Transit RFP questions and responses:

1. **Is the information and recommendations in the 2013 Coordinated Plan still current or will the document/process need to be updated?** *Updating the Coordinated Plan is not within the scope of this study.*

2. **Is there a future scenario where added operating and capital funds could reasonably be assumed or is the current budget (which adjusts for inflation) the most logical assumption?** One of the main components of the scope of this study is to determine the projected funding levels for each of the governmental agencies within the MPO area if transit was to be expanded outside of the boundaries of Rapid City.

3. **Page 3, Product Example- Are you looking for a final document or descriptions of similar work we have done?** A final document or a reference to a location where the document may be accessed should be included with the proposal.

4. **The funds available section is missing. Can this be provided?** *No budget has been set for the study. The MPO desires to receive the best product for the best value. Once the consultant has been selected, negotiations most likely will occur to bring the scope of work in line with the proposed cost.*

5. **Page 8, Purpose and Need - How does the MPO anticipate the public will be incorporated into this task?** Will they be provided a statement developed by staff and officials and asked to comment or will it be a community-wide effort to prepare the content? *The MPO envisions a community-wide outreach to develop the purpose and need statement.*

6. **Has the city/MPO had good luck with electronic surveys and is electronic/web-based surveying the preferred alternative?** *The consultant should propose the preferred survey method or methods. Past studies have utilized web-based surveys, on-board surveys, random household sample surveys, and hard copy surveys distributed at public open houses.*

7. **Is boarding and alighting information by stop available for each route?** As automated fare counter boxes are not installed in the buses at this time, this data is not available.
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9. **What ridership forecasting methodology does the MPO anticipate being used for the study?** The consultant should propose a forecasting methodology to be used in the study.

10. **Does the MPO anticipate data collection and analysis of the existing RTS routes within the city limits?** As the study is focused on expansion of the system beyond the city limits, this is not necessarily within the scope of the study.

11. **What peak load capacity counts are available for this study effort?** Peak load capacity counts are not currently available for use in the study.

12. **What is the due date for proposals?** The RFP document says Date TBD. The proposals are due by 4 pm, MDST, Friday, October 14, 2016.

13. **As part of this study, is the MPO seeking any revisions to the services/route structure offered by Rapid Transit System?** The services and route structure may be modified to accommodate any possible expansion of transit service outside of the city limits.

14. **Is there a selection committee that will be responsible for reviewing proposals, shortlisting teams and conducting interviews (if needed)? What agencies will be represented on that committee?** A selection committee will be comprised of City, MPO, SDDOT, FTA Staff, and elected officials from the MPO member jurisdictions.