

TEXAS WINDSTORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Vendor to Supply Secondary Modifiers

Issue Date: July 16, 2021

**Responses to this Request for Information must be received on or before
August 16, 2021 11:59pm CST, Austin, Texas**

NOTE: Responses must be submitted by email on or before the hour and date specified. Late responses will not be considered under any circumstances. Dates of receipt will be date shown as received by our system. In no event will TWIA be liable for responses delayed by email systems.

Refer Inquiries and Responses to:

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1. General Information

1.1. Introduction

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) is an association of property insurers created pursuant to Chapter 2210 of the Texas Insurance Code. TWIA insures against losses due to windstorm and hail in certain designated areas of Texas. TWIA invites all qualified Respondents to submit responses in accordance with this Request for Information (RFI).

1.2. Purpose

The purpose of this RFI is for TWIA to discern the availability and cost of secondary modifier information as described in this RFI.

1.3. Disclaimer

This Request for Information (RFI) does not create any representation, either express or implied, that:

- any tender or procurement process will proceed; or
- if a tender or procurement process does proceed, that the participant's tender or other form of application (if any) will be given any preference or special consideration.

1.4. TWIA Contact Person

The TWIA contact person identified below is the sole point of contact for this RFI.

James Murphy
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jmurphy@twia.org

1.5. Submission Deadline

Responses to this RFI must be received on or before the hour and date specified on page 1 of this RFI. Dates of receipt will be date shown as received by our system. In no event will TWIA be liable for responses delayed by delivery services or email systems. Late responses will not be considered under any circumstances. TWIA reserves the right to evaluate responses submitted prior to the stated deadline as they are received.

1.6. Schedule of Events

The time schedule for this RFI is shown below. TWIA reserves the right to amend the schedule.

Date	Event
July 16, 2021	Issuance of RFI
July 23, 2021	Deadline for Submission of Written Questions
July 30, 2021	Responses to Written Questions Provided By TWIA
August 16, 2021	Deadline for Submissions

1.7. General Terms

1.7.1. No TWIA Obligations for Costs

TWIA accepts no obligations for costs incurred in responding to this RFI. All of the costs and expenses incurred by any Respondent in connection with or arising out of its possible or actual response to this RFI, including without limitation the cost of developing and preparing a response, shall be entirely the responsibility of the Respondent and shall not be borne or reimbursed directly or indirectly by TWIA, whether or not (a) the Respondent formally submits a response; (b) such response, if submitted, is rejected by TWIA; (c) the Respondent is awarded the contract; or (d) the RFI is withdrawn by TWIA.

1.7.2. Press Releases

Press releases pertaining to this RFI and/or any resulting contract or the services to which they are related shall not be made without the prior written approval of TWIA, and then only in accordance with explicit written instructions from TWIA. The disclosure of the contents of submissions prior to the award of any contract resulting from this RFI may result in disqualification.

1.7.3. Right to Amend, Modify, or Withdraw the RFI

TWIA reserves the right to alter, amend, or modify any provisions of this RFI or to rescind, revoke, or withdraw this RFI, in whole or in part, at any time.

1.7.4. Written Questions and Official Response

Respondents may submit written questions addressed to the TWIA contact person identified in Section 1.4. All questions must be received, in writing via email, by the TWIA contact person no later than 5 p.m. Central Time on July 23, 2021. It is the sole responsibility of Respondents to verify timely receipt of emailed questions. Responses to timely submitted questions that are not already addressed in the RFI will be posted on the TWIA website on July 30, 2021.

2. Specifications

2.1. Overview

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) is requesting submissions for the services described below in Section 2.2. TWIA engages with third party vendors to provide probabilistic catastrophe (CAT) modeling services and is investigating the availability and cost of additional

information (secondary modifiers) about its residential book of business to incorporate into model results. TWIA currently has access to some of the data described in the attached Exhibit. The Association is seeking information about incorporating additional secondary modifier data to provide more accurate modeling results.

2.2. Description of Services

2.2.1. Information Requested

Vendor's Ability to Supply Secondary Modifiers. TWIA requests confirmation of the vendor's current ability to supply each of the secondary modifiers accepted by current catastrophe modeling vendors for each of the properties identified by the Association. Please refer to the attached Exhibit for a non-exhaustive list of secondary modifiers. If the vendor cannot provide one or more secondary modifiers, please so indicate. If the vendor can supply related types of secondary modifiers instead of or in addition to those listed, please so indicate and explain.

2.2.2. Workplan and Schedule of Services

TWIA requests vendor's detailed explanation of its proposed workplan and schedule to supply the requested information.

2.2.3. Cost of Services

TWIA requests vendor's pricing schedule related to the services outlined herein.

2.3. Qualifications and Experience of Respondent

Responded should explain their status as an expert or qualifications to provide TWIA the information described above.

3. Response Format

3.1.1. General

There are no particular format requirements for a response, other than it include all information sufficient to evaluate the Respondent's qualifications and information related to this RFI.

3.1.2. Contact, References, and Other Information

Please list the name, title, phone number, and email of at least two (2) individuals who will be the contact persons for this RFI and who have the authority to respond to questions from TWIA.

Name _____
Title: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Name _____
Title: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

- 3.1.3. Qualifications**
Respondent must specifically detail the names, qualifications, education, training, experience, and certifications of any employee who will or may provide services under any contract resulting from this RFI.

- 3.1.4. Other Information**
Respondents may include any information that Respondent considers relevant but not solicited in this RFI.

RFI for Vendor to Supply Secondary Modifiers
Exhibit A

AIR Touchstone Secondary Risk Characteristics	RMS v11.0 Secondary Modifiers
Appurtenant Structures	Construction Quality
Average Adjacent Building Height	Roof Covering
Building Condition	Roof Age / Condition
Building Foundation Connection	Roof Geometry
Certified Structure (IBHS)	Roof Anchor
Exterior Doors	Roof Equipment Hurricane Bracing
Floor of Interest	Commercial Appurtenant Structures
Glass Percent	Residential Appurtenant Structures
Glass Type	Opening Protection
Large Missile Source	Cladding Type
Project Completion Percentage	Roof Sheathing Attachment
Project Phase	Frame-Foundation Connection
Roof Anchorage	Basement
Roof Attached Structures	Ground Level Equipment
Roof Covering	Percent Complete
Roof Covering Attachment	Year Upgrade
Roof Deck	Flashing and Coping Quality
Roof Deck Attachment	Content Grade
Roof Geometry	BI Preparedness
Roof Pitch	BI Redundancy
Roof Year-built	IFM Structure Condition
Seal of Approval	IFM Outdoor Machinery/Equipment Bracing
Small Debris Source	IFM Vertical Exposure Distribution
Terrain Roughness	IFM Site Hazard
Tree Exposure	

Wall Attached Structures	
Wall Siding	
Wall Type	
Window Protection	