

Submitted Questions RFP Statewide Planning

Is there an email attachment file size limit for submitting proposals?

GOCO's attachment limit is 20 MB, so please use [Small pdf](#) (or similar software) to compress larger files before submitting. Or provide hyperlinks to attachments, if available.

For item two of the submittal requirements: Two pages is really brief for past experiences and key staff backgrounds for a complete team. Are additional attachments allowed?

We encourage concise submissions and request limiting responses to include primary team members and highlights of most relevant experiences.

What is the expectation for the number of pages for the budget portion of the submittal? Should a suggested scope with a list of deliverables be included to describe the process for arriving at an estimate?

We ask that you use the minimum space necessary to articulate the reasoning behind your proposed budget. Providing a suggested scope is not necessary, but it might make arriving at an estimate more accurate and valuable. At a minimum, an estimate should be broken down by the proposed three phases of the project.

Would you confirm that CNHP, TPL and The Nature Conservancy should not be included on consultant teams (that they will be partners to the selected team)

Interested parties are encouraged to collaborate with partners of their choosing, including organizations like the Colorado Natural Heritage Program, The Trust for Public Land, and The Nature Conservancy. Any of these organizations may serve as either formal members of a consulting team or in a different capacity depending upon the proposal.

Would you list other partners that have committed to participate regardless of the selected consultant team?

We do not have a list of partners committed to participating in this process. This effort is being led by the Governor's Office, DNR, CPW, and GOCO and will undoubtedly engage other state agencies and external partners along the way, in particular the Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP). Other partners will also play a role, and we expect the consultant team to work with the lead partners to determine who else should be involved.

What portion of the budget will be directed to partners (not proposing teams)?

The full \$1.4 million is available to the consultant team. There is an additional budget available for regional partnerships.

What is the Colorado Climate Preparedness Strategic Plan and Roadmap? (this appears to be different from the 2018 Climate Plan and 2020 Resiliency Plan?)

This effort is mandated in the recently passed SB22-206 and was covered during our presentation portion of the webinar. More info on this bill can be found [here](#):

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2022a_206_signed.pdf. We also encourage you to watch the introduction portion of the webinar. In particular, Jonathan Asher addressed this question.

Would you summarize your selection process/criteria? It is not clear in the RFP.

The selection process will involve two steps:

1) the state (Governor's Office, DNR, CPW) and GOCO will select finalists based on written responses submitted by the deadline.

2) A team of stakeholders will join the convening partners on a selection panel to interview the consultant team. The stakeholder team will make a recommendation to the convening partners who will make the final decision based on the experience of the consultant team along with what is shared in the formal proposal and presentation.

Please elaborate on how the state "may also consider and entertain proposals for discrete elements of this RFP."

If a consultant(s) is interested in only a certain aspect of this RFP, they are welcome to submit for just a portion of what is being requested. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis, though we strongly prefer comprehensive proposals.

We understand that the consultant is to develop a flexible planning framework to be utilized by regional partnership organizations. Beyond this task, please clarify the role you expect the consultant to take, if any, in developing the ten regional plans. Will the regional organizations be responsible for conducting the planning process and sharing their results with the consultant to inform the statewide plan?

Yes, each Regional Partnership is responsible for conducting its own planning processes and developing its own regional plan. However, we expect collaboration amongst the Regional Partnerships, the convening partners, and the selected consultant(s)/consultant team to ensure regional partnership plans adequately inform the statewide plan.

Also, please note that there are ten existing regional partnerships and that additional partnerships are forming to achieve greater statewide coverage.

Would it be possible for the RFP respondents to offer supplemental information regarding consultant experience in the appendix as an attachment?

Yes, but please be concise.

Would it be possible for the RFP respondents to offer additional team member information or resumes in the appendix as an attachment?

Yes, but please be concise.

Please describe what the preferred deliverable would be for the "implementation plan for a final evaluation strategy" mentioned in Phase II of the RFP.

We intend to work with the selected consultant team and utilize its expertise to help us make this determination.

Please describe what the preferred deliverable would be for the “interim statewide plan framework to inform federal funding opportunities” mentioned in Phase II of the RFP.

We intend to work with the selected consultant team to utilize its expertise to help us make this determination.

Are local governments eligible to participate?

Yes, local governments should participate in Regional Partnerships and represent an important stakeholder in the statewide planning portion of the effort.

What are the current metrics being used and are they available in one place? Where do you see the gaps in current metrics? Outcome #2 in the RFP references Metrics to evaluate progress towards conservation goals. Have those goals been determined? If not, what process do you envision for identifying them?

