Roadside Tolling for the I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project Request for Clarification Response Matrix No. 01 (May 4, 2023)

No.	Document	Section	Page No.	Comment/Question	ALDOT Response	ALDOT No.
1	RFQ/RFP	1	6	Can ALDOT please clarify if this procurement is to acquire the services of a consultant to assist ALDOT and then issuing an RFP for a toll system integrator/AET system or if this procurement is actually the effort to acquire the toll system integrator/AET system?	This RFP is to procure a vendor for the design services of the tolling system infrastructure and implement, operate and maintain the toll system integrator/AET toll system under a Design-Operate- Maintain Agreement, which will exclude any back office services.	1
2	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 3.4 ALDOT Prequalification, item 7	PDF Page 17	RFP Section 3.4 states: "Proposers, including any Principal Participant or subcontractor necessary to the Proposal, must register to be prequalified prior to the Proposal Due Date in accordance with ALDOT's prequalification process for designing and constructing transportation projects pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation and must be prequalified by the shortlist date as identified in Section 1.5 of the ITP, Procurement Schedule. Failure by the Proposer to meet the requirements of Prequalification may result in the Proposer being disqualified from the Procurement Process. Accordingly, Proposers are advised to obtain such prequalification through the Alabama Department of Transportation Design Bureau and the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer by the Shortlist Date and to register for such prequalification by the Proposal Due Date." Question: Please clarify what you mean by "register for such prequalification."	Please reference the Tolling Project Update Notice 05-02-2023 on ALDOT's Design Build webpage.	2

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3	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 3.4 ALDOT Prequalification, item 7	PDF Page 17	RFP Section 3.4 states: "Proposers, including any Principal Participant or subcontractor necessary to the Proposal, must register to be prequalified prior to the Proposal Due Date in accordance with ALDOT's prequalification process for designing and constructing transportation projects pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation and must be prequalified by the shortlist date as identified in Section 1.5 of the ITP, Procurement Schedule." Question: Will it satisfy this requirement if only one key subcontractor, but not the prime contractor (or vice versa, but not both) is prequalified through he Alabama Department of Transportation Design Bureau and the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer?	Please reference the Tolling Project Update Notice 05-02-2023 on ALDOT's Design Build webpage.	3
4	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 3.4 ALDOT Prequalification, item 7	PDF, Page 17	RFP Section 3.4 states: "Proposers, including any Principal Participant or subcontractor necessary to the Proposal, must register to be prequalified prior to the Proposal Due Date in accordance with ALDOT's prequalification process for designing and constructing transportation projects pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation and must be prequalified by the shortlist date as identified in Section 1.5 of the ITP, Procurement Schedule. Failure by the Proposer to meet the requirements of Prequalification may result in the Proposer being disqualified from the Procurement Process. Accordingly, Proposers are advised to obtain such prequalification through the Alabama Department of Transportation Design Bureau and the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer by the Shortlist Date and to register for such prequalification by the Proposal Due Date." In turn, ALDOT's "Prequalification Form" from the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer's website, has requirement 7 that states: "Unless exempted by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, a license to do business in the State of	Please reference the Tolling Project Update Notice 05-02-2023 on ALDOT's Design Build webpage.	4

				Alabama must be obtained from said board by the contractor. On projects with no federal funding, no bid proposal will be considered without evidence of such license." Finally, the "Prime Application Instructions and Information" form from the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors, only applies to licensed general contractors, registered architects, and registered professional engineers - with qualification requirements that are not applicable to companies in other specialties/industries, such as electronic systems integrators. Therefore, the question is: what provisions are made for companies to pass prequalification criteria if licensing by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors does not apply to them due to the very nature of the work they do, because they are not licensed general contractors, registered architects, and registered professional engineers? If no alternative provision exists, then does that mean the prequalification requirement itself should not apply to such work and consequently does not apply to this RFP? Please advise.		
5	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 3.4 ALDOT Prequalification, item 5	PDF Page 17	ALDOT's "Prequalification Form" from the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer's website, has requirement 5 that states: " Prequalification applications will not be accepted if more than sixteen (16) months have transpired since the date of the financial statement. []"	Please reference the Tolling Project Update Notice 05-02-2023 on ALDOT's Design Build webpage.	5
6	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 3.4 ALDOT Prequalification, item 5	PDF Page 17	ALDOT's "Prequalification Form" from the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer's website, has requirement 5 that states: "[] The application must be filed at least (14) days prior to the date of opening of bids on which the contractor desires to submit a bid. []" Question: Please note that there are 47 calendar days between the RFP issuance on 4/13/23 and proposals due date 6/1/23, which means subcontractors who are not already-prequalified general contractors in the State of	Please reference the Tolling Project Update Notice 05-02-2023 on ALDOT's Design Build webpage.	6

