection with any political campaign activities engaged by or involving its firm that is, or may be, related to and/or otherwise impact: Alameda CTC, its governing body, its projects and programs and/or its delivery of such project and programs. The consultant's written notice will also propose alternatives for addressing or eliminating the organizational conflict of interest.

G. Levine Act – Government Code Section 84308

Government Code Section 84308, commonly known as the Levine Act, prohibits any Alameda CTC Commissioners or Alternates who have received more than \$250 within the previous twelve months from an applicant from participating in or influencing the decision on awarding a contract with Alameda CTC. The Levine Act and Alameda CTC's Conflict of Interest Code together require any Commissioner or Alternate who has received such a contribution to disclose the contribution on the record of the proceeding, and to recuse themselves from any vote on the contract award.

Commissioners and Alternates are further prohibited from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a party applying for a contract while the matter of awarding the contract is pending before Alameda CTC or for twelve months following the date of a final decision concerning the contract. Additionally, the Levine Act forbids any party interested in a potential contract from making any contributions to any Commissioner or Alternate during the period starting with the issuance of this RFP, and ending twelve months after the Commission makes a final decision on the contract award. This prohibition applies to the prime consultant, any subconsultant or other member of the consultant team, any agents for the prime consultant or other team members, and the major shareholders of any closed corporation which is part of the team.

The selected Proposer and other members of the consultant team will each be required to sign and submit a Levine Act Statement disclosing on the record any contribution of more than \$250 which they have made to any Alameda CTC Commissioner or Alternate within the twelve-month period prior to Commission or Committee action on the contract award. Each team member's Statement will cover any contribution made by that team member, any agents for that team member, and the major shareholders of that team member if it is a closed corporation. The Statement will also require the team member to certify that such party has not made, and shall not make, any contributions to Commissioners or Alternates while the contract is pending and for twelve months after the final action.

H. Public Records

The RFP and any material submitted by a proposer in response to this RFP are subject to public inspection under the California Public Records Act (Government Code 6250 *et seq.*) unless exempt by law. The proposals will remain confidential until any resulting contract has been awarded and executed. Each proposer should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of its proposal that it considers to be confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade

secrets, and provide justification as to why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by Alameda CTC under the Act.

If Alameda CTC receives a request pursuant to the Public Records Act for information marked by the proposer as “Trade Secret” or “Business Secret,” and the requester takes legal action seeking release of the materials it believes do not constitute trade secret information, by submitting a proposal, proposer agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Alameda CTC, its officers, agents and employees, from any judgment, fines, penalties, and award of attorney’s fees awarded against Alameda CTC in favor of the party requesting the information, and any and all costs connected with that defense. This obligation to indemnify survives Alameda CTC’s award of the contract. Proposer agrees that this indemnification survives as long as the trade secret information is in Alameda CTC’s possession, which includes a minimum retention period for such documents.

Any language purporting to render the entire proposal or the cost proposal confidential or proprietary will be regarded as ineffective and will be deemed non-responsive.

I. Withdrawal of Proposal Submittal

A proposer may withdraw its proposal at any time before the expiration of the time for submission of proposal submittals as provided in this RFP by delivering to the Sole Point of Contact identified in [Section II.1.D](#) (Sole Point of Contact) a written request for withdrawal signed by, or on behalf of, the proposer’s binding official as identified in the [Section II.2.B](#) (Letter of Transmittal) included within the proposal.

J. Proposal Protest Procedure

A proposer who submits, or who plans to submit, a proposal may protest pursuant to the protest procedures applicable to this RFP in accordance with this **Section I.1.J**. Any attempted protest which fails to comply with this section shall be deemed to be an invalid protest and automatically denied.

1. Protests based on the content of the RFP shall be filed with the Sole Point of Contact within five (5) calendar days after the RFP is issued. Alameda CTC shall issue a written decision on the protest prior to opening the proposals.
2. Any proposer who submits a proposal and is then notified that it was found to be non-responsive may file a protest with the Alameda CTC within five (5) calendar days after notification has been issued to the proposer.
3. Protests alleging a denial of due process or fundamental unfairness in the determination of the short list of most qualified firms shall be filed with the Sole Point of Contact within five (5) calendar days after such determination has been made available to the proposer.
4. Protests alleging a denial of due process or fundamental unfairness in the determination of the top-ranked firm for contract award shall be filed with the Sole Point of Contact within five (5) calendar days after such determination has been made available to the proposer.
5. Any protest shall contain a full and complete written statement specifying in detail the grounds of the protest and the facts supporting the protest.
6. If a protest is timely filed with the Sole Point of Contact, Alameda CTC staff (potentially including consultants to Alameda CTC) will promptly initiate an investigation of the grounds of the protest. All proposers shall cooperate with any inquiries from Alameda CTC’s staff and consultants relating to the protest.

7. At the conclusion of its investigation, Alameda CTC staff shall prepare a written report, including a decision regarding the disposition of the protest, and provide a copy of such report to the protestor. The staff decision shall be final and conclusive unless the protestor requests a hearing pursuant to Item 7 below within five (5) calendar days after issuance of the report.
8. In the case of protests based on the content of the RFP (Item 1 above), protesters may request to appear and be heard before the Planning, Policy and Legislative Committee (PPLC)] and/or the Commission prior to the opening of proposals. In the case of protests alleging a denial of due process or fundamental unfairness in the selection process (Items 2 and 3 above), protesters may request to appear and be heard before one or more of the following, as determined by the Chair of the Commission at their discretion: (i) the Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Commission, (ii) the PPLC and/or the Commission, or (iii) a committee appointed by the Chair of the Commission. The individual or body conducting the hearing shall make a determination and take final action on the protest.

K. Equal Employment Opportunity

Proposer and its subconsultants shall not, on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status deny benefits to any person nor unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment in any manner prohibited by Federal, State or local laws. In the event of non-compliance, Alameda CTC may cancel, terminate or suspend the contract in whole or in part. The proposer may also be declared ineligible for further contracts with Alameda CTC.

Proposer and its subconsultants shall take affirmative action to ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Proposer and its subconsultants shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants for employment, a notice setting forth the following provisions [29 USC § 623, 42 USC § 2000, 42 USC § 6102, 42 USC § 12112, 42 USC § 12132, 49 USC § 5332, 29 CFR Part 1630, 41 CFR Parts 60 *et seq.*].

L. Subconsultants

1. For the purposes of this RFP, “subconsultants” also refers to all firms, other than the prime consultant, proposed for performing work or incurring costs on the resulting contract; this includes all subconsultants, subcontractors and/or vendors, of any tier.
2. Nothing contained in this RFP and the resulting contract or otherwise, shall create any contractual relationship between Alameda CTC and any subconsultants, and no subcontract shall relieve the proposer of their responsibilities and obligations hereunder. The proposer agrees to be as fully responsible to Alameda CTC for the acts and omissions of its subconsultants and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the proposer. The proposer’s obligation to pay its subconsultants is an independent obligation from Alameda CTC’s obligation to make payments to the proposer.
3. Any subcontract entered into as a result of this RFP shall contain all the provisions stipulated in this RFP and resulting contract to be applicable to subconsultants.

