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Number	DATE	QUESTION/COMMENT	ANSWER
1	3/18/19	Does delivery of the business plan by the contractor preclude the contractor from participation in executing the plan?	Delivery of the business plan by a contractor would not preclude the contractor from then later participating in the execution of the plan.
2	3/19/19	Recognizing the importance of the stakeholder interviews and engaging them in the process, I would like to better understand the expectations for that part of the project. In the RFP, the plan is to have 2 in-person interviews with each stakeholder as part of the information gathering and plan-development process.	Please note that “2 <i>in-person interviews with each stakeholder</i> ” is not the expectation. There will not be one on one interviews. Instead, there will be two meetings that include stakeholders. The first will be a facilitated group discussion where the consultants should come prepared with clarification questions not already addressed by the reports referenced in the RFP. The second in-person meeting would allow the consultants to gain more clarity from the stakeholders and begin to socialize their draft recommendations.
3	3/19/19	How many stakeholders are anticipated?	We expect around 20 per meeting.
4	3/19/19	What are the logistics for the various stakeholder interviews (i.e. are ½ in Charlottesville and ½ across the region)?	<p>There will be two stakeholder meetings. The first meeting will include a project kick off and stakeholder interviews or discussion. The second meeting will include additional stakeholder discussion and a project briefings that includes a preview of the interim report.</p> <p>There has already been a lot of stakeholder engagement through the many reports referenced in RFP.</p> <p>We expect these two meetings to be held in the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle County.</p> <p>Shannon Holland, GO Virginia Director, will secure locations and convene stakeholders when the dates for the two meetings and final presentation are set.</p>
5	3/19/19	During the interview period (and the interim report point), will the stakeholders be together in a single place?	Yes.



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6	3/19/19	Are there possibilities of focus groups or other types of facilitated discussion groups?	In order to avoid community “interview fatigue”, we would like the consultant to become familiar with the existing reports/work listed in the Background section of the RFP and through research of other successful ecosystems, identify recommendations for this community to move forward.
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