

Multiple Award Task Order Contracting (MATOC) Questions Submitted by Vendors With Sound Transit Answers

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Updated Target MATOC Schedules	Environmental	Design	PMCM
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Issuance	Mid-December 2024	February 2025	March 2025
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Due	Early February 2025	March 2025	May 2025
Interviews	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025
Notice of Intent to Award	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025
Sound Transit Board Approval	May 2025	May 2025	June 2025

Sound Transit continues to receive industry feedback about business size definitions. The definitions will likely be as follows:

Micro Business	Micro Business will be presumed if the business falls within one of the following categories: 1) 10 or less employees OR 2) revenue less than \$250k a year.
Small Business	Small Business will be presumed if the business falls within one of the following categories: 1) Is certified by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise (OMWBE) as SBE, DBE, MBE, WBE, MWBE, or SEDBE. To obtain a listing of firms certified by OMWBE, contact OMWBE at (360)-664-9750 or access a listing at: https://omwbe.wa.gov/certification 2) Is certified by King County’s SCS program, whereupon the Small Business Administration small business standards are a criterion.
Medium Business	An entity that, together with its Affiliates, if any: (i) has (A) fewer than 250 employees, or (B) annual gross receipts of at least \$37 million but not more than \$250 million (averaged over the previous three years); and (ii) does not meet the requirements of a Small firm
Large	Any entity not covered by above definitions of micro, small, or medium.

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Id	Questions	Sound Transit Answer
1	Will the MATOC method allow smaller to mid-size firm to partner with others to have opportunities at larger projects?	Yes.
2	Are you envisioning this to be the tool for procuring future West Seattle and Ballard Link contracts?	The Request for Qualifications for West Seattle Link Extension ("WSLE") Civil Engineering Design Services (RTA/AE 0057-24) ("RFQ") currently underway will not be impacted by MATOC, but MATOC may be used to procure other services not procured via the RFQ or existing contracts relating to the WSLE and Ballard Link projects/programs.
3	Will today's presentation(s) be made available to attendees?	Sound Transit emailed the MATOC Event PowerPoint to all attendees. It is also uploaded to Sound Transit website at: https://www.soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us/doing-business-with-us/procurement-contracts-agreements
4	How large (by scope or dollar value) will the task orders that we should be anticipating under the MATOC?	The scopes and dollar value of the task orders issued via the MATOC procurement process will vary. At this time Sound Transit has not identified a dollar or scope limit.
5	Will firms be able to pursue multiple MATOCs either as prime or subs?	Firms are able to pursue multiple MATOC as primes and or subconsultants. Information will be provided in each procurement regarding any limitations.
6	What process will ST have for preparing the scope and ICE before the TO solicitation is sent out?	The process will be similar to the existing Sound Transit process use for On-Call Task Order proposal solicitations. Sound Transit is streamlining this process and will provide information on the processes in the future.
7	Will sound transit consider a markup on subs to help small businesses offset the costs of managing subs (e.g. B&O tax)?	Sound Transit is considering a mark up on subconsultants.
8	Will each task order be competed or will they be issued at the Sound Transits discretion like current on calls?	Request for Task Orders (RFTOPS) can be competed to all or a limited number of firms or issue a RFTOP to one firm.
9	Do you envision design builders proposing on a MATOC for a project like Everett Link Extension?	The current MATOC opportunities are only for professional services.
10	Will specialty consultants - like marketing, communications, engagement - need to be on the original MATOC submittal and contract or can primes add them to their team as task orders come out?	Specialty firms provide a unique service, subject to Sound Transit's express approval. For consideration, please submit the request Form with your SOQ. ST will respond with either approval or declination. This response should be attached to your SOQ.
11	Will there be set-aside PM/CM services, just for Smalls or just for Mid-size?	Sound Transit anticipates each MATOC award will include small, medium and large firms.
12	Is ST looking at the west Seattle project as one CM contract in the MATOC or is it now going to be split up into small CM contacts?	The Request for Qualifications for West Seattle Link Extension ("WSLE") Civil Engineering Design Services (RTA/AE 0057-24) ("RFQ") currently underway will not be impacted by MATOC, but MATOC may be used to procure other services not procured via the RFQ or existing contracts relating to the WSLE and Ballard Link projects/programs.
13	Additional procurement time would be greatly appreciated.	Sound Transit acknowledges receipt of this suggestion and is revisiting the procurement schedules as well as phasing the procurements.
14	MATOC do you envision like DOD rebid every 5 years, do you see that happening here?	Sound Transit anticipates opening up the MATOC benches qualifications process periodically. The frequency has not yet been determined.
15	What types of SMEs bring on board?	Subject Matter Experts (SME) may be identified during the MATOC RFQ process. Otherwise, if an SME is needed for a specific service, that will be identified during the RFTOP process.
16	Understanding that takes time for primes to acquire staff once into MATOC process, is there consideration for inclusivity will be paced. Small firms w capacity issues until secure staff?	MATOC primes will be able to bring on additional resources/subconsultants on a task order by task order basis. Sound Transit intends to communicate to the awarded teams, the timing and scope of upcoming task orders well in advance.
17	How [can a] small firm be both prime & subconsultant?	A small firm can JV with a larger firm to pursue a prime contract, or can pursue being a prime on its own since each MATOC discipline (e.g. Environmental Services, A/E and PMCM) will each have a small firm, medium firm and large firm bench. Each MATOC prime can also add subconsultants as needed depending on the services sought via a RFTOP. The MATOC procurement program will provide a lot of opportunities for all size firms.

18	DEA held on call & GEC for over 10 years, each time comes in with lots of subs, seems like limits restrictive – why 1 firm, 1 MATOC stand?	Sound Transit anticipates awarding several contracts per MATOC discipline (e.g. Environmental Services, A/E and PMCM) and per each bench (e.g. small firm, medium firm and large firm) within each MATOC discipline. Once MATOC benches are established, RFTOP could be issued to one or more firms qualified to provide the requested services, on one or more benches. Proposals received will then be evaluated and scored to determine the successful proposer for the service that is the subject of the RFTOP.
19	Will OCIs exist for sister companies?	Sound Transit is contemplating allowing sister companies to pursue as a prime award and determine conflicts for "sister" companies, subsidiaries, etc. on a RFTOP by RFTOP basis.
20	Can specialty firms be primes?	There is no restriction on firm size or type to compete as a prime.