

Questions and Answers

RFP 2015-001 Community Engagement and Facilitation Services for Spare the Air Resource Teams

1. In the past ten years, which firm/s has/have been charged with the facilitating Spare the Air Resource Team meetings?
The existing contractor and the contractor over the previous ten years is Community Focus, a project of the Tides Center, based in Oakland, California.
2. Section IV, Part A, 9th bullet – Will successful bidder be charged with interfacing directly with media companies?
The successful bidder will not be charged with interfacing directly with media companies; a successful bidder will encourage the growth of Spare the Air Resource Team projects that will result in some media coverage, via print, tv or radio. It is the facilitator's responsibility to encourage coverage of Spare the Air Resource team projects and keep complete records of this coverage.
3. Section V, Part A, #4c – Does the same budget limit of \$200,000 apply to future years, should the Air District choose to exercise its option to extend past the initial year?
Yes; should the Air District exercise the option of extending the contract past the initial year the budget would remain the same of \$200,000.
4. Given the long history of the Resource Teams and past use of contractor assistance, is this particular facilitation project or phase new?
This facilitation project or phase is not new; the Air District is seeking continued facilitation support for the Spare the Air Resource Teams.
5. Who is the existing contractor?
The existing contractor is Community Focus, a project of the Tides Center, based in Oakland, California.
6. To what extent has the Air District been satisfied with the existing contractor?
The Air District has not been dissatisfied with the work of the existing contractor; it is standard Air District practice to pursue Requests for Proposals after a length of time to ensure continued innovation, creativity and quality workmanship. A Request for Proposals is not a reflection of previous contractors' work.
7. Is the Air District looking for a facilitation specialty that differs from that provided by past consultants in this process?
The Air District is interested in innovative, quality proposals that ensure the continued success of the Spare the Air Resource Teams; therefore, the Air District is open to new and varied facilitation if it supports the success of the Spare the Air Resource Teams.
8. What sort of documentation and outcomes are required to meet the TFCA contract?
There is no documentation required to meet TFCA requirements. However, TFCA project tasks must be transportation related and successful bidders must abide by the guidelines outlined in section 44241 and 44242 in the California Health and Safety Code.