

Local Agency Program & Florida Highway Administration Certification & Recertification Computer Based Training

Frequently Asked Questions

This module will help answer the most frequently asked questions for this training.

Can a General Engineering Consultant or Annual Service Contract be used to develop a LAP project?

Answer: Only, if the specific LAP project is listed on the Request for Proposal.

Can a consultant or contractor become LAP certified?

Answer: No. LAP certification is only available to Local Agencies.

What is the definition of a Local Agency?

Answer: A Local Agency is defined as a unit of government with less than statewide jurisdiction or any officially designated public agency or authority of such a unit of government that has the responsibility for planning, construction, operation or maintenance of, or jurisdiction over, a transportation facility. The term includes, but is not limited to, a county, an incorporated municipality, a metropolitan planning organization (MPO), an expressway or transportation authority, a road and bridge district, a special road and bridge district or a regional governmental unit.

Is contract compliance an eligible reimbursement expense?

Answer: Yes, contract compliance can be covered under phase 68 Construction Engineering Inspection of the LAP Agreement.

Can a Local Agency hire a construction management firm to monitor contract compliance?

Answer: Yes. The contract should be programmed as a phase 68 Construction Engineering Inspection.

Where can I learn more about the requirements for procurement of consultant services for federal-aid projects?

Answer: Procurement of consultant services with federal-aid must conform to the requirements of the regulations in 23 Code of Federal Regulations 172. The regulations require a qualification based competitive negotiation selection process per the federal Brooks Act. The Florida Department of Transportation procedure 375-030-002, Acquisition of Professional

Services is approved for use on federal-aid projects. This procedure is consistent with the Florida Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act.

Where can I find conflict of interest rules for design build projects?

Answer: In addition to the Florida Department of Transportation procedure 375-030-006, Restrictions on Consultants' Eligibility to Compete for Department Contracts, additional information can be found in 23 Code of Federal Regulations 636.116 – 117.

Thank you for participating in this training. If you are a Local Agency Representative seeking to receive credit for the completion of this Computer Based Training, please select the certificate link below. After entering your information, print out the certificate and deliver it to your District LAP Administrator. The District LAP Administrator is responsible for submitting a copy to the State LAP Administrator.

Certificate of Completion:

<http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/LAPFHWA/LAPFHWACertificate.pdf>

This is the end of the Frequently Asked Questions and the end of the training.

LINKS

LAP Website

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/projectmanagementoffice/LAP/default.shtm>

Florida Statutes

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/>

Wage Tables and related info

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/construction/wage.htm>

Federal Statutes and Regulations

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/core02.cfm#s2A02>

Environmental Process Acronyms

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/coregloss.cfm>

FHWA 1273

<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/textidx?c=ecfr&rgn=div6&view=text&node=23:1.0.1.7.22.1&idno=23>

Civil Rights Act of 1964

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/title_vi.htm

Section II.1 EEO

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/core02.cfm#s2A02>

Davis Bacon Act

<http://www.gpo.gov/davisbacon/>

Federal aid policy guide 6011.10 has additional information:

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html#page1>

“Guidelines on Preparing Engineer's Estimate, Bid Reviews and Evaluation”

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/ta508046.cfm>