

**Request for Proposals  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Airspace Awareness Pilot Program**

**Questions and Responses**

**Question #1:** The “Project Budget” section refers to “Phase 1” and “Phase 2.” This terminology is not used in the rest of the document, however, year 1 and year 2 is used in the “Scope of Work” section. Can you clarify what phases 1 and 2 refer to and their duration?

**Response:** Yes, Phase 1 and Phase 2 coincide with year 1 and year 2. In Phase 1 of the pilot, we will work with the selected USS/PSU/UTM partners to integrate UAS activities from the cities that participate in the pilot into each platform. The goal of phase one will be to get the North Texas cities to start developing familiarity with using these platforms for safe and efficient operations. NCTCOG will work on getting the cities enrolled. This phase will have a duration of 1 year. This phase requires a product license and training on its use for NCTCOG and participating cities. This phase will be unfunded.

In Phase 2 of the pilot, we will work with participants to develop a mechanism to share the operation data from all participants over each participating platform automatically. For this phase NCTCOG shall seek a funding mechanism. Any information on budget from applicants will be in regard to the second phase. We need that information to understand the costs for Phase 2. Phase 2 costs should include cost of NCTCOG maintaining a license to the platform, labor costs associated with the development of the autonomous mechanism for data sharing and any other relevant costs. The second phase will also last for a duration of 1 year.

**Question #2:** Costs. Several sections state that there shall be no cost to NCTCOG, however, other sections refer to award based on satisfactory costs, containing cost, and negotiation of costs. Are any phases or years of the project funded by NCTCOG? Will the services provided be paid by users of the system instead of NCTCOG? Or, is the entirety of the 2 year project funded by the RFP applicants?

**Response:** For Phase 2 of the pilot NCTCOG shall seek a funding mechanism to maintain a license to each platform, labor costs associated with the development of the autonomous mechanism for data sharing and any other relevant costs. To help NCTCOG understand the cost of Phase 2, NCTCOG requests proposers to submit cost details for the aforementioned task.

**Question #3:** For Supplemental Data Providers, would you prefer to have partial RFP responses? Or, respond through a UTM provider? Or, both?

**Response:** Please respond through a Provider of Services to UAM, UAS Service Provider, or Uncrewed Traffic Management provider.

**Question #4:** What are the processes to have the process submitted in hand by a company employee and via courier? Are there differences in the requirements (for example, should one of the options have the proposal signed/notarized)?



For the Phase 2 of the program, key milestones are:

Task	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Phase 1 activities	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pilot team and other stakeholders work on integration mechanism	X	X	X									
Mechanism Determined				X								
Mechanism tests					X	X	X	X	X			
Mechanism deployed region wide									X	X	X	X
Pilot Team and other stakeholders produce final report with recommendations for future												X

**Question #6:** What deliverables is NCTCOG expecting from a platform provider during Year One? Year Two?

**Response:** Please see the above tables for the deliverables expected.

**Question #7:** Under Project Budget, the RFP states ‘NCTCOG is seeking vendors to provide software and/or services at no charge for the purpose of evaluating to inform a future procurement that NCTCOG may initiate.’ Can NCTCOG please provide the criteria as to how they will evaluate a platform provider’s software and/or services?

1. What are the evaluation metrics that the vendors software and/or services will be measured against during Phase One?
2. Who, specifically, will be evaluating the software and/or services in Phase One?

**Response:** The responses to this RFP will be evaluated based on the criteria provided on page 5. The proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of staff from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

**Question #8:** Does a platform provider have to participate in Phase One of the pilot to be eligible for Phase Two? Or does NCTCOG anticipate running an open procurement for Phase 2?

**Response:** Only those that participate in Phase 1 are eligible for Phase 2.

**Question #9:** Do the proposal formatting requirements of double-sided, 10-point font, apply to the Consultant Qualifications section only?

**Response:** Formatting requirements will apply to the consultant qualifications section only.