

## Questions and Responses Regarding Nebraska Department of Natural Resources RFP 22-1

1. There will be canal losses to GW along the route and other losses to the system. Are you thinking this is summarized in a water mass balance model or do you want to see specific impacts on GW Models?

Response: The selected consultant may recommend an approach to assessing canal losses.

2. Cost effectiveness – how to assess? Are we comparing alternatives or the cost effectiveness of the preferred alternative? There are many ways valuating a cfs or acre-ft of water (PRRIP and other efforts). Is that what the overall cost is being compared against?

Response: Economic evaluations summarizing per unit benefits for various water use categories will be provided to the selected consultant. These values would be expected to be used in evaluating the cost effectiveness. The selected consultant may also evaluate alternatives for the design.

3. Most of the RFP seems to focus on engineering/operational issues related to how the project performs in Nebraska. Is any interpretation of the laws governing the compact or CO/NE water law to be part of this effort?

Response: The consultant is not expected to interpret the laws governing the Compact or Colorado and Nebraska water law.

4. What design standards are to be used for the infrastructure proposed? Shall the consultant assume State of Nebraska as a minimum?

Response: The selected consultant will be expected to use current design standards for the project.

5. Is any detailed land survey to confirm alternatives anticipated in this effort or just the use of available imagery/LiDAR, etc.?

Response: This evaluation is expected to be completed using available imagery and LIDAR data.

6. Can 11x17 sheets be used for the schedule and the fee proposal or should all sheets in the proposal be 8.5x11?

Response: 11x17 sheets may be used.

7. On the bottom of Page 3 of the RFP, there is a bulleted list of information that is stated to be provided to the Selected Consultant. Immediately under those bullets is a link of info that is provided now, but only the first bullet (1982 USBR Study) is provided. Just confirming that the other four bullets will be provided once a consultant is selected.

Response: A full list of materials will be provided to the selected consultant along with additional background information.

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8. Proposal requirements, number 6: Does the fee schedule requested include just the hourly rates of the staff anticipated to participate in the project, or also a schedule of anticipated efforts (costs, hours?)

Response: The fee schedule only needs to contain rates of staff anticipated to participate in the project.