

Projections and Allocations of Population, Housing and Employment Growth Request for Proposals: Questions and Responses

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Questions	Responses
<p>Would you want to create another excel based model?</p>	<p>On the most recent occasion SCOG hired a consultant for a similar project to prepare growth projections and allocations, several models were prepared and delivered to SCOG in Microsoft Excel workbooks. That project was conducted in 2013–2014. These models remain on file with SCOG and were most recently updated by SCOG staff in 2020–2021 as SCOG updated the metropolitan-regional transportation plan.</p> <p>For the 2023–2024 project, SCOG welcomes utilizing Excel models again or any other models that would deliver the desired content in the Scope of Services. The model developed by the Washington State Department of Commerce for the housing projections and allocations is in Excel, so SCOG’s expectation is that housing projections and allocations would be in Excel utilizing that model, at a minimum.</p>
<p>What worked well in the past allocation effort and what did you do differently in this process?</p>	<p>The consultant work in 2013–2014 for growth projections and allocations yielded several models and a methodology memorandum that have been reviewed often over the past 10 years, and utilized by SCOG and local governments.</p> <p>For the 2023–2024 project, there is a greater emphasis on documentation than there was in 2013–2014. As an example, Task 6 in the Scope of Services includes draft and final reports, which were not prepared in 2013–2014. Including greater documentation of the process is consistent with earlier related projects done in Skagit County in the 1990s and 2000s, where final reports provided greater documentation of the process followed than what was required for the 2013–2014 project.</p> <p>Another change is the addition of housing projections and allocations in response to House Bill 1220, and project components related to this work, which is new to the Skagit region and statewide.</p> <p>Much of the work conducted in 2013–2014 – including project administration, technical workshop, model development and methodology document – provided a historical framework for what appears in the Scope of Services for the 2023–2024 project.</p>