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Q1. When you say \$150,000 is allocated and that many organizations will contribute to this amount, what exactly do you mean?

A1. Our hope was that multiple organizations would be able to fulfill the objectives of the contract and we would work with them based on the total amount of \$150,000. They need to be able to accomplish the mission within the total amount. If the combined submittal amounts are over \$150,000, then we will have to work with each organization and hope that four or five of the organizations could work together to accomplish the goals of this RFP for under the \$150,000 allocated.

Q2. Our organization has a 50/50 % of ownership that is certified by OMWBE as a CBE, would we still qualify.

A2. Yes, you do qualify because based off the OMWBE certification as a CBE of being 50% minority owned and 50% women owned you are representing the community you serve for the amount over than what is stated in the minimum qualifications.

Q3. Can you describe how you see this RFP working out and what will be done with the work that is completed?

A3. Our focus is on community planning and growth management, specifically we work directly with cities and counties to implement their comprehensive and strategic plans. This project was developed with HB 1099 in mind. If it passes this year, then climate change elements will be required to be adopted with the comprehensive plans for the city and counties. Climate Change would become a new statewide growth goal and a required element as part of a comprehensive plan.

Q4. Can you describe the work that is happening around Equity for Commerce in reference to Contracting and the work that is occurring?

A4. Commerce has recently been working with the environmental justice task force and the newly formed Office of Equity. This project will utilize the analysis of the Department of Health's Environmental Health Disparities Map to ensure we are making strides in underserved communities. Additionally, Department of Commerce is utilizing the 2019 Department of Enterprise disparity study to ensure that we are incorporating the necessary changes to ensure equitable standards are seen within our procurement and contracting practices.

Q5. The Board of Directors, executive leadership, and staff of my company do not meet the minimum qualifications for diversity and representation. Would it be possible for us to partner as a sub-consultant with a smaller business that does?

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A5. It is acceptable to utilize subcontractors to achieve the overall goals and objectives of the work described.

Q6. We're interested in finding a firm to partner with to submit to your Uplift Communities Disproportionately Impacted by Climate Change RFP.

Would it be possible to get a plan holder list or a list of firms that submitted questions, along with contact information?

A6. The questions are posted on an anonymous basis and we do not release who submitted the questions. If records are available they can be requested through our Public Disclosure office. As far as plan holder list, we do not feel that terminology applies to this RFP.