

Questions and Answers

RFQ – Firing Range Building Designs

Will in-person site visits or meetings be requested from WestCOG?

WestCOG does not anticipate a need for an in-person meeting and is fully prepared to utilize virtual meetings.

Will the selected Proposer be allowed to conduct in person visits to the sites under consideration?

Yes, the selected proposer will be allowed to visit the sites. Also, applicants can even arrange to visit sites during the RFQ process through arrangements with Cricket Carpenter at ccarpenter@westcog.org as detailed in the RFQ.

Will an in-person presentation of the final design options for the project to WestCOG be expected?

In person presentation of final designs is welcome but not expected.

Is it possible to interview or ask questions of trainers or personnel of departments that have indicated they would like to participate in the facility with letters of support? Either in person, in writing, or virtually?

Yes, in coordination with WestCOG and the Fairfield County Police Officer Training Association (FCPOTA), the selected applicant would have the option to interview/survey/question personnel of interested departments.

Is there a preference for the type or capabilities of the bullet trap or targeting systems?

In this question it was also noted that “Bullet traps can be made of steel or crumb rubber material with advantages and disadvantages to both and target systems can have a wide range of capabilities from lighting, turning, running, and automatically resetting with air or electrical systems.”

WestCOG does not have specific demands for targeting systems bullet traps and is open to various design concepts and defers to the expertise of applicants. Designs should favor tactical training options where possible while minimizing substantial cost increases.

The RFP states that a desire to “allow vehicles to be driven onto and parked in the range”. Would there need to be any provisions to accommodate larger, heavier, or armored vehicles on the range from SWAT or similar users?

The intention is to drive a regular police vehicle onto the range. Specialty SWAT and Armored vehicles do not need to be accounted for. However, if this accommodation is something that can be provided without a substantial increase in cost or performance the concepts are welcome.

Is there an intended life span for the use of this building and facility?

There currently is not an intended lifespan for the building. It was intended that the range would be intended for perpetual use and would be maintained with the usage fees collected during its operation.