

CAP Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Consultant Acquisition Plan (CAP)?

The Consultant Acquisition Plan (CAP) is TDOT's **forecast of anticipated consultant service procurements**. It provides information about upcoming projects that may require consultant support and helps firms plan for future business opportunities with TDOT.

2. Is the CAP a guarantee that a project will be advertised?

No. The CAP is a planning tool only. Project schedules, funding availability, priorities, and program needs may change. Inclusion in the CAP does not guarantee that a project will be advertised or awarded.

3. How often is the CAP updated?

The CAP is updated as project information changes. Users should reference the **As of Date** field to determine when project information was last updated.

4. What does "Region" mean?

Region identifies the TDOT region responsible for the project:

- Region 1 – Upper East TN (Knoxville)
- Region 2 – East TN (Chattanooga)
- Region 3 – Middle TN (Nashville)
- Region 4 – West TN (Jackson & Memphis)

5. What does "County" mean?

County identifies the Tennessee county where the project is located or primarily impacts.

6. What is a PIN?

PIN stands for **Project Identification Number**. It is the unique number used by TDOT to track and manage transportation projects throughout their lifecycle.

7. What is included in the Route & Project Description field?

This field provides the roadway or route associated with the project along with a brief description of the anticipated work.

8. What is Program Type?

Program Type categorizes transportation initiatives based on factors such as funding source, project purpose, scope, and overall program objectives.

9. What is Project Type of Work?

Project Type of Work identifies the primary engineering, construction, or operational focus of the project. Examples may include bridge work, roadway widening, paving, drainage improvements, traffic operations, lighting, signing, or other transportation-related activities.

10. What does Estimated Advertisement Date mean?

The Estimated Advertisement Date is TDOT's current estimate of when a consultant procurement advertisement may be released. This date is subject to change.

11. What does Earliest Estimated Letting Date mean?

The Earliest Estimated Letting Date represents the earliest anticipated date that the project could be let for construction. Actual letting dates may vary based on project development and funding considerations.

12. What does CEI Consultant mean?

CEI stands for **Construction Engineering and Inspection**. A "Yes" indicator means TDOT anticipates procuring CEI consultant services for the project.

13. What does Alternative Delivery (AltD) Consultant mean?

A "Yes" indicator means TDOT anticipates procuring consultant services related to an Alternative Delivery project, such as Design-Build, CM/GC, or other alternative project delivery methods.

14. Who is the PM Contract Manager?

The PM Contract Manager is the primary TDOT point of contact for consultant services associated with project management and design-related activities.

15. Who is the CEI Contract Manager?

The CEI Contract Manager is the primary TDOT point of contact for Construction Engineering and Inspection consultant services.

16. Who is the AltD Contract Manager?

The AltD Contract Manager is the primary TDOT point of contact for Alternative Delivery consultant services.

17. How do I use the dashboard filters?

Users can filter projects by:

- Region
- County
- PIN
- Program Type
- Project Type of Work
- CEI Consultant
- Alternative Delivery Consultant
- Advertisement Date Range

Filters may be used individually or in combination to narrow search results.

18. Why can't I find a project that was previously listed?

Projects may be added, removed, postponed, accelerated, or modified as funding, priorities, schedules, and program needs change. The CAP reflects the most current planning information available at the time of the last update.

19. How can consultants learn about active procurement opportunities?

The CAP is intended for planning purposes only. Official procurement opportunities will be posted through TDOT's established consultant procurement processes when advertisements are released.

20. Who should I contact if I have questions about a specific project?

Consultants should contact the applicable Contract Manager listed for the project. The appropriate contact may vary depending on whether the project involves Project Management (PM), Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI), or Alternative Delivery (AltD) services.