



***Specialized Professional Services – Code Adoption
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Answers to Submitted Questions***



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• **CATEGORY 1 – SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE DISCREPANCIES**

Q1. *The Public Notice states the proposal submission deadline as March 8, 2026, while Section 8.2 of the RFP states March 18, 2026. Which date is the binding submission deadline?*

Q2. *Table 4 of the RFP shows the Evaluation Period beginning March 6, 2026, which precedes both stated submission deadlines. Please confirm the correct evaluation start date.*

Q3. *Table 4 of the RFP shows the Notice of Award on the same date as the proposal submission deadline. Please clarify the intended Notice of Award date.*

Responses to Q1 to Q3: Revised Procurement Schedule Notice

- The deadline for proposal submission is **March 8, 2026**.
- The evaluation period begins immediately upon the close of the submission period and concludes on **March 16, 2026**.
- The Notice of Award (NOA) is scheduled for **March 18, 2026**.

This revised timetable was published on the official procurement portal as **Addendum No. 1 to RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-05**.

The schedule set forth in Addendum No. 1 supersedes all previously published dates and shall govern the procurement process moving forward.

All proposers are responsible for reviewing Addendum No. 1 in its entirety and for complying with the revised deadlines and requirements contained therein.

Milestone	Description	Date
RFP Issuance Date	Official Releasing of the Request for Proposals.	<i>February 20, 2026</i>
Deadline to Submit Questions	Written inquiries due by 11:59 p.m., San Juan, PR.	<i>February 27, 2026</i>
Publication of Addenda / Responses	PRDEDC issues written clarifications and responses.	<i>March 4, 2026</i>
Proposal Submission Deadline	Proposals due electronically by by 11:59 p.m., San Juan, PR.	<i>March 8, 2026</i>

Evaluation Period	Administrative, technical, presentation, and financial review	March 16, 2026
Notice of Award	Notification of selected proposer.	March 18, 2026

- **CATEGORY 2 – CONTRACTOR INTERFACE WITH RFP-06**

Q4. OGPe has simultaneously issued RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-06 for Professional Media Developer Services, which also requires public outreach, stakeholder engagement, educational materials, and coordination with the PR Codes Committee and municipal officials. Please clarify the intended division of responsibility between the RFP-05 and RFP-06 contractors with respect to: (a) public outreach and stakeholder engagement activities; (b) communications and educational materials; and (c) coordination with the PR Codes Committee and municipal officials.

Response to Q4:

With respect to media communications only, it is OGPe’s expectation that the contractor selected under **RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-06 (Professional Media Developer Services)** shall serve as the primary liaison for all public-facing media communications, outreach messaging, and development of communications materials.

The contractor under **RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-05 (Specialized Professional Services – Code Adoption)** shall focus on technical code development and subject matter support. Any public outreach, stakeholder engagement, or educational content generated under RFP-05 shall be coordinated through and aligned with the media communications strategy led by the RFP-06 contractor.

Coordination with the Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee and municipal officials for technical matters remains within the scope of RFP-05; however, dissemination, public messaging, and formal communications shall be managed in coordination with the RFP-06 contractor to ensure consistency and centralized communications oversight.

In the event of any perceived overlap of duties, the Specialized Professional Services contractor under RFP-05 shall act as the primary contact or lead facilitator for purposes of technical alignment and subject matter direction, while media execution and communications strategy remain under the leadership of the RFP-06 contractor.

Q5. Will OGPe provide a unified outreach and communications framework that the RFP-05 contractor must align to, or is the RFP-05 contractor expected to develop its own stakeholder engagement approach independently of the RFP-06 contractor?

Response to Q5:

OGPe will maintain a unified outreach and communications framework under the direction of the contractor selected pursuant to RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-06 (Professional Media Developer Services).

The contractor under **RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-05 (Specialized Professional Services – Code Adoption)** is not expected to develop an independent stakeholder engagement or communications strategy. Rather, RFP-05 shall align its technical content, stakeholder interactions, and subject-matter input with the outreach structure and communications protocols established under RFP-06.

RFP-05 remains responsible for technical engagement related to code development and coordination with the Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee and municipal officials. However, all public-facing communications, messaging strategy, and formal outreach initiatives shall be coordinated through the unified framework to ensure consistency, centralized oversight, and avoidance of duplication.

Q6. Will the RFP-05 and RFP-06 contractors be required to coordinate directly with each other? If so, will OGPe establish a formal coordination protocol, designate a lead contractor, or provide a structured interface mechanism to prevent duplication of effort, conflicting stakeholder communications, or inconsistent messaging?

Response to Q6:

Yes. The contractors selected under **RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-05** and **RFP-DDEC-OGPe-2026-06** will be required to coordinate directly with each other.

OGPe will establish a structured coordination framework to ensure alignment of technical content, stakeholder engagement activities, and public communications. This framework will include:

- Defined roles and scope boundaries.
- A designated communications lead under RFP-06 for all public-facing messaging.
- Technical leadership under RFP-05 for subject-matter accuracy and code development matters.

