

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (“RFP”) PS20211042
SUPPORTING ANALYSIS FOR SEISMIC RISK REDUCTION POLICY DEVELOPMENT
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO. 1

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Q1	<p>Item 5.3(b) under the Part B - Scope of Work refers to a Linked Study, RTS-14313, that is a seismic addition to the City’s Energy Retrofit PLUS Reinvestment Pilot program. The Scope of Work description is seeking, if possible, the sharing of data collected in the Linked Study for around 20 buildings.</p> <p>Please clarify the initiation and completion dates of the Linked Study, as this may have a significant influence on the amount of data sharing that is possible within the project schedule listed in Item #8 of the RFP. If the Liked Study has not been awarded, please provide anticipated dates.</p>
A1	<p>The linked study completion timeline has not yet been set at this time. The expectation will be that the team be able to collaborate with other ongoing projects where possible.</p>
Q2	<p>Item 6.1 under Part B- Scope of Work indicates that 6 building structural types are to be considered, whereas it is suggested in the RFP that each structural type may have 2 to 3 archetypes. Please clarify which, if any, of the structural type or archetypes will also be included in the Linked Study, as this may have a significant influence on the amount of data sharing that is possible and therefore the amount of unique data that must be developed in the current RFP.</p>
A2	<p>The linked study will examine case studies from each of the structural types. These studies will support report development, not replace it.</p>
Q3	<p>Can an international firm serve as the prime for this work, with the participation of local expert and quantity surveyor?</p>
A3	<p>Yes, if the team is <i>heavily</i> supported by local engineering expertise.</p>
Q4	<p>Section 8.1 presents completion dates for each deliverable in accordance with the plan presented in Sections 7.2-7.4. However, Section 7.1 provides the option for the Proposer to submit alternate ideas for the report deliverables. If alternate deliverables are proposed, will a revised deliverable timeline table included in the proposal be considered?</p>
A4	<p>Yes.</p>

Q5	Section 5.3(c) bullet one states “each of the archetypes for the eight structural types below (see task below).” The corresponding table in Section 6.1(b) presents only 6 structure types. Should Section 5.3(c) be corrected to refer to six structure types?
A5	There are six structural types.
Q6	Section 1 states that there are 90,000 existing, privately held buildings in the City of Vancouver. Section 6.1 limits the scope of study to older, existing buildings with the presented building structural types and occupancy descriptions. How many of the 90,000 buildings comply with this category?
A6	Approximately 9,000 buildings.
Q7	Section 8.1 presents a description of deliverables with the first three items listing “draft” report sections and item 4 comprising a final full report. What is the envisioned quality control and feedback process on the draft deliverables? Who will provide this feedback and what is their timeline?
A7	The Seismic Policy Advisory Committee, a City working group of local technical and design professional experts, will advise the lead seismic policy planner and staff. The turnaround for feedback on the draft sections will be one to two weeks, though the hope is that there will be open communication between the team and City staff to support successful drafts.