4. Proposer shall pay its subconsultants within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of each payment made to the proposer by Alameda CTC.
5. Any substitution of subconsultants must be approved in writing by the Alameda CTC Contract Manager in advance of assigning work to a substitute subconsultant.

M. Public Contract Code

In accordance with Public Contract Code Sections 10162, 10232, 10285, and 2202-2208, the proposer shall include a Public Contract Code Statement in its Letter of Transmittal as identified in [Section II.2.B](#).

N. Prevailing Wage and Department of Industrial Relations Registration Requirements

The State of California’s General Prevailing Wage Rates are not applicable to this contract.

O. Proposers’ Responsibility for Completeness and Accuracy of Proposal and Exhibits

Each proposer is fully responsible for ensuring that the entirety of its proposal, including but not limited to (i) all forms and certifications required pursuant to [Section II.2.H](#), and (ii) any portion of said proposal, forms, or certifications prepared or submitted by any proposed subconsultants, is complete and accurate.

P. Ex Parte Communication Prohibited

Alameda CTC recognizes that adherence to procedures ensuring fairness is essential to the maintenance of public confidence in the value and soundness of Alameda CTC’s procurement processes. Therefore, any communication (whether in person, by telephone, or through electronic means), other than at a public meeting or as instructed in this RFP (“ex parte communications”), between a proposer or any subconsultant, and their respective employees, agents or representatives, and Alameda CTC’s Commissioners, Alternates, staff, agents, general counsel, contractors, or other representatives during the procurement process is strictly prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein.

1. Ex parte communications are prohibited from the issuance date of this RFP, through contract award, until the contract has been fully executed by Alameda CTC and the selected proposer.
2. Exceptions. This requirement shall not prohibit:
 - a. Communications specifically authorized by this RFP between a proposer and the Sole Point of Contact.
 - b. Pre-Bid and Pre-Proposal Meetings, and procurement interviews.
 - c. Communications between Alameda CTC staff and representatives of the selected proposer following contract award regarding (i) negotiation of final contract or amendment terms, work scope, and budget; (ii) collection and verification of administrative matters such as proof of insurance and other required forms; and (iii) execution and delivery of the signed contract.
 - d. The filing and processing of (i) a written protest to any proposed award, to be made pursuant to the Proposal Protest Procedure contained herein; (ii) an appeal of any decision made pursuant to the LBCE Program, following the procedures outlined therein; or (iii) an appeal of any decision or determination with respect to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) matters, following procedures applicable thereto.

- e. Addressing the Commission or a Standing Committee at public meetings.
 - f. Contacts between Alameda CTC’s staff and its consultants or contractors in regard to any work being performed on Alameda CTC projects or programs unrelated to this RFP.
3. Violation of the restrictions set forth above shall be grounds to: disqualify the violator from the award of the contract, void any award to or contract with the violator based on this RFP, and/or temporarily suspend or permanently debar the violator from future contracts with Alameda CTC.

2. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The selected proposer will be required to sign Alameda CTC’s standard form professional services contract. The Alameda CTC Sample Professional Services Contract is available on the Alameda CTC website at www.alamedactc.org/contracting-forms and is incorporated herein as if attached. Alameda CTC reserves the right to substitute and/or modify the Alameda CTC Sample Professional Services Contract prior to contract execution with acceptance by both parties.

A. Exceptions to the Alameda CTC Sample Professional Services Contract

As noted above, proposers shall be prepared to accept the terms and conditions of Alameda CTC’s standard form contract. If a proposer desires to take exception to the terms of the standard form contract, the proposer shall provide the following information as a section of the proposal identified as Exceptions to the Alameda CTC Sample Professional Services Contract Form ([Appendix C](#)):

1. Proposer shall clearly identify each proposed change to the contract, including all relevant Exhibits and Attachments.
2. Proposer shall furnish the reasons therefore as well as specific recommendations for alternative language.

Only exceptions that are included in the submitted proposals will be considered. No additional exceptions after proposal submissions will be considered during contract negotiations. Substantial exceptions to the contract may be determined by Alameda CTC, at its sole discretion, to be unacceptable and Alameda CTC will proceed with negotiations with the next highest ranked firm. See [Section II.3.F](#) (Award).

B. Invoicing Requirements

The selected proposer will be required to submit invoice forms as specified in Alameda CTC’s standard professional services contract including any revisions.

C. Insurance Requirements

The selected proposer will be required to maintain insurance coverage, during the term of the contract, at the levels described in [Appendix E](#) (Insurance Requirement Form). Proposer agrees to provide the required certificates of insurance providing verification of the minimum insurance requirements listed in [Appendix E](#), within ten (10) calendar days of the execution of the contract arising from this RFP. Requests for waivers to Alameda CTC’s insurance requirements should be submitted with the proposal using the form provided in [Appendix E](#). Alameda CTC will review any insurance exception requests from the selected proposer, and issue waivers at its discretion if the changes requested are determined to be acceptable. Compliance with all material insurance requirements will be assumed.

D. Costs and Financial Documentation Requirements

The selected proposer and all subconsultants (as defined Section I.1.K) shall provide the cost and financial documents for the contract, if requested by Alameda CTC, within ten (10) business days of Alameda CTC's notice to firm that it is the successful proposer, including, but not limited to, the following forms or documents related to such forms:

- W-9 Form for the selected prime proposer only.
- Independent Auditors' Report (for indirect cost rate audits), or if unavailable, an indirect cost rate schedule may be acceptable.
- Payroll registers for all individuals performing work.
- Financial Document Review (FDR) Request Form
- Certification of Indirect Costs and Financial Management System Form for the indirect cost rate for the most recent Fiscal Period (one-year accounting period); i.e., 01/01/2022-12/31/2022. The date range format of MM/DD/YYYY-MM/DD/YYYY must be provided in the Fiscal Period field, per the definition of fiscal period on the form.

The proposer shall be able to provide the documents in a timely manner if selected.

E. Cooperation

After contract award, the selected consultant shall carry out the instructions as received from Alameda CTC, which may include cooperation with Alameda CTC staff and members of its governing body (the Commission).

F. Identification of Documents

All reports and other documents completed as part of the resulting contract shall recognize the appropriate participating funds. Specific details will be provided to the successful proposer.

3. LOCAL BUSINESS CONTRACT EQUITY PROGRAM

This contract will be funded in whole or in part by Alameda CTC VRF, Measure B and/or Measure BB funds, or such funds in combination with other local funds; consequently, Alameda CTC's Local Business Contract Equity (LBCE) Program will apply. The LBCE Program establishes goals for award of professional service contracts to firms located within Alameda County. For professional services, the LBCE Program has a Local Business Enterprise (LBE) goal of 70.0% and a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) goal of 30.0%.

Further details regarding this program can be found on the Alameda CTC website at www.alamedactc.org/contract-equity, as well as lists of all currently certified LBE, SLBE, and Very Small Local Business Enterprise (VSLBE) firms. It is the responsibility of firms which desire to have participation counted toward the LBCE Program goals to ensure that they are appropriately certified by Alameda CTC on a timely basis. The prime contractor will report LBE, SLBE, and VSLBE utilization with each invoice for payment as applicable.