- Periodic coordination meetings as directed by OGPe.
- Centralized oversight by OGPe to prevent duplication of effort, conflicting stakeholder communications, or inconsistent messaging.

RFP-05 shall serve as the lead facilitator in matters involving technical interpretation or subject-matter direction. RFP-06 shall serve as the lead for media execution and communications strategy. OGPe retains final authority over alignment, approvals, and conflict resolution.

- **CATEGORY 3 – SCOPE CLARIFICATIONS**

Q7. Please identify the specific ICC Model Codes that are in scope for this engagement (e.g., IBC, IRC, IFC, IEBC, IMC, IPC, IECC, and/or others), and confirm whether any codes are explicitly out of scope.

Response to Q7:

The ICC Model Codes in scope for this engagement correspond to the codes currently adopted in Puerto Rico (2018 editions) and to be evaluated for update to the 2024 editions, as applicable. These include:

- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Residential Code (IRC)
- International Fire Code (IFC)
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- International Plumbing Code (IPC)
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC)
- International Private Sewage Disposal (IPSDC)
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC)
- International Green Construction Code (IgCC) — New for Puerto Rico
- International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) — New for Puerto Rico

In addition, supplemental ICC publications or related standards (such as Off-Site and Modular Construction provisions) may be evaluated if determined necessary by the Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee.

No ICC model code is expressly excluded at this stage; however, only those listed above are presumptively within scope. Consideration of any additional or supplemental model

code not currently adopted in Puerto Rico shall occur only upon formal determination by the Committee. Under those conditions, the Proponent shall provide technical guidance regarding feasibility, implementation impact, and recommendations concerning the advisability of adoption as a supplemental local code.

Absent such formal determination, any model code not listed above shall be considered outside the scope of this engagement.

Q8. Has OGPe or any prior contractor completed preliminary gap analysis work comparing the current Puerto Rico Construction Codes to the ICC Model Codes, or developed a regulatory inventory of existing statutes and regulations governing construction? If so, will these materials be made available to the selected contractor as a baseline upon contract award?

Response to Q8:

No formal gap analysis has been completed comparing the current Puerto Rico Construction Codes to the ICC Model Codes. To date, identified gaps have been addressed as they arise through committee review and amendment processes, rather than through a comprehensive comparative study.

Given the current time constraints of this engagement, a comprehensive gap analysis between the Puerto Rico Construction Codes and the ICC Model Codes may not be feasible within the period of performance. While such analysis would be desirable, it is recognized as an ambitious undertaking.

Accordingly, proposers are encouraged to include within their work plan a practical approach or phased methodology that could advance or support a future gap analysis effort, to the extent feasible within the scope, schedule, and available resources of this engagement. Full completion of such analysis is not required as a primary deliverable under this contract.

With respect to a regulatory inventory, the Government of Puerto Rico is currently developing a broader inventory of regulatory guides, which includes the Puerto Rico Construction Codes as part of a larger government-wide initiative. This inventory (Permit Code) has not yet been formally issued.

Once formally presented by the Governor and released for implementation, the relevant materials will be made available to the selected contractor for reference and coordination purposes.

Q9. Will the selected contractor have access to prior code committee work products, and relevant FEMA grant agreement documents?

Response to Q9:

Yes.

The selected contractor will be granted access to relevant prior Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee work products, as well as applicable FEMA grant agreement documents, to the extent permitted under applicable confidentiality and administrative requirements. Access will be provided following contract execution and in accordance with OGPe protocols.

Q10. With respect to Service Domain 2 (Regulatory Review and Improvement), please clarify the expected depth of statutory drafting. Specifically: is the contractor expected to produce full legislative bill language for submission to the Puerto Rico Legislature, or is the scope limited to administrative regulatory amendments and recommendations that OGPe can adopt through its own rulemaking authority?

Response to Q10:

Under Service Domain 2 (Regulatory Review and Improvement), the primary expectation is the development of administrative regulatory amendments, technical recommendations, and implementation guidance within OGPe’s rulemaking authority.

Preparation of fully developed legislative bill language for submission to the Puerto Rico Legislature is not required as a baseline deliverable.

However, where statutory changes are identified as necessary to achieve full code alignment or regulatory modernization, the contractor shall:

- Identify the statutory provisions requiring amendment.
- Provide structured policy recommendations and drafting concepts; and
- Outline a clear legislative pathway, including sequencing and implementation considerations.

Given the time constraints of this engagement, development of complete legislative bill may not be feasible within the period of performance. While such a task would be desirable, it is recognized as an ambitious undertaking. Accordingly, proposers should include within their work plan a practical methodology and phased approach for advancing statutory drafting, should OGPe determine that such action is warranted.

Q11. With respect to FEMA and COR3 coordination for grant compliance purposes, will the contractor interact directly with FEMA and COR3 representatives, or will OGPe serve as the sole interface and the contractor's role be limited to preparing documentation and supporting OGPe in those interactions?

