

## Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Pole Data Collection Services

### Question and Answer(s)

**Q1:** Does MBI plan to license the poles in the project?

**A:** MBI plans to assist the towns in the application and management of the pole license process.

**Q2:** How does MBI currently plan to handle the make ready process?

**A:** As part of the pole licensing process, MBI (in conjunction with OSP Engineers) will be negotiating with the utilities on behalf of the towns to assist with the make ready process.

**Q3:** Does MBI have an estimate for road mileage in the project?

**A:** Our current “best estimate” of road miles on the project is 2040 miles.

**Q4:** Is this a prevailing wage project?

**A:** This pole data collection project does not require the use of job classifications covered under the Commonwealth’s prevailing wage law.

**Q5:** Does MBI plan to select one vendor for the entire project area (44 towns)? Or does MBI plan on selecting multiple vendors for different areas of the project?

**A:** MBI anticipates selecting more than one vendor to perform services.

**Q6:** The expectation is that each pole is individually measured to capture attachment heights, distance between poles, etc. However, on the dropdown tab, it shows a minimum collection data sheet that is much less labor intensive. Any idea how this is going to play out.

**A:** The data on the last tab that references the “minimum collection data” highlights the collection fields that are on the actual applications. The other collection items have been asked for from the utilities to be provide in addition to the application data and for use in GIS mapping of the completed build. For this qualification MBI needs to know that the respondents will be able to capture both the “minimum collection data” and the additional application data.

**Q7:** if a company is awarded to do the pole collection work, or a portion of it, would they be precluded from the construction phase of the project.

**A:** If a company is selected to perform the pole collection work within a particular cluster or town, they will not be eligible to perform construction services in that section of the project where they collected pole data. Please note that Section 3.1.2 of the RFQ has been amended accordingly in Addendum 1.

**Q8:** 3.2.1, bullet 9

OSP Engineers - please define any requirements for this position

**A:** While no specific OSP Engineer qualifications are called out in the RFQ for this position, the OSP Engineer should have sufficient experience and knowledge in the aerial construction field and a thorough understanding of the Telcordia Blue Book- Manual of Construction procedures. This person will be negotiating make ready issues and costs on behalf of MBI and the Towns (owners).

**Q9:** Appendix G: Paragraph 4 - date is 12/31/12 - assume this is updated, but is there a newer version with additional changes that should be referenced/provided?

**A:** The date listed as 12/31/12 is a typo. An updated agreement with the date of 12/31/17 has been published as an Amendment to this RFQ.

**Q10:** How long will the successful company have to store the data collected?

**A:** Selected firm(s) should expect to keep the collected data available on a secure website for a minimum of 1 year. This will allow ample time for the data to be downloaded, processed, entered into the required applications, and archived by MBI. All books, records and other compilations of data collected would will be kept for a minimum of 7 years. This is explained further in section 15 of the Master Service Agreement (see Attachment G of the RFQ).

**Q11:** Does this Engineer have to be a licensed engineer (PE) in the state of Massachusetts?

**A:** No, the OSP Engineer does not need to be a licensed PE in Massachusetts. The OSP Engineer should have sufficient experience and knowledge in the aerial construction field and a thorough understanding of the Telcordia Blue Book- Manual of Construction procedures. This person will be negotiating make ready issues and costs on behalf of MBI and the Towns.

**Q12:** Do the primary and secondary attachment heights need to be measured with a fiber glass rod for accurate measurement?

**A: No. The primary and secondary attachments do not need to be measured with a fiberglass rod. Modern collection equipment with laser measuring can be used (or any other standard industry practice can be used to perform this task safely). Respondents should include in the Executive Summary a description of the equipment and methodology that will be used to collect the pole data.**

**Q13:** Can we use a less intrusive procedure to collect the measurements in the power space (live cables)? Examples would be a laser or software that can calculate heights above the communication space. Examples can be given if needed.

**A: Yes. The use of laser and or software to calculate the heights above the communication space is acceptable for collection (or any other standard industry practice can be used to perform this task safely). Respondents should include in the Executive Summary a description of the equipment and methodology that will be used to collect the pole data.**

**Q14:** Has any information been collected form the local power companies that we can pre populate cells 21 thru 35 before completing field work? Or will this be up to the contractor to obtain plant records from each power company?

**A: No. The information in those fields will need to be obtained by the contractor during the collection process.**