

Wisconsin DOT Policy and Safety First Research Programs FFY24 RFP Questions & Responses

All responses are provided in red italics.

Administrative Questions

The RFP states *any proposals should at a minimum account for these deliverables and points of review*. Does WisDOT anticipate interim deliverables associated with each task, or is the proposer to develop a project management plan that ensures a quality final deliverable?

Interim deliverables associated with the project tasks are identified at the initial project kick-off meeting. There are regular meetings held with WisDOT project leads.

Beyond the ones listed in the RFP, are there any standardized templates you prefer we use for structuring the proposal that you could share with us?

The research team did not find a specific template for the Policy Research Program. Should we use the same template as the Wisconsin Highway Research Program?

We recommend using the WHRP template listed here:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/documents2/research/rfp-guidelines.pdf> under the heading “Proposal preparation guidelines and templates.” Use of this template is not required but is recommended.

Is there any sample contract language you could share for review by my institution's proposal team to ensure we would be able to accept the standard WisDOT terms and conditions? Are modifications/negotiations permissible?

Contract language is not shared prior to award notification. WisDOT allows sufficient time for the winning proposer to review contract language terms and conditions. Modifications and negotiations are permissible.

Our team includes two from State A and two from State B. State A will lead the application and State B will be a sub-awardee. Could the sub-awarded amount be up to 50% in the budget?

Yes.

Are there any restrictions on the amount of a sub-award when preparing the budget for WisDOT research projects?

No.

For projects involving graduate research assistants, is tuition support an allowable expense?

If research assistants are included on a budget from a university, are tuition costs considered an allowable cost to the budget as well?

Yes.

Are there any restrictions on organizational overhead associated with proposal submissions?

There is not a specific organizational overhead for research projects. The proposal review committee evaluates the overall costs presented in the budget along with other aspects of the work plan.

Does WisDOT set any limits on maximum allowable indirect cost rate for budgeting purposes?

There is not a specific indirect rate maximum for research projects. The proposal review committee evaluates the overall costs presented in the budget along with other aspects of the work plan.

Are there any requirements to include a Wisconsin-based partner on the research proposal?

No.

Does a company need to be registered with Wisconsin DOT in order to be eligible to apply to this research project?

No.

Are entities outside of Wisconsin permitted to respond to RFPs?

Yes.

Will there be preference given to in-state respondents?

No.

Is there any additional information regarding POC? Does the team need to assemble the POC?

The Project Oversight Committee (POC) will be assembled by WisDOT.

Technical Questions for a Specific RFP

Artificial Intelligence in Transportation

Are there any other interests WisDOT has in addition to the outlined use cases of AI in the RFP?

WisDOT expects proposals to address the use cases outlined in the RFP. Any additional considerations are at the discretion of the proposer.

We will propose to complement a literature review (Task 1 in the RFP) with focus groups consisting of stakeholders from various agencies. How crucial is the involvement of Wisconsin-based stakeholders (companies, agencies) to WisDOT?

Any additional considerations/tasks, beyond those listed in the RFP, are at the discretion of the proposer.

Regarding data collection (Task 2 in the RFP), is WisDOT primarily interested in Wisconsin-focused data, or is an analysis based on data sources from other states, such as Illinois, also appropriate?

Analysis will be based on the data collected during the course of the research project and in discussion with the WisDOT project committee upon award.

Engineering Countermeasures to Mitigate Reckless Driving Behavior

Will the roadway network screening criteria tool be a localized desktop application or run through a cloud application?

The location of the roadway network screening criteria tool will be determined during the project with the selected researcher.

Will the tool be subject to WisDOT's IT requirements?

The IT-related requirements for the roadway network screening criteria tool will be discussed during the project with the selected researcher.

Wildlife Crossing Hotspot Analysis

In Objective 1, what existing datasets are available in Wisconsin and may be available through stakeholder collaboration? Is there a dataset that includes individual animal-vehicle collisions? If so, which stakeholders have these data and are they willing to provide this data for the project?

Researchers will be able to access crash data from the WisTransPortal System: [The WisTransPortal System \(wisc.edu\)](#). WisDOT is also able to provide some generalized data from the WisDOT car-killed deer/bear disposal program. WisDOT will facilitate researcher access to these data sources.

Researchers will be responsible for locating and obtaining species and habitat data. The researcher will be expected to coordinate with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to understand what species and habitat data is held by their agency and mechanism for obtaining relevant data for the research project. A WDNR Natural Heritage Inventory data request is necessary to obtain detailed data relating to protected species/habitats: [Requesting Detailed Data Access | Natural Heritage Inventory Data | Wisconsin DNR](#). Researcher may propose supplementary sources of species/habitat data for use in the project.

Countermeasures to Improve Pedestrian Visibility to Tall Vehicles

No questions submitted

Driver to Non-Driver Transitions: License Renewal Requirements and Related Health, Mobility, and Safety Outcomes

No questions submitted

Maintaining Knowledge and Investing in Talent for Next-Generation Transportation Engineering

No questions submitted

Safety Media Communication Strategies Evaluation Study

No questions submitted