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## Sign Program

### Questions and Answers regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP)

**Question:** Should the proposal be sent via email, or should it be physically delivered?

**Answer:** Either one. If sending via email, it should be directed to Jane Love at [jane@carolinathreadtrail.org](mailto:jane@carolinathreadtrail.org).

**Question:** Do you have the MS Excel working document (template to fill out) that is on page 46 of the RFP?

**Answer:** Yes, we can share that.

**Question:** Under quantity (in the table on page 46) it just says "Phase 1 or". Is there more to that description that we need to be aware of for pricing?

**Answer:** The Thread Trail is making the best effort to predict the first two years of production, but we are not attempting to predict year three and beyond, as a longer range plan would be more likely to change.

**Question:** The RFP states that a vendor will be selected by the end of the year (2021). Is there a timeframe in which actual installation is expected?

**Answer:** We anticipate the first order to go in during the first quarter of 2022. Installations will likely accelerate as we gain experience in the process. We have 300 miles of trail on the ground and naturally those segments are the starting point. About 200 additional miles of trail are in development. Blueways will also have signage eventually.

**Question:** Is there a priority with the type of signage that would go in first (e.g. all the trailheads)?

**Answer:** No, not by type. The order of installation would be more geographically based – to finish in a given county once we start in that county. Given the responsiveness of some of the partner agencies, the first counties would be Gaston, Cabarrus, and York.

**Question:** Is the signage on the rivers (blueways) a lower priority?

**Answer:** While we do currently have some signage at the launches, we would eventually like to have some signs along the blueway routes to indicate, for example, distance to take-outs. But that will be very site-specific, with respect to what the signs may be attached to, and so, yes, we expect those signs will come later.