				Alabama have 33 calendar days to obtain the prequalification from rom the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer, but one of the prequalification prerequisites alone - the license from the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors - must be applied for at least thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled board meeting. The next board meeting is on May 17, 2023. Moreover, the Board of General Contractors requires examinations, which require preparation, scheduling and execution. Taken together, these time frames show that there is not enough time for anyone to obtain prequalification before the proposal due date or shortlist date. Question: Please consider removing from the RFP the requirement for the bidders to obtain prequalifications through the Alabama Department of Transportation Design Bureau and the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer or extending the due dates by 2 months to accommodate all the per- requisite steps leading to filling for and obtaining a prequalification.		
7	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 3.4 ALDOT Prequalification, item 5	PDF Page 17	ALDOT's "Prequalification Form" from the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer's website, has requirement 5 that states: "[] A contractor not pre- qualified will not be issued a bid proposal but, if requested, will be issued a sample bid proposal." Question: This requirement seems to point to the fact that prequalification process is tailored towards general contractors that bid on civil bid lettings released through the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer's website, because it describes a different RFP release process than ALDOT is following with this procurement. Please consider removing from the RFP the requirement for the bidders to obtain prequalifications through the Alabama Department of Transportation Office Engineer.	Please reference the Tolling Project Update Notice 05-02-2023 on ALDOT's Design Build webpage.	7

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8	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 1.5 Procurement Schedule	PDF page 11	The last day for Addenda (and Q&A responses) is May 22, 2023, and the Due Date for Proposals is June 1, 2023. The two are just over a week apart. Depending upon how many questions you receive and have to answer, this is likely not enough for proposers to adjust their proposed solutions and responses to your requirements without rushing. To ensure that you receive the best, most thought-out responses from bidders, please consider extending the proposal due date by 2 weeks.	ALDOT does not anticipate changing the proposal due date.	8
9	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 1.5 Procurement Schedule	PDF page 11	Are all times stated in Central Time (CT)?	All times stated in the RFP Volume 1, Table 1-5 are Central Time.	9
10	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 4.2 General Submittal Requirements	PDF page 19	Printing and shipping take considerable time, further reducing the bidders' response times. To give bidders more time and reduce environmental impact, will you consider eliminating a hard-copy requirement in favor of an all-electronic submittal?	Hard copy requirements will be removed from RFP Volume 1, sections 4.2 and 4.3.	10
11	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 5.3 Evaluation of Technical Proposals	PDF page 22	The page limits and points table does not provide page allowance for section 6 Safety Qualifications, which is required by EXHIBIT B TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS. Please advise: what is the additional page allowance for section 6 Safety Qualifications?	RFP Volume 1, Section 5.3.5 "Safety qualifications" and Exhibit B Section 6, "Safety Qualifications" will be removed. The following is added as 5.3.4 (h) "To provide a safe Project"	11
12	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 5.3 Evaluation of Technical Proposals	PDF page 22	Please consider increasing the page limit of "Project Approach – General (including Innovations)" section and "Project Approach – Design/Construction Phases" section to 10 pages each, to provide sufficient space for infographics and a comprehensive explanation of a bidder's solution.	The page limits for both the Project Approach- General (including Innovations) and Project Approach – Design/Construction Phases will be changed from a page limit of 4 pages to 5 pages.	12
13	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, section 6.1 and also EXHIBIT C	PDF page 27 and	Section 6.1 Design-Operate-Maintain Agreement Negotiations verbiage: "or (b) insists upon terms or conditions for any documents to be negotiated or provided by Design-Operator hereunder that are	All items/forms required in Exhibit C (exclusive of Form D-1 and Form D-2) and the comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13,	14

