

Devens MVP 2.0 RFP Addendum 1.1

Response to Questions

September 18, 2025

1. *Please clarify which portion of step 3 is being covered by Devens?*

RESPONSE: The DEC and MassDevelopment have assembled the core team of staff and are reaching out to potential community liaison core team members, with the assistance of the Equity Partner. The Planning Vendor will not be responsible for coordinating the assembly of the core team but preferably the Planning Vendor should plan to be included in at least one coordination meeting and one public event at this stage.

2. *Should responses not include Step 1 and 2 in the narrative/scope since Devens is leading these pieces?*

RESPONSE: Planning vendors should acknowledge the activities in Step 1 and 2 and the assumptions made, however, these Steps do not need to be included in their scope of work.

3. *Please clarify whether the town is paying for the Community Liaison (CL) from their own budget or are Planning Vendors responsible for paying CLs?*

RESPONSE: Planning Vendors are responsible for paying for the CLs from the MVP budget, however, please see the response to question #4 below.

4. *The budgeted hourly rate for the consultant work does not meet the rate we need to charge to cover our costs. In working with other communities, they were able to address this budget gap by re-distributing hours to municipal or other staff and in some cases supplemented the budget with municipal funds. Would Devens have the flexibility to do that?*

RESPONSE: The selection and procurement of the planning vendor is at the DEC's discretion. We will work with our Equity Partner to determine which proposal best addresses the community's 2.0 needs, including overall budget and skillset.

5. *What is the timeframe for choosing the planning vendor?*

RESPONSE: The Planning Vendor selection will be made in early October. Potential interviews, if they are to take place, are anticipated to be scheduled around October 6-8.

6. *Do you anticipate that October 2025 would be the first month of the project schedule, and that the planning vendor scope is to be completed by the end of June 2026?*

RESPONSE: This is correct. The Planning Vendor should begin their timeline in the last two weeks of October, and work will be completed by the end of June 2026.

7. *Who is the selected Equity Partner for the MVP 2.0 process?*

RESPONSE: The MVP Team have provided Equity Partners for the 2.0 process. We are working with ACBC Consulting (<https://www.acbcconsulting.com/copy-of-about>) as our Equity Partner.

8. *Do you already have community liaisons (non-municipal employees/interested residents) involved in the HMP update process?*

RESPONSE: We are coordinating recruitment of the community liaisons for MVP 2.0. We have not started public engagement in the HMP Update process but have conducted staff core team meetings.

9. *What is the current status of your HMP update and what is the expected schedule to complete the HMP update and submit the revised plan to FEMA/MEMA for approval? Are there any remaining*

public meetings scheduled or expected to complete the HMP update?

RESPONSE: The approximate schedule anticipates submission of the revised plan for FEMA/MEMA review in the spring. The consultant and core team have prepared hazard profiles and risks and are identifying mitigation goals. Two public meetings will still be held. It is anticipated that one may be in November and another in January to review the draft plan.