Alameda CTC's Certification Team is available to assist firms in meeting the LBE and SLBE goals:

Certification Team
(510) 208-7460
certification@alamedactc.org

All questions regarding certification should be directed to the Certification Team. Certification applications should be submitted to the Certification Team at the above email address. All firms utilized to meet an LBE and/or SLBE goal must be certified by the time of proposal submission, and proof of certification must be submitted with the proposal. Applications for LBE and/or SLBE certification will not be accepted with the proposal.

SECTION II

1. RFP INFORMATION

A. RFP Description

Alameda CTC intends to retain a professional services consultant for the analysis, consultation, and support of federal legislative services, policy advocacy, and other related matters associated with the Alameda CTC legislative program. The selected consultant will be required to have available personnel who have been successful in performing federal lobbyist professional services and activities.

B. Scope of Work

1. **Scope of Work, Deliverables, and Staffing** – The work to be performed under contract based on this RFP is described in [Appendix A](#) (Required Scope of Work, Deliverables, and Staffing) attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein.
2. **Period of Performance** – The anticipated period of performance for this contract will be for an initial period of three (3) years, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, with the option to continue for two (2) additional years of service through June 30, 2028.
3. **Method of Payment** – Compensation for this contract is anticipated to be based on retainer fee, but may include specific rates of compensation and/or lump sum by task, and is subject to the terms and conditions established as a result of negotiations.

C. Reference Materials

Refer to [Appendix B](#) for reference materials (e.g., expenditure plan).

D. Sole Point of Contact

The Sole Point of Contact for all purposes of this procurement is as follows. Email inquiries (where permissible under the terms of this RFP) and proposal submissions shall be directed to the Sole Point of Contact:

Name: Alastair Powell
Title: Senior Administrative Analyst
Email: apowell@alamedactc.org
Telephone: (510) 208-7438

E. Pre-Proposal Meeting (None)

A pre-proposal meeting will not be held for this RFP.

F. Addenda/Clarifications

It is the proposer’s responsibility to check for and review all addenda issued and posted by Alameda CTC on the RFP Web Page identified in the cover letter of this RFP. Proposers may sign up for email notifications of important updates about this RFP, using the RFP Registration Form identified in the cover letter of this RFP.

Explanations or clarifications desired by potential proposers regarding the meaning or interpretation of the RFP may be requested by the questions submission deadline, in writing via email to the Sole Point of Contact (as identified in [Section II.1.D](#)) with subject line “Questions – Alameda CTC RFP No. R23-0009.” Responses to questions submitted by the deadline that may have a material impact on the proposal will be posted on the RFP Web Page identified in the cover letter of this RFP, as well as provided to firms registered to receive email notifications of important updates about this RFP.

G. RFP Schedule

Any reference in this RFP to a specific time shall refer to Pacific Time. All dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of Alameda CTC.

TABLE 1: RFP SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DATE/TIME
RFP issued.	January 13, 2023
Deadline for proposers to submit questions. All questions must be directed by email to the Sole Point of Contact.	February 3, 2023 3:00 p.m.
Final Addendum issued, if necessary. Proposers may sign up for RFP email notifications using the RFP Registration Form identified in the cover letter of this RFP.	February 14, 2023
Due Date for Proposals and Reference Questionnaires. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. References shall submit the web-based Reference Questionnaire (identified in the cover letter of this RFP) by or before this deadline.	February 22, 2023 3:00 p.m.
Anticipated Proposal Review. Selection Review Panel evaluates proposals and develops short list of firms to interview, if necessary.	March 29, 2023
Interviews, if necessary.	April 7, 2023
Anticipated Final Evaluation and Determination of Top-Ranked Firm.	April 10, 2023
Anticipated Contract Commencement.	July 1, 2023

2. PROPOSAL CONTENT AND FORMAT

A. General Instructions

By the proposal due date, interested proposers shall submit:

- **Technical Proposal** (written proposal, **without cost proposal or cost elements**): the complete set of electronic files comprising the proposal in PDF format, except the Resources Form ([Appendix D](#)) which shall be provided in source (i.e., XLS/XLSX) and PDF formats. All PDF documents must be formatted with Optical Character Recognition to ensure text is searchable and may be copied.

- **Cost Proposal (in a separate digital folder** from the technical proposal and labeled “Cost Proposal,” as identified in [Section II.2.E.5](#)): the complete set of electronic files comprising the cost proposal in source (i.e., XLS/XLSX) **and** PDF formats.

Electronic files shall be sent via email attachment or file sharing service. Proposers can send up to 20 MB in email attachments per email. If the email being sent has more than one email attachment, the email attachments cannot add up to more than 20 MB. Proposers may send multiple emails. Files should be clearly named. Proposers should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt by Alameda CTC. Late submittals will not be accepted. Submissions transmitted by facsimile or hard copies will not be accepted.

The files must be submitted to the Sole Point of Contact at the email address identified in [Section II.1.D](#) (Sole Point of Contact) in an email with a subject line containing the RFP number and title and with the body containing the proposer’s name, address, and telephone number.

Proposals must be typed with a minimum 12-point font and submitted on 8½” x 11” pages with at least 1” margins. The font requirement applies to all text except for charts, tables and graphs. Graphs, diagrams or organizational charts could be shown on 11” x 17” pages. An 8½” x 11” page counts as one page and an 11” x 17” page counts as two pages. Proposals shall not exceed 10 pages, excluding sections or content as indicated in [Table 2](#) (Page Limit Requirements).

Proposal content and completeness are most important. Clarity, organization, and conciseness are essential and will be considered in assessing the proposer’s capabilities. Proposals should only contain relevant information pertaining to the response of this RFP; marketing materials should not be included, unless appropriate. When organizing required forms and certifications, please collate by form type rather than by firm; e.g., an appendix for Debarment and Suspension Certification forms from all firms, with the prime consultant first, then in alphabetical order by firm name. If there is any reason that specific items are incomplete or not provided, proposers must include a justification for each item explaining why it was incomplete or not provided.

TABLE 2: PAGE LIMIT REQUIREMENTS

SECTION OR CONTENT	INCLUDED IN PAGE LIMIT
Proposal Cover Page(s)	–
Letter of Transmittal (Section II.2.B)	–
Title Page (Section II.2.C)	–
Table of Contents (Section II.2.D)	–
Proposal Content (Section II.2.E) (Exceptions listed below)	✓
Proposal Content (Section II.2.E) (Exceptions to page limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources Form (Appendix D) • Cost Proposal (Section II.2.E.5) 	–
Performance Measures (Section II.2.F)	✓
References (Section II.2.G)	–
Required Forms and Certifications (Section II.2.H)	–
Resumes	– Resumes may be provided in an appendix to the proposal but may not exceed 2 pages each.
Design Samples (Optional and as applicable)	–
Writing Samples (Optional and as applicable)	–

B. Letter of Transmittal

An officer authorized to bind the proposer’s firm must sign the transmittal letter. The transmittal letter must include the following content and language:

1. Full list of the consultant-team (including proposer and all subconsultants, subcontractors and/or vendors, of any tier) and detail any proposed joint venture arrangements such as revenue/profit sharing:
 - a. *Company (LBE, SLBE, and/or VSLBE status, if any) – arrangements detail (if any)*
2. Selection Process Lead (the primary point of contact during the selection process):
 - a. *Name and Title*
 - b. *Mailing address*
 - c. *Telephone number*
 - d. *Email address*
3. Public Contract Code Statement (**no modification to this statement is allowed**):

Our firm (the “Prime Proposer”), hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that neither Prime Proposer nor any subconsultant and/or subcontractor hereunder, nor any firm affiliated with Prime Proposer or any subconsultant and/or subcontractor hereunder, is (i) potentially subject to rejection of any bid pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code (“PCC”) section 10162; (ii) unable to truthfully sign a statement in the form required by PCC section 10232; (iii) suspended or potentially subject to suspension pursuant to PCC section 10285.1; (iv) ineligible to bid on a contract with a public entity for goods and services of \$1 million or more pursuant to PCC sections 2202-2208; or (v) not in compliance with any federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work. Prime Proposer further represents and warrants that no portion of the work under the resulting agreement shall be subcontracted to or otherwise performed by any subconsultant and/or subcontractor that meets any of the criteria set forth in subsections (i)-(v) above.

4. Requirements Statement that proposer shall provide any and all information and documents for proposer and all subconsultants (as defined in RFP Section I.1.K) proposed to perform work and/or incur costs, as may be required and/or requested by Alameda CTC, including, but not limited to, requirements under RFP Section I.2 (Contract Requirements).
5. This letter is signed by an officer that is authorized to bind the proposer’s firm contractually and includes the following language:

This proposal is a binding offer to contract with Alameda CTC according to the requirements of this RFP for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the proposal due date.

C. Title Page

The title page must include the RFP number and title, the proposer’s firm and contact information (local address and telephone number), contact person and contact information (name, email, and telephone number), and the date.

D. Table of Contents

Provide a table of contents that includes a clear identification of the material by section and page number.

E. Proposal Content

Proposals must contain the following sections:

1. **Understanding the Required Scope of Work.** This section of the proposal shall (i) establish that the proposer understands Alameda CTC’s objectives and work requirements and (ii) describe the proposer’s ability to satisfy those objectives and requirements. Additional items included that are not specifically requested in the RFP must be clearly described as “optional tasks” in this section and should also be included as separate line items in the cost proposal.
 - a. Succinctly describe the proposed approach for addressing the required work and the rationale for the implementation approach. Outline the activities that would be undertaken in completing the various tasks (including subtasks) and specify who would perform them. Include any underlying assumptions.
 - b. Provide a timetable for completing all work specified in [Appendix A](#) (Required Scope of Work, Deliverables and Staffing).
 - c. Demonstrate understanding of, and identify, the key risks and challenges, and discuss risk mitigation measures for the aforementioned.
2. **Expertise.** This section shall describe how your firm’s expertise will be practically applied to fulfill the Scope of Work, including areas of consideration and how your firm will implement the contract.
 - a. Provide representation of work performed by your firm that are similar in nature to this scope or elements of this scope.
 - b. Discuss specific qualifications and technical expertise of the firm.
 - c. Identify any technical and/or procedural innovations that have been used successfully on other projects which may facilitate the performance of services and which may not have been specifically stated in this RFP.
3. **Management Plan.** This section shall describe methods of project management.
 - a. Describe methods of planning, scheduling, and delivering tasks. Discuss coordination meeting strategies and how the team will provide up-to-date and accurate information to Alameda CTC for the duration of the contract.
 - b. Describe how management of the team members and subconsultants will be handled. Discuss management of budgetary controls and avoiding exceeding resources allocated for specific tasks.
4. **Staffing Plan and Availability.** This section shall include an organizational chart and identify key team members. Key team members, also referred to as “key personnel” herein, denotes individuals from any firm on the proposer team that have key roles and responsibilities and are expected to remain the same throughout the duration of the contract.
 - a. Designate (i) the principal-in-charge and the project manager who will serve as Alameda CTC’s key contacts throughout the duration of the contract, and (ii) the key team members for your proposed team.
 - b. Describe the qualifications and expertise of the proposed team, including all subconsultants, in providing services for clients comparable to Alameda CTC. Full resumes may be included in the proposal appendices with the expectation that key team members will remain the same throughout the duration of the contract.

- c. Proposers must also complete a Resources Form ([Appendix D](#)) and include as a proposal appendix. For firms with multiple offices, RFPs must identify all locations from which resources are anticipated to be used.
5. **Cost Proposal.** Proposer shall submit, in XLS/XLSX **and** PDF formats, the following in a separate digital folder clearly labeled “Cost Proposal”:
- a. Budget by Task, including Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 Task Budget.
 - b. Other Direct Costs Detail (if applicable) including unit costs and non-labor expenses (direct expenses) which shall be itemized and broken down to show quantity and unit price.
 - c. The cost by firm and accordingly, the total cost which will be committed to firms used towards meeting the LBE and/or SLBE goals, if any, using the Budget by Firm table.

The top-ranked proposer will be required to participate in negotiations which may result in revisions to the proposal. Also see [Section II.1.B\(3\)](#) (Method of Payment).

Additionally, prior to award of a contract, the successful proposer may be required to submit the firm’s most recent complete financial statements, including footnotes and auditor’s opinion or other financial instrument that would establish the firm’s ability to complete the obligations of the contract resulting from this solicitation.

F. Performance Measures

Provide a list of proposed performance measures that could be used during the course of the contract for Alameda CTC to evaluate the firm’s deliverables and services performed. If selected, these will be negotiated with Alameda CTC during contract negotiations and final performance measures will be incorporated into a professional services contract.

G. References

Proposer shall ensure that Alameda CTC receives a minimum of three (3) completed Reference Questionnaires from appropriate client references for each key team member on the proposal, related to previous work similar to this scope, or elements of this project, on which the key team member had significant involvement within the past five (5) years. None of the references shall be from Alameda CTC. The proposer is responsible for communicating to the referenced party the instructions and requirements for this process as outlined in this RFP, including the deadline for which Reference Questionnaires (identified in the cover letter of this RFP) are due to be submitted online, as indicated in [Table 1](#) (RFP Schedule).

The proposer shall additionally include, as an appendix to the proposal, reference project information for previous work similar to this scope, or elements of this scope, on which its key team members had significant involvement within the past five (5) years, including but not limited to the following:

1. Name of Agency (for which work was performed)
2. Contact Person’s:
 - a. Name
 - b. Telephone Number
 - c. Timeframe (year the work was done)
3. Work Description

4. Duration of Contract (i.e., months or years, start and end dates)
5. Specific Work Conducted
6. Total Contract Amount
7. Key Team Member’s Role
8. Attachments (optional; i.e., any other reference materials, such as fact sheets or resumes)

Such appendix will not count toward the page count limit.

H. Forms and Certifications

Proposers **must** provide completed forms in their submittal as required in Table 3 and the RFP [Appendices](#). Please collate by form type rather than by firm; e.g., an appendix for a form from all firms, with the prime consultant first, then in alphabetical order by firm name. If there is any reason that specific items are incomplete or not provided, proposers must include a justification for each item explaining why it was incomplete or not provided.