			also 42	inconsistent with any exceptions expressly identified by Proposer in its Proposal." EXHIBIT C REQUIRED FORMS, PROPOSAL LETTER verbiage: "in connection with negotiation of any exceptions that Proposer has expressly identified in its Proposal;" Question: Please note that the page limit and points table in section 5.3 Evaluation of Technical Proposals does not provide any page allowance for proposed exceptions and EXHIBIT B TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS does not provide a section for them. Moreover, section 4.2.3 Requirement to Submit Compliant Proposal seems to prohibit any and all exceptions. Please advise: where can bidders include such exceptions, and is there a particular page allowance for them?	2023)/Proposed Scope of Work do not have a page limit and will not be counted against the Proposal page limit.	
14	RFQ/RFP	RFP Volume I, EXHIBIT B TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS	PDF page 41	Requirement 7 Forms only includes Form D-1 and Form D-2. Questions: Where (which section) should proposers include Forms A, B, and C? Is Form F Disclosure Statement required with the proposal, and if yes, which section to include it?	All items/forms required in Exhibit C (exclusive of Form D-1 and Form D-2) and the comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Proposed Scope of Work do not have a page limit and will not be counted against the Proposal page limit.	15
15	Tolling TP's	Appx I Toll System Requirements	PDF page 47	RFP verbiage: "RTCS-41. The User Classification Sub- system must classify each vehicle passing through the Toll Segment according to FHWA vehicle classification." Question: Is it ALDOT's intention that proposers should identify and build transactions based on all 13 vehicle classes as per this definition on FHWA website: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/tm guide/tmg_2013/vehicle-types.cfm?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team.	16
16	Tolling TP's	Appendix IV – Additional System Requirements	PDF page 64	RFP verbiage: "CLASS - 03. Vehicle classification applied by the AVC system shall be on the basis of the EZG vehicle Classes" Question: Please clarify what EZG vehicle Classes are.	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information	17

					purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team.	
17	Tolling TP's	Appx I Toll System Requirements	PDF page 47	RFP verbiage: "RTCS-41. The User Classification Sub-system must classify each vehicle passing through the Toll Segment according to FHWA vehicle classification." Question: Please provide detail on the AVC Exception List, what is included, who issues it and with what frequency.	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team.	18
18	Tolling TP's	3.3.1 Toll System Infrastructure Requirements	PDF page 12	RFP verbiage: "The Toll System shall include all aspects of system design, testing, installation/implementation, integration, training, documentation, operation, and maintenance for the new Toll System. Equipment includes, but not limited to: • Transponder Antennas, • Overhead Sensors/Scanners, • Pavement Loops/Detectors" Question: Is it ALDOT's intention to limit axle detection/classification technologies solely to in-pavement loops/detectors, or are you open to all-overhead classification without in- pavement loops?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team.	19
19	Tolling TP's	Appendix I, RTCS-3	41	RFP verbiage: "RTCS-3. The Toll System shall enable the TSDOM to record up to 100,000 toll transactions daily" Question: 100,000 is transaction/day for the entire system or per gantry?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team.	20
20	Bayway RFQRFP	Exhibit B, Item 6	4 (PDF page 41)	Safety Qualifications is listed as Section 6 but later identified as item 5.3.5 of the Evaluation Criteria in RFP Section 5 Evaluation Process. However, it is not included in the table of Technical Proposal Items with any page limit noted. Where should this section be included and is there a separate page limit?	RFP Volume 1, Section 5.3.5 "Safety qualifications" and Exhibit B Section 6, "Safety Qualifications" will be removed. The following is added as 5.3.4 (h) "To provide a safe Project"	21
21	Bayway RFQRFP	3.4 ALDOT Prequalification	12 (PDF	It has been brought to the Proposer's attention that to pre-qualify under the ALDOT regulations Proposer may be required to obtain a general contractor's license from the	Please reference the Tolling Project Update Notice 05-02-2023 on ALDOT's Design Build webpage.	22

