

**Questions and Answers, Part 1 – Pavement Condition Survey & HPMS Data
Collection 2025-2028**

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Project Number: SPR-1(129)/109278-128000

County: Statewide

Project Description: Provide Pavement Condition Survey and Roadway Inventory of the state-maintained highway system (SMHS), the National Highway System (NHS) and the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS), Statewide.

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Question #1: Can you clarify if the proposed Project Manager for this response needs to be a Mississippi-certified P.E.?

Answer: There is no requirement for the Project Manager for this project to be a Mississippi-licensed P.E.

Question #2: Is there an available Data Quality Management Plan MDOT can provide for reference? Can MDOT also provide its data collection manual and calculations?

Answer: MDOT is providing the requested documents for informational purposes only. CONSULTANTS interested in accessing these documents can use the link below.

<https://file-exchange.mdot.state.ms.us/dl/?f=2bd1173af1801c9d63e9da43333cca2d771f8c10>

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Question #3: E3303 Specifications are mentioned. Is MDOT interested in data exported in that format?

Answer: See Addendum #1.

Question #4: How many miles of data collection are expected for each project year? Also, can MDOT clarify if routes are to be collected in both directions for all route types or just a specific type?

Answer: MDOT anticipates the following:

- 1. Interstates (Years 1 & 3): approximately 1,665 miles (Primary and Secondary directions)**
- 2. Full Statewide Network (Years 2 & 4):**
 - a. State Designated and Maintained: approximately 13,650 miles (inclusive of Interstates)**
 - i. Primary and Secondary directions for divided highways**
 - ii. Primary direction only for undivided highways**
 - b. Non-State Maintained NHS: approximately 250 miles (Primary direction only)**
 - c. HPMS Sample Routes: approximately 2,500 miles (Primary direction only)**

Question #5: Can MDOT provide a breakdown of the percentage of each pavement type within the road network?

- Answer:**
- 1. Asphalt: 96 to 97%**
 - 2. Concrete: 2 to 2.5%**
 - 3. Gravel: Negligible amount**

Question #6: Are there any expected deadlines for data collection and/or data delivery from year to year?

Answer: Deadlines for each year will be negotiated with the selected consultant and included in the contract.

Question #7: If awarded the contract, when in 2025 does MDOT expect to provide the Notice to Proceed to begin data collection?

Answer: MDOT's goal is to issue a Notice to Proceed as close to the beginning of 2025 as possible.

Question #8: What are the payment terms and schedule for this project?

Answer: Items are typically priced and invoiced as either lump sum or by mile. The selected consultant may submit monthly invoices as individual items are completed. Payments will be made in accordance with state law.

Question #9: Does MDOT have historical data it needs integrated with the data collected for this contract?

Answer: No.

Question #10: Is it correct that friction data collection will only take place in Years 2 and 4?

Answer: If friction data is collected in this contract, it is anticipated that it will occur in Years 2 and/or 4.

Question #11: The project description for Years 2 and 4 indicates that friction data may be collected and reported on the SMHS. Can MDOT clarify the requirements for friction data?

Answer: If MDOT determines it would like friction data collected, the means and methods of data collection will be negotiated with the selected consultant and included in the contract.

Question #12: If MDOT determines it would like friction data collected, can MDOT estimate the mileage that will be collected?

Answer: This would be on the State Designated and State Maintained portion of the network. This would be approximately 13,650 miles.

Question #13: Can MDOT provide the location of the HPMS Sample sections referenced in the project description for Year 2, part b?

Answer: No, as this information is subject to change.

Question #14: Will MDOT consider an extension to the proposal due date?

Answer: See Addendum #1.

Question #15: What firm is currently performing these services (Pavement Condition Survey & HPMS Data Collection 2021-2024) for MDOT?

Answer: Michael Baker International, Inc.

Question #16: What sections of the proposal count toward the 25-page limit?

Answer: Per Part 2, Section I of the RFP, “The PROPOSAL length should not exceed 25 pages, which includes the CONSULTANT’s summaries and introductions, team organizational chart, other relevant employee chart, past performance information, and any other responses to the evaluation criteria indicated in Part 2, Section III of this RFP.”

Question #17: Does the SF 330 form count toward the 25-page limit?

Answer: Per Part 2, Section I of the RFP, “The cover letter, table of contents, and appendices will not count against the 25-page limit. The resumes (which should not exceed two pages per individual in length), Standard Form (SF) 330 Part II, proof of state licensure and certification requirements, and any information not relevant to the requirements or criteria should be included in the appendices.”

Question #18: Are there any exceptions to the page limit, such as cover letters, executive summaries, resumes, etc.?

Answer: See Part 2, Section 1 of the RFP, Format for PROPOSAL.

Question #19: Are the certifications of equipment and operators excluded from the page limit?

Answer: Per Part 2, Section I of the RFP, “The cover letter, table of contents, and appendices will not count against the 25-page limit. The resumes (which should not exceed two pages per individual in length), Standard Form (SF) 330 Part II, proof of state licensure and certification requirements, and any information not relevant to the requirements or criteria should be included in the appendices.”

Question #20: Are appendices allowed to be included? And if so, will they count toward page limits?

Answer: Per Part 2, Section I of the RFP, “The cover letter, table of contents, and appendices will not count against the 25-page limit.”

Question #21: Does MDOT have a scoring criteria for the Consultant Selection Criteria?

Answer: Yes, per Part 2, Section III of the RFP, “The criteria are listed in order of their relative importance to the selection committee.”

Question #22: Can the consultant offer camera imagery from 6 cameras versus a 360-degree camera?

Answer: See Addendum #1.

Question #23: MDOT requests imagery in the left, center, right, and rear. Can these be images from independently mounted cameras?

Answer: See Addendum #1.

Question #24: When is the expected timeframe for data collection?

Answer: Specific dates will be determined during contract negotiations with the selected consultant. Typically, collection dates span anywhere from February to June.

Question #25: When is the final data submission expected annually?

Answer: Specific dates will be determined during contract negotiations with the selected consultant. Typically, all data should be submitted by September 30th.

Question #26: How does MDOT QA the consultant data submissions?

Answer: MDOT utilizes the Data Quality Management Plan as well as other internal QA processes.

Question #27: What is MDOT’s intent pertaining to imagery in Part 3, Year 1 of the RFP?

Answer: See Addendum #1.