

Questions and Answers
Set #1
June 1 through June 7, 2012

Question 1: It sounds like you would like to create what would essentially be a Transition Plan for the Water Trail. Is that correct?

Answer 1: We do not need a Transition Plan, but rather a Program Accessibility Plan for the Water Trail. The Conservancy does not own any of the sites, but must ensure that its program (the Water Trail), when viewed in its entirety, is accessible to qualified people with disabilities. In practical terms, this means that the program's efforts to encourage and facilitate use of San Francisco Bay for non-motorized, small boats must encourage and facilitate that use by people with disabilities.

Question 2: Is this an open-ended contract?

Answer 2: It is a retainer contract. Specific tasks will be described in individual work programs that will include a scope, budget, and schedule. The first two tasks have already been identified and are roughly outlined in the RFS.

Question 3: To create the Accessibility Plan, will you want the consultant to make a detailed assessment of sites?

Answer 3: Detailed assessment of sites is more akin to what is needed in Task 2, which will focus on the assessment of sites where the owner has expressed interest in joining the Water Trail and receiving an evaluation. The Water Trail has no regulatory powers and site owner compliance with federal, state, local, and regional accessibility laws is the responsibility of the site owner. The Water Trail program is most interested in making the program as a whole accessible, which will include efforts to increase the accessibility of individual sites, following an approach that will be outlined in the Accessibility Plan.

Question 4: Have you thought about improving an individual site as a kind of pilot project, an example?

Answer 4: The answer to this question will be worked out as the Accessibility Plan is developed with the consultant who is hired and other people who are working on the implementation of the Water Trail with the Conservancy. It is likely that two fully accessible kayak launch sites will be built in San Francisco as part of the permanent improvements of America's Cup 34.