

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Request for Proposals:
Developing Public-Private Partnerships (P3) to Meet the Stormwater General Permit for Parcels with ≥ 3 Impervious Acres

Questions and Answers

1. **Does the scope of the project include preparing 10-15 facilities in each of 10 municipalities (at least) or 10-15 facilities total?**

Please provide some clarification on this scope item: "prepare ten to fifteen developed land stormwater drainage assessments in at least ten different municipalities in the basin." Is it the goal of VTDEC to have consultants identify and evaluate at least 10-15 potential project sites in each of the 10 or more municipalities, i.e., for the entire project 100 or more potential retrofit sites would be evaluated and prioritized using the criteria in Attachment B?

ANSWER: 10-15 facilities/projects total but spread out over 10 municipalities.

2. **Does VTDEC have a target number of 30% concept designs in each municipality? Or a target number for the entire project?**

ANSWER: 10-15 30% concept designs are expected to be delivered by the contractor. There is a range to allow for a combination of smaller stormwater treatment practices in one drainage vs. one larger practice. Please note that the requirement that any project going to preliminary design must have a letter of support from the landowner(s) prior to preliminary design completion. It DEC's expectation that projects with 30% design will have been fully vetted with the landowner(s) and that there is a high likelihood of the project being constructed.

3. **Does VTDEC have a preference for hiring a single consultant versus multiple consultants to complete this work across the Lake Champlain basin?**

ANSWER: VTDEC will consider hiring more than one consultant depending on the quality of the proposals received.

4. **Will VTDEC entertain proposals to work on a subset of the municipalities identified in RFP Attachment A? For example, would you consider a proposal to prioritize X number of sites in X number of municipalities, and advance a specified number of projects to the 30% design level?**

ANSWER: Attachment A provides examples of possible P3 projects. The contractor is not limited to the list of towns provided in Attachment A. See answer #2.

5. Will the awardee have a grant agreement or contract?

ANSWER: It is anticipated that a contract(s) will be awarded by DEC for this work.

6. If the prime consultant wishes to partner with another firm or agency would there be a need to bid the work subject to the procurement policy listed in the RFP?

ANSWER: Procurement requirements will be included as part of the final award agreement. Any partnering occurring after the award will be required to follow the procurement standards outlined in the RFP.

7. In the RFP for the " Developing Public-Private Partnerships (P3) to Meet the Stormwater General Permit for Parcels with ≥ 3 Impervious Acres" it says " VTDEC has also developed and will make available to the contractor(s) a draft nonpublic ARCGIS shape file with three or more-impervious acre parcels within the Lake Champlain Basin." Could we have access to this shapefile?

ANSWER: An incomplete ARCGIS shape file that contains parcels VTDEC believes meet the 3 acre permit regulatory threshold will be provided to the contractor(s) awarded the contract.