

Q14: Why is the pre-proposal conference scheduled to be held on a Monday? Was there any consideration for those potential bidders who have to travel from outside Houston?

A14: The preproposal conference was scheduled on a Monday due to facility limitations at our host location during the week of September 10th through September 14th. There was significant deliberation regarding hosting the event on Monday, rather than holding the event on a day in the middle of the week. While we prefer to hold preproposal conferences on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, it was decided that it was in the best interest of the potential offerors to hold the conference sooner (on a Monday) rather than later (on a subsequent week). We regret any inconveniences this may present, particularly for those traveling from outside of the Houston area, but in the past we have found that the vast majority of potential offerors, even those traveling from outside of Houston, would prefer to have the meeting on a Monday versus delaying the conference by a week or more.