

**Community Engagement Platform RFP
Questions and Answers**

Question: As we are a Software-as-a-Service provider, we do not utilize subconsultants and provide no billable professional services, and while our staff is proudly ~50% women and ~15% minority, we are not a registered DBE and therefore do not meet these goals. Will an exception be possible given that no services will be subcontracted for this agreement?

It is the policy of ARC that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have the maximum opportunity to participate, either as contractors or subcontractors, in the performance of Commission contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract.

Proposals do not have to include subcontractors in their proposal, as it is up to potential contractors to determine the best approach and team members to complete the work outline in the scope of work as part of the RFP.

Question: XXX would like to ask if Atlanta Regional Commission would be willing to extend the RFP deadline due to the requirements of having a DBE set-aside? Our team is actively engaging with several business for this project and need a bit more time to combine all our efforts.

In order to keep the schedule ARC has set in order to procure and contract with a company, the proposal deadline will remain Monday, July 20, 2020.