

**CONTRACT NO. 4400011834
STATE PROJECT NO. H.012811.1
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H012811
DOTD RAILROAD INVENTORY SYSTEMS
RAILROAD INVENTORY UPGRADE
STATEWIDE**

Questions and Answers

Q. What system is currently being used to store/maintain the “DOTD Railroad Safety Inventory data”?

A. DOTD is using Rail Inventory Management System (RIMS) now as it is compliant with the FRA inventory fields.

Q. Will any newly implemented system be required to meet existing LA DOTD Rail Inventory Management System (RIMS) requirements? Is there a list of these existing functions/requirements and if so can you provide this list?

A. This contract will have to be compliant with the FRA inventory field data, as is RIMS. There is not a complete list, other than the commitment to comply with the FRA inventory data.

Q. How soon after NTP does the system have to be in place and operational?

A. DOTD expects the consultant to be familiar with FRA inventory and to be able to interface with the FRA inventory at the start of the contract time or within a month of this initial date.

Q. For Scope Item 12, does “directly to the FRA National Crossing Inventory Database” refer to using the FRA Grade Crossing Inventory System (GCIS) application programming interface (API)?

A. Yes the API is preferred.

Q. How often must the web based system update data within the FRA Grade Crossing Inventory Database?

A. DOTD wants a minimum of monthly submissions to the FRA.

Q. Will the new system be required to facilitate communication or collaboration with participating railroads?

A. No.

Q. Under the compensation section, does the \$251,525.00 cover the cost of the delivered and implemented web based data system as well as the other engineering safety support requirements?

A. Yes, it covers the delivery and ongoing upkeep of the site & interface with FRA.

Q. Could you explain the requirements/conditions for increasing this contract to the \$500,000 maximum compensation?

A. The Advertisement has been revised to remove the \$500,000 maximum compensation. The \$251,525 covers the advertised scope of work.