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			page 17)	Alabama General Contractor's Licensing Board. Could you please confirm this? From the Proposer's standpoint, this prequalification requirement does not seem to match the nature of the works to be carried out by the Proposer or subcontractors for the defined Scope of Work. As such, would you consider revising or removing the pre- qualification requirement included in the RFP?		
22	Bayway RFQRFP	1.1 Introduction	1	Please confirm if the draft of the DOMA will be disclosed to Proposers prior to submission of the Proposal.	ALDOT does not intend to send a draft DOMA prior to proposal submission.	23
23	Bayway RFQRFP	4 Proposal Requirements; 4.1	13 (PDF page 18)	The general provisions reference "Comments to the Proposed Scope of Work" as one of the components of the Technical Proposal. This item is not referenced elsewhere in the proposal instructions. Should this be included as a separate section of the proposal or incorporated into the sections identified in Exhibit B? If it is a separate section, please clarify what is to be included and any related page limits or format instructions.	All items/forms required in Exhibit C (exclusive of Form D-1 and Form D-2) and the comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Proposed Scope of Work do not have a page limit and will not be counted against the Proposal page limit.	24
24	Bayway RFQRFP	5.3 Evaluation of Technical Proposals	17 (PDF page 22)	Form D-1 is allowed a 2-page limit per project and Form D-2 is allowed 1 page per key personnel. However, the forms provided for these items have 1 page for Form D-1 and 2 pages for Form D-2. Should the page limits be revised accordingly, or can proposers allow up to two pages maximum per form for both D-1 and D-2?	ALDOT will change the page limits for Form D-2 to allow two pages for each Key Personnel. The Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/RFP) will be updated accordingly.	25
25	Bayway RFQRFP	3.1 Organizational Conflicts of interest	12	Is a declaration in the Proposal sufficient for proving that the Proposer is not debarred or should a specific form on the same be provided? Can you please provide a sample?	ALDOT will update the Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/RFP) to include such forms in a forthcoming Addendum. Prior to the release of the Addendum, ALDOT will provide a notification of the additional forms in a Notice on ALDOT's Design-Build webpage.	26
26	Bayway RFQRFP	3.5 Other Legal Considerations for Teaming	13	Please confirm how Proposer should provide the representations and covenants listed in Code of Alabama. Will the same be included in the DOMA or should the	These representations and covenants will be required to be made by the selected Proposer prior to entering the DOMA.	27

				same be included in the Proposal with no specific wording/form?	The certification will track the language of the statutes referenced in Section 3.5 of the RFQ/RFP.	
27	Bayway RFQRFP	4.2.2 Signatures Required	14	Please clarify if the Cover Letter must be signed before a notary/affidavit or if simple signature suffices.	In Exhibit C, Form A to the RFQ/RFP, the Proposal Letter does not require a notary/affidavit. ALDOT will include additional information on completing Form A in a forthcoming Notice. The RFQ/RFP will be updated accordingly.	29
28	Bayway RFQRFP	4.2.2 Signatures Required	14	Does a simple copy of the evidence of signatory authorization suffice, or is a notarized copy required?	Yes. The RFQ/RFP will be updated accordingly	30
29	Bayway RFQRFP	4.2.2 Signatures Required	14	Is there a sample of the written statement acknowledging the intent of the signatory which you can provide? Does it have to be signed? By whom?	Electronic signatures must be applied in accordance with Alabama's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. The RFQ/RFP will be updated accordingly.	31
30	Bayway RFQRFP	4.2.3 Requirement to Submit Compliant Proposal / Exhibit C – Form A – Proposal Letter	14 / 1	Should the DOMA be provided before submission of the proposal, will ALDOT allow for the Proposers to submit a list of exceptions to the same? Section 4.2.3 appears to limit the possibility of listing exceptions. However, Form A appears to cater to the possibility of including exceptions within the proposal. Can you please clarify? If so, which form should Proposers use for that end?	ALDOT does not intend to send a draft DOMA prior to proposal submission. ALDOT will negotiate the terms of the DOMA with the selected Proposer.	32
31	Bayway RFQRFP	Exhibit C – Form A – Proposal Letter	1	Please clarify if the Proposer is allowed to amend the proposed Proposal Letter.	No. Proposers may submit RFCs in relation to the Proposal Letter, but the Proposal Letter must be submitted in the same form as is currently drafted in the RFQ/RFP or any forthcoming Addenda.	33
32	Bayway RFQRFP	Exhibit C – Form A – Proposal Letter; 6.2 Post-	1; 14	Related to the question above, can ALDOT please clarify the insurance coverage types and amounts that will be required under the DOMA?	ALDOT will negotiate the insurance coverage for the DOMA with the selected Proposer.	35