TABLE 3: REQUIRED FORMS AND CERTIFICATIONS

FORMS AND CERTIFICATIONS	SEPARATE DIGITAL FOLDER	REQUIRED FOR PRIME CONSULTANT	REQUIRED FOR SUBS*
Section I.3 – LBE, SLBE, and/or VSLBE Proof of Certification	–	✓	✓
Section II.2.B – Letter of Transmittal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full list of the consultant-team • Selection Process Lead • Public Contract Code Statement • Requirements Statement • Signed by an authorized officer including required language 	–	✓	–
Section II.2.G – Reference Project Information Note that Reference Questionnaires should be received by Alameda CTC directly, and are thus not part of the proposal submittal.	–	✓	If Applicable
Appendix C – Exceptions to the Alameda CTC Sample Professional Services Contract Form	–	Optional	–
Appendix C – Cost Proposal Form for Federal Legislative and Policy Advocacy Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget by Task • Other Direct Costs Detail • Budget by Firm 	✓	✓	✓ Include in Prime Consultant’s Cost Proposal Form
Appendix C – Costs and Financial Documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W-9 Form (selected prime proposer only). • Independent Auditors’ Report, or if 		Selected Prime Consultant to submit within ten (10) business days of Alameda CTC’s notice to Prime Consultant that it	Selected Prime Consultant to submit within ten (10) business days of Alameda CTC’s notice to Prime Consultant that it

FORMS AND CERTIFICATIONS	SEPARATE DIGITAL FOLDER	REQUIRED FOR PRIME CONSULTANT	REQUIRED FOR SUBS*
unavailable, an indirect cost rate schedule may be acceptable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified payroll registers. • Certification of Indirect Costs and Financial Management System Form 		is the successful proposer if requested	is the successful proposer if requested
Appendix D – Resources Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Personnel Availability • Firm Participation Summary: (Columns A, B, H, and I only) • Alameda CTC Contracts Summary • Potential Conflicts of Interest Note that Task Resource Summary is not applicable to this RFP.	–	✓	✓ Include in Prime Consultant’s Resources Form
Appendix E – Insurance Requirement Form	–	✓	✓ Include in Prime Consultant’s Insurance Requirement Form
* Required for subs (subconsultant, subcontractor, vendor, etc.) of any tier.			

3. PROPOSAL EVALUATION/CRITERIA

A. Review for General Responsiveness

Alameda CTC staff, in consultation with Alameda CTC legal counsel if deemed necessary, will conduct an initial review of the proposals for general responsiveness and compliance with requirements of this RFP. Proposals failing to satisfy the requirements in this RFP will not be considered.

Any proposal that does not include enough information to permit the Selection Review Panel to rate the proposals in any one of the evaluation factors listed below will be considered non-responsive. A proposal that fails to include one or more items requested in [Section II.2](#) (Proposal Content and Format), may be considered complete and generally responsive, if evaluation in every criterion is possible.

Alameda CTC reserves the right to request additional information from **responsible and responsive** proposers prior to evaluation.

B. Proposal Evaluation

A Selection Review Panel, which may be comprised of staff from Alameda CTC and representatives from outside agencies, will evaluate responsive proposals. The Selection Review Panel will then establish a short list of the most qualified firms based on the following Proposal Criteria, and the Sole Point of Contact shall schedule interviews with the firms on the short list, if deemed necessary.

Alameda CTC reserves the right not to convene interviews, but to make a selection on the basis of written proposals alone. Furthermore, Alameda CTC reserves the right to accept or reject any

and all submitted proposals, to waive minor irregularities, and to request additional information from the firms at any stage of the evaluation process.

C. Proposal Criteria – 100 Points Possible

The result of the selection process will be a recommendation that Alameda CTC award the contract to the top-ranked proposer, as determined by the Selection Review Panel. The following criteria and point system will be used to evaluate and rank the proposals:

TABLE 4: PROPOSAL CRITERIA

PROPOSAL CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
1. Understanding the Required Scope of Work. Understanding of the RFP objectives, needs, appropriate deliverables, schedule in accordance with the Scope of Work, and key risks and challenges as well as approach and mitigation measures.	20
2. Expertise. Qualifications and technical expertise of the proposer in performing related work, and proposer’s experience in working with this scope and with public agencies and familiarity with the related process.	30
3. Management Plan. Methods and strength of management, including project communication, schedule and budget control, and quality assurance and quality control.	15
4. Staffing Plan and Availability. Appropriate staffing and organization of proposed team; qualifications and technical expertise of the team, particularly the project manager; key personnel’s level of involvement in performing related work; and assessments by client references as available. Capacity and ability to provide quality personnel in a timeframe that meets the needs of Alameda CTC.	20
5. Overall Cost of Services. The lowest cost proposal for the required services, excluding costs for any proposed optional task(s)/service(s), will receive the highest score. Other proposals will be scored as a ratio of their proposed cost to the lowest proposed cost.	5
6. Ability to Meet or Exceed Applicable LBE and SLBE Goals – As further described in Section I.3 (Local Business Contract Equity Program) this RFP and the resulting contract are subject to the LBCE Program established by Alameda CTC. The percentage of participation toward each goal, rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent, shall be based on the cost proposal. Points for this criterion are not prorated and shall be awarded on a pass/fail basis.	10 (5 for each goal)
Total:	100

D. Proposer Interviews

If the Selection Review Panel determines that interviews are not necessary, proposers will be ranked based on the Selection Review Panel’s evaluation of the technical proposals. Otherwise, the Selection Review Panel will establish a short list of proposers based on the evaluation and ranking of the proposals, and Alameda CTC will select proposers from the short list for an interview. The final evaluation to select the top-ranked proposer will be based solely on the interview criteria below and will not include the initial evaluation or ranking based on the proposal

criteria above. The principal-in-charge, project manager and key team members should plan to attend the interview.

E. Proposer Interview Criteria – 100 Points Possible

The interview, if applicable, will be evaluated and ranked by the Selection Review Panel using the following criteria and point system:

TABLE 5: INTERVIEW CRITERIA

INTERVIEW CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
1. Understanding the Required Scope of Work.	20
2. Expertise.	30
3. Management Plan.	15
4. Staffing Plan and Availability.	10
5. Overall Cost of Services.	5
6. Effectiveness of Interview. Overall interview discussions and presentation.	10
7. Ability to Meet or Exceed Applicable LBE and SLBE Goals , as further described in Section I.3 ; the percentage of participation toward each goal will be as calculated under Section II.3.C (Proposal Criteria).	10 (5 for each goal)
Total:	100

F. Award

The selection of the consultants shall be fair, open, and competitive using a qualifications-based and cost-based selection process, and will be based on clearly stated objectives identified in this RFP and on demonstrated competence, professional qualifications, experience, and capabilities to perform the required scope of services identified in [Appendix A](#) (Required Scope of Work, Deliverables, and Staffing). Proposers will be evaluated based on the accuracy and completeness of their submittal and against the qualifications and other requirements listed in this RFP.

