

Questions and Answers (11/19/15): RFP 15-4ST

1. Research Approach Task 2: "It is anticipated that one span, all girders, will be painted with the recommended paint systems."

Does this mean the entire span from pier to pier is to be painted, or only a portion of the span's girders (enough to be representative for evaluation)?

**Only the portion of the span needed to place the paint samples for evaluation.**

2. Will DOTD forces be made available for rigging, surface preparation, and painting equipment and labor?

**No; Due to the potential for schedule conflicts, the researcher needs to take the necessary steps to carry out these activities.**

3. Will surface preparation be a project variable or are we limited by standard LADOTD practice?

**The intent is to use the least costly surface preparation possible.**

4. Is the LADOTD looking for a single generic coating system or state formulation?

**Generic**

5. If the LADOTD is looking at a generic coating system, is the proposer to perform testing to populate an approved products list with similar coatings provided by various manufacturers?

**Yes! All equivalent/similar paint systems by different manufacturers need to be placed on the selected test sites and evaluated.**