

## Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: November 20, 2024

Agenda Item #: 6

### **Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period beginning on December 15, 2024 and ending February 30, 2026**

Agenda item type: Action item

#### **Summary**

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is seeking to contract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. for consultant assistance and technical expertise in updating and expanding the Regional Multimodal Freight Plan, totaling an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

#### **Background**

The Denver Regional Council of Governments published a Request for Proposals in August 2024 to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to provide professional services in the development of an updated Regional Multimodal Freight Plan for the Denver region. The purpose of updating the plan is twofold:

- (1) Updating the data and analysis components of the existing plan, meeting the requirements articulated in the latest surface transportation legislation and new planning requirements identified in the Infrastructure Investments & Jobs Act.
- (2) Expanding the plan to focus on additional activities revolving around performance measurement, gap identification, land use analysis, and creating processes around project prioritization and implementation.

The 2020 version of the Regional Multimodal Freight Plan looks strategically at local freight issues, including challenges and opportunities for improvement, and offers a high-level framework for the region to engage in planning for the future of freight infrastructure. As the agency's understanding of freight topics continues to evolve, plan updates are necessary to produce more efficient, effective, and comprehensive regional freight planning products.

Two consultants submitted responses to the original Request for Proposal and were evaluated by a selection committee comprised of staff members from DRCOG, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the City of Aurora. Both consultants that submitted responses were reviewed by the quality of their RFP response and a subsequent interview.

The selection committee agreed to select Cambridge Systematics based on their extensive experience completing related projects, history of working with DRCOG, and technical expertise in freight planning activities.



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Strong alignment with the goals and activities established in the 2024 Colorado Statewide Freight Plan is essential to the success of this project. Cambridge Systematics fulfills this requirement with their recent work on the 2024 Colorado Statewide Freight Plan, making them an ideal choice to guide DRCOG's update of the Regional Multimodal Freight Plan.

**Action by others**

None

**Previous discussion/action**

None

**Recommendation**

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period beginning on December 15, 2024 and ending February 30, 2026.

**Attachment(s)**

Draft resolution

**For more information**

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