1. The RFP writes heavily about address based sampling but on the call you suggested other approaches are acceptable. I don't see much mention of this in the RFP, can you direct me to that language?

Please refer to page 10 of the RFP which states:

“First 5 LA expects applicants to make suggestions and amendments as they deem appropriate and feasible. Applicants are encouraged to propose additional methods or supplemental methods to be used particularly when the proposed methods are not successful at obtaining the desired sample sizes. In other words, this section is not designed to be a fixed or exhaustive list of approaches, strategies and activities and is included to give an overview of the current thinking of the Commission.”

2. Data collection crossing over contract years can be challenging due to budgeting.

We certainly acknowledge that this can be challenging to do, but we have to work within the policies that have been determined by the Commission for contracting and budgeting. However, we have a number of options open to us, such as Scope of Work modifications and budget modifications if we find that the challenges necessitate making substantial changes to planned activities and budgeting over the course of the 2 year project.

3. I'd like more info about the deliverables based contracting. Can an example be shared from an existing contract?

A very simple example to draw upon would be the set of deliverables we used for the background paper that is included as part of the appendices. Deliverables for this contract included memos detailing early conference calls and meetings as we framed the project, an initial outline for the report which was shared before any of the major writing was undertaken and then a draft and final version of the background paper. For this particular project we would also expect to formulate some deliverables based around data collection efforts, i.e. a deliverable payment could be scheduled when a certain % of the data has been collected. This is something that we have done with other survey projects and has worked well for us.

4. Deliverables can be tasks "along the way", correct?

Yes.

5. Successful bidder doesn't, for example, only get paid when data collection is complete, but can set it up for payment upon: 25% complete, 50% complete, etc.

Yes
6. Will the names of the participants on the webinar be released?

First 5 LA will only share the name of participants who consent to have their information shared. We will only share this information with others who have also agreed to share their information.

7. Will the selected organization need to rebid for the second contract year? Is that bidding process open to other organizations?

No, the selected organization will not need to rebid for the second contract year. Assuming that both parties are satisfied with the pace and quality of work a renewal will only be pending Commission approval.