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Question #1: Are there plans to limit the companies that can offer this certification to those that are awarded this grant?

Answer #1: No. The procedure and any required equipment list will be made public so anyone can implement it.

Question #2: Once this certification environment is in place what will the enforcement mechanism be?

Answer #2: At this time, it is anticipated that any USDOT-funded acquisitions will be tied (at an appropriate level) to using the certification process. Other than that, participation will be voluntary.

Question #3: Will 3rd party lab certification be required for any of the layers?

Answer #3: Any entity capable of implementing any of the identified processes will be able to execute them. Self-certification is possible if the entity can perform the procedures at the expected level. However, some capabilities may require specialized labs to conduct the type of testing needed (e.g. FCC part 15 license testing).

Question #4: What devices are expected to be included in this certification environment development effort?

Answer #4: All types of devices used in connected intelligent transportation systems. Any device that implements any of the information flows (e.g. some message sequences and message payloads).

Question #5: Who will provide / procure / develop the devices?

Answer #5: A number of different parties are expected to provide, develop, or procure the devices. Device makers may choose to have their devices certified prior to offering them for sale. Device procurers are likely to require certification prior to making a purchase.

Question #6: Who will provide the “multiple components” referenced in layer 4 to certify overall application abilities?

Answer #6: That is to be determined. Details have not been completely worked out and the focus for this RFA is only on layers 2 & 3.

Question #7: Are there any (special) equipment requirements identified for this project at this time or in the future?

Answer #7: Any special equipment will be identified at the early stages of the procedure development outlined in the Request for Applications.

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Question #8: What services can contractors charge related to this effort? When charging for services, please confirm if contractors are required to bill the grant rate or the commercial market rate?

Answer #8: *In accordance with the Request for Applications, the budget application will be analyzed to assess cost reasonableness and conformance to applicable cost principles.*