



## **Monterey Bay Natural and Working Lands Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Study**

### **Request for Proposals Questions and Responses**

#### **June 9, 2022**

- 1. Could you please confirm that the interface in Task 3 refers to the development of tools to input the results of the carbon stock inventory into AMBAG's land use model framework?**

Response: Yes, task 3 refers to the development of an interface to integrate the carbon stock inventory module with AMBAG's land use model framework.

- 2. Is there room for the RFP to include the identification of co-benefits of natural and working lands in the different scenarios? For example, co-benefits include the amount of groundwater recharge, habitat connectivity, VMT avoidance, flood attenuation and climate resilience, biodiversity.**

Response: Yes, under task 4, there is room in the RFP to include the identification of co-benefits of natural and working lands in the different scenarios.

- 3. RFP page 12: "Each proposal, to be considered responsive, must include the following:... (2) Discussion of the consultant's program for use of DBEs in the performance of this work..." Please clarify whether the use of DBE-certified subconsultants is a requirement for this contract.**

Response: The use of DBE-certified subconsultants is encouraged but not a requirement for this contract.

- 4. DBE involvement does not appear to be included among the identified evaluation factors. Does AMBAG have a DBE goal or target for this RFP?**

Response: AMBAG does not have a DBE goal or target for this RFP.

- 5. Does AMBAG have any existing available data sets that should be considered for use for the carbon stock inventory development task?**

Response: AMBAG staff will help selected consultant to procure data as identified in the proposal for the study.

- 6. The RFP requests integrating the carbon stock inventory module with CommunityViz. Does AMBAG expect the consultant to include the subscription fees associated with CommunityViz into the budget or would there be potential to utilize AMBAG's account? Also is AMBAG open to the use of other land use scenario modeling methodology?**

Response: AMBAG does not expect the costs associated with the subscription fees for CommunityViz to be included in the budget. AMBAG is open to the use of other land use scenario modelling tools compatible with GIS software including but not limited to CommunityViz.

- 7. Does AMBAG have any existing collaborative partnerships that you anticipate would be involved or could be useful in execution of this project?**

Response: AMBAG expects that a number of public agencies such as regional transportation planning agencies, local jurisdictions, and resources conservation districts will participate in this project as stakeholders and may have expertise as well relevant datasets to contribute to this project.