**Pre-Bid Conference: Questions/Responses**

**Public Transportation Plan Development Consultant 2025 RFP**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 3:00 PM**

1. Have you identified a budget for this project? Response: Yes, it is $100,000
2. There is a signature page that we sign. Also, the DOT PTN130 forms and other forms. Are we supposed to sign those too? Response: Yes, sign all forms, including the PTN130, Appendix 1 and II and the signature form as well.
3. What about the progress since your last coordinated plan? Response: We are in year five of our existing five-year plan. We do meet quarterly with the regional committee, which is the East Texas Connects, to get an update. We have done well and we do not have anything on the existing plan that has not at least been started. A lot of things have been completed and some are ongoing, meaning they do not have an end date. We are in a good place this year and there is still some work to do but there is nothing identified in the five-year plan that we have not at least started.
4. What are your expectations for the community engagement task? Types of methods and are you expecting in person or virtual or a mix of strategies? Response: Due to the rural nature of our districts, a mix would be best. For the majority of our clients, we would like to have some in person and because of the size of our region, we would want to have these in different areas.
5. Are there pieces of the new TX Dot guidebook that concerns you? Response: The guidelines are a little more structured. There are checks and balances that need to follow to make sure you are meeting the goals. It is not concerning though as it keeps the agency on track.
6. Is there an expectation for a certain number of different languages needed to cover the diversity in the region? Also, is braille needed? Response: We would want a small percentage of everything we do to be in Spanish. But a smaller portion of the budget. We have not talked about braille. We do have additional funds for marketing so we would be interested to see how the proposals breakdown the costs.