

# On-Call Materials Sampling and Testing Southern Regional Lab 08CONTSRL25

## Outreach Q&A

**Question:** Will the interviews be conducted at the district office or through WebEx?

**Answer:** At this time, we are still conducting virtual interviews. If anything changes, that information will be available at the time of the advertisement.

**Question:** If the interview is through WebEx, how does Caltrans ensure the integrity of the questions? There are firms that will be on multiple teams as sub and prime. Is there a mechanism that is used to ensure that the questions are not leaked when there are firms that are attending interviews on various teams at different time slots?

**Answer:** The questions are provided to the consultants 30 minutes before their interview. Internally, the questions are confidential, and we ask all consultants not to share the questions. If the prime consultant teams up with different subs, it is a business decision that needs to consider and ensure the questions are not being shared.

**Question:** The order of the interviews is alphabetical order, which leads to some firms potentially having an advantage over others. Could the order be shuffled instead, to address this?

**Answer:** The process is currently set up to be in alphabetical order, but this concern will be shared with DPAC.

**Question:** What is considered the black period where consultants can no longer contact Caltrans to ask questions about the contract?

**Answer:** Refer to the RFQ for details. All questions are filtered through the DPAC analyst listed in the advertisement. All questions and answers are posted on the A&E website related to the RFQ.