		Selection Deliverables				
33	Bayway RFQRFP	6.1 Design- Operate- Maintain Agreement Negotiations	21	"the prospective firm will be required to prepare a proposed fee for the required services" Is a Price Proposal to be included with the proposal submittal or is price not intended to be part of the evaluation prior to selecting a Proposer?	No pricing information will be required prior to selection of the selected Proposer. Fees and pricing will be negotiated with the selected Proposer after selection.	36
34	Tolling TPs	3.3.1 Toll System Infrastructure Requirements	8	Infrastructure requirements refer to Pavement loops/detectors equipment to be included. But req. Class- 08 mentions that only loops or micro loops can be used. Does the req. Class-08 prevail, or can other detectors such as treadles be considered detectors?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team.	37
35	Tolling TPs	3.3.1.2 Toll Gantry	9	The third paragraph of the section mentions that the controller cabinet shall be located on or near the gantry. Can ALDOT provide the max. number ft to be considered as near gantry?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team. ALDOT has solicited comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work in Section 4.1 and 4.3 of the RFQ/RFP to be included in the Proposal submission.	38
36	Tolling TPs	3.2 Tolling Plan	7	Points 1.B. transponder distribution and pricing plan and 3. Tolling policies are usually associated with BOS and not the roadside scope. Is there a reason for ALDOT to consider this as a part of the TSDOM scope? Would ALDOT consider transferring these points to the BOS provider?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team. ALDOT has solicited comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information	39

					and Proposed Scope of Work in Section 4.1 and 4.3 of the RFQ/RFP to be included in the Proposal submission.	
37	Tolling TPs	3.2 Tolling Plan	7/8	The Tolling Operations Plan shall be submitted no later than 90 days prior to service commencement. When should the Conceptual Plan be submitted?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team. ALDOT has solicited comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work in Section 4.1 and 4.3 of the RFQ/RFP to be included in the Proposal submission.	40
38	RFP/RFQ	5.3.5	24/56	Please advise if Safety Qualifications it to be included in the proposers response and, if so, 1. Will it be evaluated and how many points will it be assigned, 2. Should it follow "Project Approach" in the proposer's response and 3. how many pages are allocated fir this portion of the response?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team. ALDOT has solicited comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work in Section 4.1 and 4.3 of the RFQ/RFP to be included in the Proposal submission.	41
39	Technical Provisions	3.3.1.2 Toll Gantry	13/56	Please confirm that a dual-gantry design is required.	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team. ALDOT has solicited comments to the	42

					Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work in Section 4.1 and 4.3 of the RFQ/RFP to be included in the Proposal submission.	
40	Technical Provisions	RTCS-20 Cabinets	46/67	Please clarify if the proposer will purchase the NEMA 4X cabinets.	Yes, the DOMA will require the selected Proposer to purchase the agreed upon equipment needed under the DOMA. The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team. ALDOT has solicited comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work in Section 4.1 and 4.3 of the RFQ/RFP to be included in the Proposal submission.	43
41	General	N/A	N/A	Please confirm that no pricing is to be provided during this phase of the procurement process.	No pricing information will be required prior to selection of the selected Proposer. Fees and pricing will be negotiated with the selected Proposer after selection.	44
42	Technical Provisions	4.6 Data Retention		Please clarify what is meant for video being retained for a period of at least two years, does that mean all DVAS video, CCTV cameras, and any other video feeds?	The Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work are in draft state and are provided for information purposes only. The TPs will be discussed and finalized with the selected team. ALDOT has solicited comments to the Proposed Technical Provisions (Draft Dated April 13, 2023)/Project Information and Proposed Scope of Work in Section	45

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		in the Proposal submission.	