

- Are you just looking for an advisory team or are you looking for a partner to finance and implement projects?
 - *We are hoping to better understand the various types of partnerships out there so that we can consider these potential partnerships as we develop a scope and RFQ/RFP*
 - *We would like to understand what the partner can bring to the table in terms of resources and financing, open book relationships, etc.*
- Will the consultant awarded this contract also be able to pursue project development and implementation of the initiatives that will be identified during the strategic study? Or will the consultant be precluded from implementation?
 - *California Legislation 4217 Energy, 388 Distributed Generation gives some leeway on how we procure so that we may consider continuing forward with a partner once the planning portion has been completed*
- Are you expecting a comprehensive response to the RFI or just validation that the company is able to advise UCSC in the identified areas of interest?
 - *We are looking for insight from the “other side of the table” on how to develop a scope and proposal that will ensure that we hire the best firm to create a long-term partnership with that gets us to our climate & energy goals as quickly and cost-effectively as possible using the best available technologies/practices under the most efficient process.*
 - *However, this is a just a request for information so responses will not be officially evaluated nor will any contractual arrangements be made as a result of the responses to the RFI.*
 - *We would greatly appreciate a comprehensive response to the RFI, but since this is not an official bid opportunity, it is not required.*
 - *Please refer to the RFI, which indicates the questions we would like you to answer.*
- Will the University accept an independent proposal on advanced data analytics solution or should it be included within the upcoming RFP?
 - *Please submit information on any potential solutions your firm can offer through the existing RFI process.*
 - *Should an RFP follow this RFI, it would likely request a proposal for a comprehensive combination of recommended solutions beyond just advanced data analytics solutions. UCSC recommends that firms consider partnering where it may be beneficial to the approach of providing specialized, yet complementary services.*
- Are you looking to have partners spelled out in RFI response, if any?
 - *This information would be helpful but is not required. If a respondent firm has not yet identified a specific partner firm, it would be helpful to know what type of service provider the firm is targeting.*