Q: If bidders would like to include a cover letter, would it count towards any of the sections' page limits?

No, if a bidder includes a cover letter for their proposal, it will not count against the page limits for any of the sections described in the RFP.

Q: If bidders would like to include a table of contents, would it count towards any of the sections' page limits?

No, a table of contents will not be counted against any of the sections' page limits.

Q: Would resumes count towards the 10-page limit for Section 4? If not, should bidders include the resumes at the end of our proposal in an Appendix?

Resumes can be included in Section 4, though the accompanying narrative for this section should remain under 10 pages.

Q: Could TCAG confirm that Sections 8-16 are not page limited?

TCAG confirms that Sections 8-16 of the Tulare County Sustainable Goods Movement Study RFP are not page limited.

Q: Should subcontractors complete any forms?

No, subcontractors do not need to complete the forms attached to the RFP, but they must be insured per the requirements of Attachment D: Insurance Requirements for Professional Service Contracts.

Q: Would TCAG prefer bidders to include the Attachment B form in Section 13 or 16 of the proposal?

Attachment B can be included in Section 13 Ineligible Bidders.

Q: Could TCAG clarify the expectations for an "exhaustive study" of the local grid's current electricity and planned upgrades?

TCAG is seeking a quantification of the existing available electrical capacity along major corridors and at industrial parks in Tulare County. The amount of electricity consumed by industry located in the county should also be quantified. If there are any reliability issues with the electrical supply within the study area, these should be noted. The examination of planned upgrades should include any transmission projects approved by the California Independent Systems Operator (CA ISO) Board of Governors and/or included in the most recent CA ISO Transmission Plan and any generation project in Tulare County for which permits have been issued..

Q: What level of direct engagement (if any) with the utilities is expected at this stage? It is our understanding that the electrical utilities have resources like SCE's <u>Distribution Resource</u> <u>Plan External Portal</u> that will provide much of the utility-related information the study will require. We anticipate that a small amount of direct engagement with the utilities may be necessary,

however.