The Selection Review Panel will recommend award to the proposer with the highest average ranking based on the Selection Review Panel’s evaluation using the Proposer Interview Criteria in [Section II.3.E](#), if applicable, and will not include the initial evaluation or ranking of the technical proposals. If the Selection Review Panel determines that interviews are not necessary, proposers will be ranked based on the technical proposals. The top-ranked firm may be required to submit a revised cost proposal and/or technical or other revisions to its proposal as a result of negotiations with Alameda CTC. If negotiations with the top-ranked proposer are ultimately unsuccessful, or if the proposer declines the work offered, then negotiations will proceed with the second highest ranked proposer from the proposal list, and so forth, until a contract is executed.

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A. REQUIRED SCOPE OF WORK, DELIVERABLES, AND STAFFING

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Proposer shall possess the proven ability to initiate, develop, and carry out effective strategies to influence legislative and administrative activities and to effectively lobby on behalf of Alameda CTC.
- Proposer shall be regularly and have been continuously engaged in providing federal legislative advocacy to local governments for at least five years, preferably to urban county governments.
- Proposer’s work experience shall include successful legislative contracts with at least one public agency for at least five years.
- Proposer shall possess all permits, licenses, and professional credentials necessary to perform the required legislative advocacy services.
- Proposer shall be in compliance with all federal and state requirements applicable to provision of federal lobbyist services of the type described in this RFP.
- Proposer’s clients should not pose conflict of interest issues for Alameda CTC, nor should their interest be in direct conflict with Alameda CTC’s mission.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Alameda CTC is issuing a federal lobbyist services contract for the analysis, consultation, and support of federal legislative services, policy advocacy, and other related matters associated with the Alameda CTC legislative program. The consultant will be required to have available personnel who have been successful in performing federal lobbyist professional services and activities. When and as directed by Alameda CTC, the consultant shall perform federal lobbyist services including, but not limited to, the following:

Legislative and Policy Advocacy Services

- a) Assist Alameda CTC in developing, updating, and monitoring a legislative platform that supports both legislative and policy needs of Alameda CTC.
- b) Advise Alameda CTC on effective lobbying strategies with legislators, legislative staff, relevant agencies, members of the administration, and other key stakeholders.
- c) Maintain regular liaisons with key agencies, lobbying groups, and individuals with similar legislative needs to maximize the effect of Alameda CTC efforts.
- d) Assist Alameda CTC in developing strategy for and carrying out briefings of legislators, legislative staff, relevant agencies, members of the administration and other key stakeholders, including periodic briefings as appropriate as well as one larger annual in-person series of meetings for Alameda CTC staff and Commissioners in Washington, D.C.
- e) Assist Alameda CTC by causing introduction and passage of legislation sponsored by Alameda CTC. This may include necessary actions to prepare draft legislation, obtain legislative sponsorship of bills, influence committee analyses, obtain witnesses, and lobby appropriate officials and agencies as necessary to pass such bills.
- f) Review legislation to determine if it may be beneficial or adverse to Alameda CTC and provide analysis and advice on such legislation. Maintain a system to monitor and track policies and legislation impacting Alameda CTC and provide a summary on a monthly basis. Work with Alameda CTC to determine its position and provide strategy and actions to carry out its position.
- g) Assist Alameda CTC in developing and maintaining strong relations with members of the Legislature and Executive Branch, including key influencers in both parties and within agencies

- relevant to Alameda CTC's work. This includes maintaining direct contact to support and advance the needs of Alameda CTC with the Alameda County and California federal legislative delegation for maximum political impact by Alameda CTC.
- h) Assist Alameda CTC in securing support from federal legislators, legislative staff, and administration staff for priority projects and programs.
 - i) Arrange for Alameda CTC and representatives to participate in the legislative process including arranging or preparing for testimony, meetings, and/or written communications with legislators and others. This may include talking points and/or briefing materials as needed.
 - j) Provide regular and timely reports and communications to Alameda CTC on legislative and administrative activities in Washington, D.C. This includes at minimum:
 - i) Two monthly written updates per the direction of Alameda CTC and within the timeframe established by Alameda CTC, providing background summaries and analyses of legislation and policy issues, budget updates, as well as updates on agency issues or policies related to the work of Alameda CTC.
 - ii) Two monthly summaries, separate from the above, that the Alameda CTC can use to send out e-blasts regarding legislative activities, including hyperlinks to interesting and relevant information, such as recent research results, reports, hearings for which Alameda CTC and its partners may be interested in participating in, and other relevant and timely news that can be shared with Alameda County local jurisdictions and interested parties.
 - iii) Information in these written documents include, but are not limited to, federal budget analyses and impacts on Alameda County transportation; federal bills and laws germane to Alameda CTC's legislative platform; funding opportunities, including lists of grant opportunities; legislative and agency hearings, reports, and testimony opportunities; federal regulations, guidelines, directives, and other policies, including those under development and adopted; other policy or advocacy efforts that relate to Alameda CTC's legislative platform.
 - iv) Summary information on legislators, key staff contacts, and committee positions as well as key agency administrators and their contact information.
 - v) Submitted at the beginning of each calendar year, a yearly summary of major legislative and policy actions completed that support Alameda CTC's legislative program and policy.
 - k) Attend meetings with the Alameda CTC Commission, committees, and Alameda CTC personnel, as required by Alameda CTC.

B. REFERENCE MATERIALS

The following information and documents related to this RFP are incorporated herein as if attached:

1. 2020 Countywide Transportation Plan
https://www.alamedactc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2020_CTP_Final.pdf
2. 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan
https://www.alamedactc.org/files/managed/Document/12934/2014_Transportation_Expenditure_Plan.pdf
3. 2022 Alameda County Transportation Commission Legislative Program
https://www.alamedactc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/5.1A_2022_AlamedaCTCLegislative_Program_APPROVE_D.pdf

C. REQUIRED FORMS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

If proposer is unable to provide the documents in this appendix as denoted, proposer should NOT submit a proposal to Alameda CTC:

- Items denoted with an asterisk (*) shall be provided in the proposal.
- Items denoted with an obelisk (†) shall be provided after selection as top-ranked firm.

The following forms are incorporated herein as if attached, and available at www.alamedactc.org/contracting-forms:

1. Exceptions to the Alameda CTC Sample Professional Services Contract Form (optional)*
2. Costs and Financial Documentation† – The selected proposer and all subconsultants (as defined in RFP Section I.1.K) shall provide cost and financial documents as requested within ten (10) business days of Alameda CTC’s notice to firm that it is the successful proposer, including, but not limited to, the following forms or documents related to such forms:
 - W-9 Form (<https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9>).
 - Independent Auditors’ Report (for indirect cost rate audits), or if unavailable, an indirect cost rate schedule may be acceptable.
 - Certified payroll registers.
 - Certification of Indirect Costs and Financial Management System Form for the indirect cost rate for the most recent Fiscal Period (one-year accounting period); i.e., 01/01/2022-12/31/2022. The date range format of MM/DD/YYYY-MM/DD/YYYY must be provided in the Fiscal Period field, per the definition of fiscal period on the form.
3. Cost Proposal Form for Federal Legislative and Policy Advocacy Services *† – This form must be completed in its entirety for prime consultant and all subconsultants.

