



**APRIL 21, 2020**  
**THREE RIVERS WATERSHED BASED PLAN**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**ADDENDUM 1**

The purpose of this addendum is to provide answers to questions and/or requests for clarification received by prospective RESPONDENTS.

1. Given the current global pandemic, would it be acceptable to provide electronic proposals in lieu of hard copies?

Given the current situation, CMCOG will waive the hardcopy proposal submission requirements and accept digital submissions. Proposals must be submitted via email to Guillermo Espinosa at [gespinosa@centralmidlands.org](mailto:gespinosa@centralmidlands.org) no later than 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020. Confirmation of receipt will be provided. It is the responsibility of the RESPONDENT to follow up with Mr. Espinosa if no confirmation is received.

2. Does the current COVID-19 event change the way we should address travel and potential remote meetings for this project?

Due to current circumstances, CMCOG will allow for teleconferencing options for meetings and outreach activities as necessary. RESPONDENTS are encouraged to be familiar with teleconferencing software to successfully address Plan requirements. RESPONDENTS should also plan accordingly for the entire project period and allow for some anticipated travel as circumstances change.

3. How is this being financed?

Funding for this project is provided through a competitive DHEC grant from the EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Source Water Protection and through some supplemental funding from project partners.

4. Does CMCOG have an expected budget set for this contract, if so, can the Council share what the budget will be?

The evaluation of proposals will be based on the consultant qualifications and proposed approach to meeting the scope of work outlined in the RFP. The final project budget will be negotiated with the selected RESPONDENT.

5. The RFP states that signed forms will not count towards the page limit, but no forms are included in the RFP—are their required forms that respondent firms need to include in proposal packages?

There are no additional forms required for this RFP.

6. Does the CMCOG have a preferred modeling software to develop the watershed pollutant loads and evaluation of proposed best management practices?

CMCOG does not have a preferred water quality modeling software as it relates to fulfilling Watershed Based Plan requirements. RESPONDENTS are encouraged to propose a water quality modeling approach and justify how their selected approach will address DHEC and EPA requirements for developing a Watershed Based Plan.

7. What data does the CMCOG have available for model calibration?

CMCOG will provide the selected RESPONDENT with a combination of existing state and local government water quality monitoring data.

8. Can you provide any WQ monitoring reports that have been prepared as part of the collaboration of the project partners?

No water quality monitoring report has been developed for the study area of this project. State and local government water quality monitoring reports and studies from adjacent watersheds will be made available to the selected RESPONDENT.

9. Is there a planned timeline for TMDL development?

No official timeline for TMDL development has been provided by DHEC.

10. What is the expected allocation of field work proportional to desktop analysis?

CMCOG expects RESPONDENTS to propose an acceptable level of fieldwork necessary to complete the scope of work outlined in the RFP and to meet the 9 Element requirements. Please note that no new water quality monitoring will be required as part of the planning process.

11. Has any bacterial source tracking been conducted to better understand the source(s) of bacteria (or will that be done as part of the TMDL development)?

No bacterial source tracking has been conducted in the study area.

12. Does CMCOG/PAC intend to coordinate data gathering (i.e., GIS, water quality data) for desktop assessment from the jurisdictions?

CMCOG will coordinate and gather existing data from the different jurisdictions and provide it to the selected RESPONDENT.

13. Do you have a sense of whether this study will focus more on nonpoint/stormwater sources vs wastewater/septic sources?

The study will assess all potential bacterial pollution sources to include both stormwater and wastewater/septic sources.

14. Does the list of project partners represent all of the active stakeholder agencies?

The list of project partners in the RFP represents the primary project partners which will make up the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) for the development of this Plan. CMCOG and the PAC have identified a number of additional stakeholders to engage as part of the planning process.