These goals have not been determined nor have we determined what metrics will be used to measure success towards achieving these goals. We intend to utilize the selected consultant’s expertise, research and outreach to help us develop these goals and metrics.

Is there any financial obligation from the partners required for this RFP?

GOCO is funding this effort with a budget of up to \$1.4M. We will work with the selected consultant on a final scope of work and a budget.

How does this effort relate to the SCORP?

Development of the 2024 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) will inform this larger planning effort. Important data gathering and research will be part of the SCORP that will then be used in both the larger statewide planning effort and in the regional planning efforts. Go to coloradoscorp.org for the current 2019 SCORP.

What role do the GOCO Board, CPW Commissioners, and OREC have in the process?

All three of these entities play an important role in this effort. The CPW Commission will be updated as this effort progresses, as both a key part of the Regional Partnerships Program, and how it moves in line with the SCORP process. The GOCO Board has approved and authorized GOCO’s investment of \$5M to support the initiative and ensure its success and will be updated throughout the process. The OREC office plays a key role via its seat on the Colorado Outdoor Partnership’s (CO-OP) Executive Committee and through its participation on the Inter-Agency Council, and will be centrally involved as will other appropriate state agencies . More information can be found in [Executive Order B 2020 008](#)

This is a critical time for Tribal Nations and other Indigenous communities in Colorado. What is the vision for meaningful Tribal and Indigenous engagement in this project?

This is a very important question and something we value highly. We will work with the consultant team to determine this vision and what meaningful engagement looks like. Meaningful engagement with tribes requires demonstrated respect of each distinct tribe's sovereignty as recognized by the U.S. federal government. Above all else, this requires sustained tribal inclusion in decision-making processes – especially processes that will impact tribal interests.

Could you expand upon the comment that a complete stakeholder engagement is not anticipated? Will the stakeholder engagement be limited to working with each of the coalition's during the creation of a unified vision? Please expand upon phase 2 fourth bullet point that lists "Develop and begin execution of a statewide public engagement strategy" and lists the general public to engage. What are the goals and extent of public engagement?

We are cautious of stakeholder fatigue and want to utilize – to the greatest extent possible – existing engagement that is already being done through the work of Regional Partnerships, the SCORP planning process, and existing GOCO efforts. We anticipate forming an advisory committee of various stakeholder interests that will provide important input into the process. That said, a public engagement piece is part of this overall effort and we intend to work with the consultant team to determine the best process, pace, and scale. At a minimum, we will require a public comment period on the draft plan.

What role is Colorado Parks and Wildlife playing in all this planning?

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is one of the conveners of this process, and tasked with co-leading this effort via the above mentioned Executive Order. Please reference that for more specific information. More generally, CPW serves as a caretaker and funder across all areas of conservation, outdoor recreation, and natural resources in Colorado and relies on regional partners and stakeholders to help inform statewide programs.

Can you speak more to the vision of a steering committee mentioned in the RFP. Is this a large representative group of interests or a targeted small group of direct partners? Or has that not yet been determined?

This has not yet been determined. We intend to utilize the selected consultants expertise, research, and outreach to help us develop these. A Steering Committee will guide the project throughout all phases of work with attention to building on and coordinating with past and concurrent planning efforts. This Committee should include representatives from CPW and GOCO, members of the Colorado Statewide and Regional Outdoor Partnerships and other key stakeholders across the state.

Submittal requirement item 5 asks for description of roles and responsibilities related to the consultant team and the state and external partners. Could you provide more info about the state and external partners roles and contributions?

The state effort includes the Governor's Office, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). Additional supporting information can be found in the Executive Order referenced above. A key stakeholder body in the effort is

the Colorado Outdoor Partnership ([CO-OP](#)). GOCO is a member of the group and has elevated its role through an investment of up to \$5M as discussed in the webinar. In addition to the CO-OP, other stakeholders are expected to be engaged throughout the process with opportunities to inform planning outcomes. We will work with the Consultant Team to determine these organizations.

Will consultants be required to disclose potential conflicts of interest they may have if selected to perform this work? A conflict of interest would be a situation in which a person is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity.

[Yes, this is always best practice.](#)

May additional questions be submitted later?

[GOCO hosted an informational webinar \(recording here\) on Oct. 27. All questions submitted in advance of and asked during the webinar are posted here. Additional questions can be submitted by email and all answers will be added to the document as they are submitted.](#)

We've created a Google Sheet for consultants to share information if they are looking to partner on a proposal with other consultants. It will remain available for your reference.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18iCF-FqzAiyLuialA1axyReaVIYo96XDB2Z3ORYjjFw/edit?usp=sharing>