D. RESOURCES FORM

*****PRIME PROPOSER MUST SUBMIT A RESOURCES FORM*****

The Resources Form is available at or from the RFP Web Page identified in the cover letter of this RFP and is incorporated herein as if attached. The completed form should include the details for all team members (prime proposer and subconsultants/subcontractors if any). The prime proposer shall submit the following in XLS/XLSX **and** PDF formats:

1. **Key Personnel Availability.** Provide sufficient detail to describe each individual's specific roles/responsibilities for this contract, a description of the benefits the person brings to the team, and their availability over the duration of this contract as to provide assurance to their ability to perform the requested services in a responsive and timely manner.
2. **Firm Participation Summary.** For firms with multiple offices, proposals must identify all locations from which resources are anticipated to be used. Clearly include a listing of any lawsuit or litigation and the result of that action resulting from (a) any services provided by the proposer or by its subconsultants where litigation is still pending or has occurred within the last five years or (b) any type of project where claims or settlements were paid by the proposer or its insurers within the last five years.
3. **Task Resource Summary.** Not applicable.
4. **Alameda CTC Contracts Summary.** Provide a summary of all contracts that members of your team (including subconsultants) have held with Alameda CTC in the past three years.
5. **Potential Conflicts of Interest.** Proposers must provide a list of any potential conflicts of interest in working for Alameda CTC. This must include, but is not limited to, a list of your firm's clients who are cities in Alameda County, the County of Alameda, and/or transit or transportation agencies that operate and/or have projects in Alameda County, and a brief description of work for these clients. Identify any other clients that would pose a potential conflict of interest as well as a brief description of work you provide to these clients. This list must include all potential conflicts of interest within the year prior to the release of this RFP as well as current and future commitments to other projects.

E. INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FORM

*****PRIME PROPOSER MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM*****

Part A – Certification

The selected consultant and its subconsultants as defined in **Part C** under the resulting contract shall, at such firms’ own expense, obtain and maintain in effect at all times the types of insurance, as identified in **Part C**, against claims, damages and losses due to injuries to persons or damage to property or other losses that may arise in connection with the performance of work under this contract. Any firm unable to meet any of the required minimum insurance coverages listed in **Part C** must complete **Part B** to request for exception to the such insurance requirements. **IF SUCH EXCEPTIONS ARE NOT REQUESTED IN PART B WITH THE PROPOSAL, COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ASSUMED AND WAIVERS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER TIME.** This form must be completed and submitted in its entirety.

By signing below, you acknowledge and agree to provide the required Proof of Insurance providing verification of the minimum insurance requirements listed in Part C within ten (10) calendar days of the execution of the resulting contract and prior to performing any work under such contract.	
Alameda CTC RFP No.:	R23-0009
Authorized Signature:	
Name and Title:	
Prime Company Name:	
Date:	

Part B – Insurance Exception Request

Identify the name of each firm (i.e., prime or subconsultants) and the specific insurance provision for which an exception is being sought, if any, and the requested revision(s) in the table below.

Firm Name	Insurance Provision	Requested Insurance Exception

Part C – Insurance Requirements for the Resulting Agreement (AGREEMENT)

The following additional insured and insurance coverage is required for this AGREEMENT:

- Commercial General Liability – \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence with \$2,000,000 general aggregate, and \$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury.
- Workers’ Compensation as required by law, and Employer’s Liability – \$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 for each employee for bodily injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 overall limit for bodily injury by disease.
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Insurance (as applicable; see **Paragraph 6**) – \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence.
- Professional Liability (as applicable; see **Paragraph 4**) – \$2,000,000
- Automobile Liability – \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence.
- Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance – \$1,000,000
- Deductible Maximum (all policies) – \$50,000 deductible or self-insured retention.
- Additional Insured – ALAMEDA CTC and its respective officers, employees and agents.
- Cyber and Privacy Insurance (if checked, **Paragraph 7** applies hereto) – **\$1,000,000**

The insurance requirements for this AGREEMENT, including for coverage limits and additional insured, are described herein. CONSULTANT and its subconsultants, vendors, and subcontractors of all tiers (excluding providers of products or services classified as direct expenses in this AGREEMENT) (collectively referenced as “subconsultants” herein) shall carry and maintain all such insurance coverage throughout the entire term of this AGREEMENT, except as may be specified elsewhere in this appendix. Requests for waivers to any of the insurance requirements set forth in this AGREEMENT with respect to the CONSULTANT or any subconsultant shall be submitted in writing to ALAMEDA CTC prior to the start of work or costs incurred by the CONSULTANT or such subconsultant. ALAMEDA CTC will review any insurance exception requests and may issue written approval of such waivers at its discretion. All policies will be issued by insurers with a current A.M. Best’s rating of A or better, with a Financial Size Category of VIII or better. The insurance requirements as to the types of limits of insurance coverage, to be maintained by CONSULTANT and its subconsultants, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations otherwise assumed by CONSULTANT pursuant hereto, including, but not limited to, liability assumed pursuant to indemnification.

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance. CONSULTANT and each subconsultant shall carry and maintain occurrence-based Commercial General Liability Insurance and maintain aggregate limits of liability equal to or greater than the minimum coverage for such insurance shown in this appendix. Such insurance shall name ALAMEDA CTC (and, if so directed by ALAMEDA CTC, the SUNOL JPA, CALTRANS, or other permitting or responsible agencies as identified by ALAMEDA CTC), and their respective officers, employees and agents, as additional insureds. The policy shall include an endorsement providing that such insurance is primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance that is carried and maintained by ALAMEDA CTC or additional insured. Such insurance shall include, but shall not be limited to, (a) protection against claims arising from bodily and personal injury (including death resulting therefrom) and damage to property arising from work under this AGREEMENT performed by CONSULTANT or subconsultant, its agents, representatives, or employees, and (b) blanket contractual liability on all written contracts, including this AGREEMENT or the subcontract, as applicable.

2. Automobile Liability Insurance. CONSULTANT and each subconsultant shall carry and maintain occurrence-based Automobile Liability Insurance with limits equal to or greater than the minimum coverage for such insurance shown in this appendix for all automobiles owned, used or maintained by the CONSULTANT or subconsultant and its officers, agents and employees, including but not limited to owned, leased, non-owned and hired automobiles (ISO form CA 0001 covering any auto, code 1). Such insurance shall name ALAMEDA CTC (and, if so directed by ALAMEDA CTC, the SUNOL JPA, CALTRANS, or other permitting or responsible agencies as identified by ALAMEDA CTC), and their respective officers, employees and agents, as additional insureds. The policy shall include an endorsement providing that such insurance is primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance that is carried and maintained by ALAMEDA CTC or additional insured. Such automobile liability coverage may be, but is not required to be, provided as part of the commercial general liability insurance described above.

3. Umbrella Insurance. CONSULTANT and each subconsultant shall carry and maintain Umbrella Insurance with limits equal to or greater than the minimum coverage for such insurance shown in this appendix, providing excess limits over Employer’s Liability, Automobile Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Insurance (if applicable).

