

**CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING PROFESSIONAL
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SERVICES**

Questions and Answers

Q1: Interested to know how you feel this relates to/intersects with the regional strategy developed by Climate Solutions Accelerator, whom I know you work with.

A1: Our goal in writing this climate action plan is to integrate existing efforts into a framework for collaborative action. Integrating our work with the work that has been previously done, including that by the Climate Solutions Accelerator will not only validate the need for climate action in the region, but we will also be able to highlight the priorities stated in their plan. At G/FLRPC we have a larger reach across the 9-counties than that of the Accelerator so we believe we will be able to build off of their outreach efforts to our more rural areas of our region.

Q2: Could you specify what deliverables the engagement consultant will be responsible for? Would this primarily be summaries of the input from the engagement?

A2: The consultant would be responsible for the following activities:

- a. Assisting in developing monthly climate action related engagement questions and quick polls for our Social Pinpoint engagement website
- b. Support sector specific focus groups (G/FLRPC will facilitate these sessions)
- c. Facilitate public input sessions- approximately 2
- d. Summary of engagement

Q3: Do you have a sense of how many engagement sessions you would like to see the consultant facilitate? We have some concerns about the budget and the amount of engagement that will be possible.

A3: We anticipate that the consultant will be facilitating 2 in-person public workshops. The consultant will also be assisting with sector specific focus groups. 8 sector specific focus groups will meet approximately 3-4 times between August 2024 and January 2025.

Q4: Could you say a bit more about the support you are looking for for the sector specific focus groups?

A4: The goal of the focus groups are to help us identify specific strategies that can be taken to reduce GHG emissions in each sector and identify any gaps or challenges to implementing these GHG reduction measures.

G/FLRPC will need assistance with choosing the appropriate questions or prompts for the focus groups, preparing notes from the session recording, and analyzing the feedback received. All of the focus group sessions will be held via zoom.

Q5: Our team was wondering if you could share how your team envisioned the consultant for the community engagement portion of the project working with or interacting with the overall Climate Action Plan. Is there another consulting firm completing the overall plan, or is it something that is being completed internally by your staff? As we are developing a timeline, we want to make sure we are considerate of other parties who are contributing to the overall plan.

A5: G/FRLPC is working with a consultant to update and develop a greenhouse gas inventory for the 9-county region on a county and municipal scale. We anticipate a rough draft of the inventory will be completed this summer. The timing of the rough draft of the inventory being completed and the onboarding of an engagement consultant will align well to begin a robust engagement campaign to determine greenhouse gas reduction measures that the region will implement.

Q6: Would G/FLRPC like a cost summary included with the submittal?

A6: It would be helpful to be included

Q7: Would G/FLRPC like a brief scope of work with tasks outlined included with the submittal?

A7: It would be helpful to be included