

WMSRDC RFP Questions

12/30/2025 Responses

No.	RFP Text	Question	Response
1.	This initiative is part of a multi-regional pilot program through MIC and will include efforts to collaborate with a variety of regions to ensure state-wide consistency and integration with the MIC MIDIG portal	What are the requirements for state-wide consistency and integration with the MIC MIDIG portal?	More specific requirements are not yet known or established. A statewide steering committee for the RICH Hubs program is tasked with developing “a detailed and unified regional GIS system architecture.” This has not yet occurred. The selected firm will have input, either directly or through the region, into this process and system.
2.	Review the region’s existing GIS practices, systems, remote sensing capabilities, other technologies, capacity, scalability, challenges, and limitations.	What GIS documentation exists that we can review?	Lack of unified information on these items is a major reason for this project. The selected firm will be responsible for seeking out documentation and inventory existing systems, though WMSRDC can communicate some data sources we are aware of upon inception of working with the firm. We believe that only the largest local units of government, mostly concentrated in Muskegon County, have comprehensive GIS (other than county parcel maps). Other asset owners, such as water and sewer authorities, may have better resources. The selected firm will also need to make strong attempts to collect relevant system information from private sector asset owners.
3.	Conduct surveys and interviews with representatives from local government units and past MIC Asset Management Champion Program participants to identify local GIS needs in the region	Please define how many local governments units should participate in this study?	The WMSRDC region includes 120 local unites of government and 5 county road commissions. We would expect the selected firm to interview a representative sample of managers of these units sufficient to understand the general GIS landscape of asset owners in the region. WMSRDC will assist in the identification of the sample. Furthermore, attempts should be made to reach <i>all</i> asset-owning local government entities through surveys

			(understanding the response rate is uncontrollable). WMSRDC can also assist with this.
4.	Conduct surveys and interviews with representatives from local government units and past MIC Asset Management Champion Program participants to identify local GIS needs in the region	Are there any outputs or documents from the MIC Asset Management Champion Program that need to be reviewed?	The main reason for referencing Asset Management Champion participants is that these will be some of the best informed and engaged people to obtain input from for this project. It should be sufficient for the selected firm to have general familiarity with the program, which has an overview at AM Champions . WMSRDC can provide additional information to the selected firm at a later date if the firm finds it useful.
5.	Benchmark how GIS is utilized in asset management across Michigan's regional planning agencies through surveys and interviews and identify examples where a regional GIS has successfully and unsuccessfully been implemented	Should this study focus on Transportation Assets only?	No. The full range of physical infrastructure assets – both linear and vertical – should be included and addressed as two tiers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Publicly owned water, wastewater (sanitary sewer), and transportation 2) Publicly and privately owned communications, electrical, and natural gas, and any others identified.