4. Professional Liability Insurance. CONSULTANT and each subconsultant performing professional services under this AGREEMENT shall carry and maintain Professional Liability Insurance for errors and omissions in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum coverage shown in this appendix. If such policy is written on a “Claims-Made” (rather than an “occurrence”) basis, the insuring party shall maintain continuous coverage in effect for the term of this AGREEMENT and for at least three (3) years beyond the termination or completion of services or until expiration of any applicable statute of limitations, whichever is longer. As used in this Paragraph 4, “professional services” means design, engineering, planning, legal, information technology, and similar services requiring specialized skills, knowledge, or a professional license. Upon request, ALAMEDA CTC will advise as to whether any particular service hereunder represents professional services requiring such coverage.

5. Workers’ Compensation Insurance. CONSULTANT and each subconsultant shall carry and maintain Workers’ Compensation Insurance as required by California law, covering all work performed by CONSULTANT under the AGREEMENT, and all personnel performing services under the AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT and each subconsultant shall carry and maintain Employer’s Liability Insurance in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum coverage shown in this appendix, and any and all other coverage of its employees as may be required by applicable law. Such policy shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of ALAMEDA CTC. Such Workers’ Compensation Insurance and Employer’s Liability Insurance may be waived, if, and only for as long as, CONSULTANT or subconsultant, as applicable is a sole proprietor with no employees.

6. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Insurance. If CONSULTANT or any subcontractor, or anyone working on their behalf, utilizes any unmanned aircraft, aerial vehicle or drone (each a “UAV”) as part of the services performed under this AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT or the applicable subcontractor shall carry and maintain, or cause the operator of the UAV to carry and maintain, occurrence-based UAV Insurance and maintain aggregate limits of liability equal to or greater than the minimum coverage for such insurance shown in this appendix. Such insurance shall name ALAMEDA CTC (and, if so directed by ALAMEDA CTC, the SUNOL JPA, CALTRANS, or other permitting or responsible agencies as identified by ALAMEDA CTC), and their respective officers, employees and agents, as additional insureds. The policy shall include an endorsement providing that

such insurance is primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance that is carried and maintained by ALAMEDA CTC or other additional insured. Such insurance shall include, but shall not be limited to, (a) protection against claims arising from bodily and personal injury (including death resulting therefrom) and damage to property arising from use of UAVs under this AGREEMENT, (b) protection against claims arising from violation of privacy injury arising from use of UAVs under this AGREEMENT, and (c) blanket contractual liability on all written contracts, including this AGREEMENT or the applicable subcontract. UAV Insurance may be provided under Commercial General Liability Insurance if such policy contains a separate endorsement for such UAV coverage. Any entity or individual who operates a UAV as part of performing services under this AGREEMENT must be properly certified and registered with the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) and follow all applicable FAA rules and regulations.

7. Cyber and Privacy Insurance. If the applicable box is checked in the above table hereof, this **Paragraph 7** shall apply to this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT and any subconsultant handling Personally Identifiable Information (as defined herein) under this AGREEMENT shall maintain cyber risk coverages including network and internet security liability coverage, privacy liability coverage, first party privacy coverage, and media coverage. Such insurance shall include coverage for liability arising from theft, dissemination, and/or use of confidential information or information that can be linked to a specific individual, including but not limited to, bank and credit card account information or personal information, such as name, address, social security numbers, protected health information or other similar information (collectively, “Personally Identifiable Information”), stored or transmitted in electronic form. If such policy is written on a claims-made (rather than an occurrence) basis, CONSULTANT and such subconsultant shall maintain continuous coverage in effect for the term of this AGREEMENT and for at least one (1) year beyond the termination or completion of services.

8. Deductible. A deductible or self-insured retention is permissible on all policies, provided that such deductible shall not exceed the amount shown in this appendix. Further, if any insurance policy includes a self-insured retention, nothing shall prevent any of the parties to this AGREEMENT from satisfying or paying the self-insured retention. If any insurance policy states that the self-insured retention must be paid by a named insured as a precondition of the insurer’s liability (or which has the effect of providing that payments of the self-insured retention by others, including additional insureds or insurers, do not serve to satisfy the self-insured retention), such provisions must be modified by special endorsement so as to not apply to the additional insured coverage required by this AGREEMENT.

9. Proof of Insurance.

(a) CONSULTANT’s Insurance. CONSULTANT shall provide insurance certificates and policy endorsements (collectively, “PROOF OF INSURANCE”) evidencing CONSULTANT’s policies described in this **Article I, Section E** to ALAMEDA CTC within ten (10) calendar days of the execution of this AGREEMENT. Neither CONSULTANT nor any of its subconsultants shall perform any work under this AGREEMENT prior to ALAMEDA CTC’s receipt of all required proof of insurance for CONSULTANT.

(b) Subconsultants’ Insurance. CONSULTANT shall provide PROOF OF INSURANCE with respect to professional liability coverage for each subconsultant required to carry such insurance under this AGREEMENT not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to any work being performed by such subconsultant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONSULTANT need not provide PROOF OF INSURANCE for any subconsultant(s) whose aggregate anticipated compensation under

this AGREEMENT is less than the greater of (i) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or (ii) five percent (5%) of the aggregate compensation payable hereunder.

(c) PROOF OF INSURANCE Standards. All PROOF OF INSURANCE shall provide for not less than thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice to ALAMEDA CTC of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change of coverage in the policy or policies, and shall further provide that ALAMEDA CTC will not be responsible for any premiums or assessments on any policy. At least five (5) business days prior to the expiration date of any policy of insurance carried by CONSULTANT or any subconsultant for which CONSULTANT must provide PROOF OF INSURANCE hereunder, CONSULTANT shall provide PROOF OF INSURANCE confirming that the policy has been extended or a replacement policy has been obtained. If any PROOF OF INSURANCE is not provided in a timely manner as provided in this **Paragraph 9**, ALAMEDA CTC shall withhold twenty-five percent (25%) of all payments made to CONSULTANT until such document(s) are provided to ALAMEDA CTC.

10. Maintenance of Insurance. If CONSULTANT fails to maintain all insurance required by this AGREEMENT, ALAMEDA CTC, at its option, may order the CONSULTANT to suspend work at CONSULTANT's expense until such time as CONSULTANT provides PROOF OF INSURANCE to ALAMEDA CTC confirming that all required insurance policies are in effect. If any subconsultant fails to maintain the professional liability insurance required by this AGREEMENT, ALAMEDA CTC, at its option, may order the CONSULTANT to suspend work by said subconsultant at CONSULTANT's expense until such time as CONSULTANT provides PROOF OF INSURANCE to ALAMEDA CTC as evidence that the subconsultant's professional liability insurance policy is in effect.

11. Subconsultants' Insurance Requirements. The provisions of this appendix are applicable to all subconsultants hereunder, regardless of tier and subcontract amount. Except as provided in **Paragraph 9** above, CONSULTANT is solely responsible for ensuring that each subconsultant carries and maintains insurance which meets the above specifications, or confirming that each subconsultant has been added to the CONSULTANT's applicable policy as an additional name insured if said policy allows such addition, prior to such subconsultant performing any work under this AGREEMENT, and thereafter so long as such subconsultant is performing work under this AGREEMENT. Any failure to properly monitor all subconsultants' insurance coverage will constitute negligence on the part of CONSULTANT and subject to CONSULTANT's indemnity obligations pursuant to **Article I, Section D** of the AGREEMENT.