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Performance Specifications for Rapid Highway Renewal

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General Information

Application Number: R07
Application Due: 9/6/2013

Date Posted: 8/2/2013
Status: Open

Last Updated: 8/2/2013
Lead Agency: Federal Highway
Administration

Background

In response to the widening gap between investment needs and available resources, transportation agencies have begun to explore ways to shift more responsibility for product performance to the contractors building their projects. The traditional way of building highway projects – using prescriptive requirements that tell the contractor how to perform the work – does not provide much incentive to provide more than the prescribed minimum. Adding performance specifications to an agency's tool box would provide the means to motivate and empower a contractor to find creative solutions to save time, minimize disruption, and/or enhance safety and quality in the interest of rapid renewal.

By adopting a broad definition for 'performance specifications,' the research team has developed an implementation guide for agencies interested in making a phased approach to performance specifications. The product suite includes:

- Implementation guidelines for decision makers;
- A guide for specification writers; and
- 13 model specifications ready for adaption and use by transportation agencies

Leadership Endorsement

Each application submitted from an organization or agency must have the endorsement of the Chief Executive Officer, or designee. The letter of endorsement is submitted as an attachment to the application.

Priority Ranking

When multiple applications are submitted from an organization or agency, each application must have a designated priority ranking. Please rank all applications in one grouping including all product submissions from your agency. For purposes of ranking do not separate your organization's applications into categories for individual products, or levels of incentives such as Lead Adopter or User Incentive.

For example, your agency submits four applications; one application for each product C19, R07, R09, and R16. Your agency must rank each application in priority order from 1 to 4, with 1 as the highest priority and 4 as the lowest priority. For your convenience, you will find a box at the top of each application to designate the priority ranking.

FHWA and AASHTO will take into consideration the agency's rankings when reviewing and evaluating the applications for implementation assistance.

Lead Adopter Incentive

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Number of awards available: 4

Funding level: Up to \$75,000 in the form of technical and funding assistance for implementation activities

Open to: State DOTs

Requirements/Deliverables

- Commitment of State DOT leadership to explore the use of performance specifications by working through the Implementation Guidelines for Decision Makers;
- Identification of at least one area (HMA, PCCP, bridge, work zone safety, etc.) in which to develop a State-appropriate performance specification using the Specification Writers' Guide;
- Identification of one or more projects to test the use of the specification through either direct or shadow application;
- Willingness to post any performance specification developed through this process on the National Specifications Website under 'Emerging Specifications;'
- Participation in R07 product evaluation including a qualitative, organizational, before/after assessment conducted by an independent consultant for FHWA;
- Willingness to share knowledge with at least two other State DOTs interested in implementing performance specifications; and
- Willingness to participate in regional or national knowledge sharing events to promote the product.

Attach letter of endorsement from CEO or designee
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Indicate priority ranking for this application

Contact Information

State

Organization

Point of Contact

Title

Business Phone

Business Email

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1. Brief description of the agency's interest and goals for adopting performance specifications (What do you hope to gain? Is there a specific issue you hope to resolve? How do you define success?).
2. Brief description of executive level support for participation.
3. Brief description of approach, extent, and timetable.

Please complete all highlighted fields