Response to Q11:

The contractor's role with respect to FEMA and COR3 coordination shall be advisory in nature.

The contractor will assist OGPe in preparing documentation, technical justifications, compliance materials, and supporting analyses required for grant compliance purposes. When necessary, the contractor may accompany OGPe representatives in meetings or technical discussions with FEMA and COR3.

However, OGPe will remain the official and primary interface with FEMA and COR3. The contractor shall not act independently on behalf of OGPe in grant-related communications unless expressly authorized in writing.

Q12. Please clarify the delineation of responsibilities between the selected contractor and the Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee with respect to technical drafting, amendment formulation, and final code content determinations.

Revised Response to Q12:

The Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee retains final authority over technical drafting decisions, amendment formulation, and determination of final code content.

The selected contractor shall serve in an advisory and technical support capacity. This includes assisting in research, comparative analysis, technical justification, and preparation of proposed amendments for Committee consideration.

Amendment drafting by the contractor shall be limited to special amendments specifically requested by OGPe to address regulatory changes, statutory mandates, federal requirements, or identified implementation gaps.

The contractor may accompany OGPe and Committee representatives in technical meetings when requested.

For administrative chapters (typically Chapters 1 and 2 of each code), as well as Puerto Rico-specific provisions or newly developed local codes, the contractor shall take a primary drafting role, subject to Committee review and approval.

Q13. Is the contractor expected to prepare substantive technical code amendments (including redlines to ICC-based provisions), or is the scope limited to comparative analysis and regulatory alignment recommendations?

Response to Q13:

For technical code provisions, the scope of services is limited to comparative analysis, regulatory alignment evaluation, and technical recommendations as they relate to procedures, implementation considerations, and regulatory consistency.

The contractor is not expected to prepare substantive redlined amendments to ICC-based technical provisions as a primary deliverable.

However, provision of administrative support personnel to assist OGPe and the Puerto Rico Construction Code Committee in the redline formatting, document consolidation, and preparation of materials for final publication is highly desirable and strongly preferred, given current staffing limitations within OGPe. Such assistance shall remain supportive in nature and shall not constitute independent technical authorship or final content authority.

Q14. Under Section 3.2.4 (Procurement and Grant Compliance Support), does procurement support include participation in proposal evaluation committees for related procurements?

Response to Q14:

Procurement support under Section 3.2.4 (Procurement and Grant Compliance Support) may include participation in proposal evaluation committees for related procurements, only as needed and upon request by OGPe.

Such participation shall be advisory in nature and subject to applicable procurement integrity, confidentiality, and conflict-of-interest requirements. OGPe retains full authority over evaluation determinations and award decisions.

• **CATEGORY 4 – LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Q15. The provision of legal services in Puerto Rico is restricted to attorneys licensed by the Puerto Rico Supreme Court. The unauthorized practice of law is a criminal offense under Puerto Rico law. Given that the core deliverables of this contract, including regulatory gap analysis, statutory and regulatory drafting, legal review of proposed code amendments, and compliance with the Puerto Rico Administrative Procedure Act, constitute the practice of law under Puerto Rico law, please confirm that: (a) only a Puerto Rico-licensed law firm

is legally eligible to serve as the prime contractor under this RFP; and (b) proposals submitted by consulting firms, communications firms, or other non-law-firm entities that propose to perform these legal functions will be deemed non-responsive.

Response to Q15:

OGPe recognizes that the provision of legal services in Puerto Rico, including formal legal representation and legal advisement, is restricted to attorneys duly licensed by the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico.

To the extent that services under this RFP require legal advisement (such as statutory interpretation, formal legal review, or matters implicating the Puerto Rico Administrative Procedure Act) such functions must be performed by a properly licensed Puerto Rico attorney.

However, the RFP is not limited exclusively to law firms. Entities that are not law firms may submit proposals, provided that any services constituting the practice of law are performed by or under the supervision of attorneys licensed in Puerto Rico, as applicable.

Proposals will be evaluated under a point-based evaluation methodology. Failure to demonstrate appropriate legal qualifications or compliance with applicable legal practice requirements, where relevant to the proposed scope, may result in a lower technical score or affect overall responsiveness, depending on the nature of the proposed services.

Q16. At this stage, does OGPe anticipate that code alignment will require legislative amendments, or is the current strategy limited to regulatory updates under existing statutory authority?

Response to Q16:

At this stage, OGPe does not anticipate that code alignment will require legislative amendments.

The current strategy is focused on regulatory updates and technical alignment within existing statutory authority. Should future analysis identify statutory barriers, such matters would be evaluated separately and addressed through the appropriate legislative process.

Q17. If statutory amendments are identified as necessary, will legislative coordination fall within the contractor's scope, or will this be handled internally by OGPe/DDEC?

Response to Q17:

If statutory amendments are identified as necessary, legislative coordination will be handled by OGPe and/or DDEC.

The contractor's role, if applicable, would be limited to providing technical support, background analysis, and drafting concepts to inform internal policy discussions. The contractor shall not independently engage in legislative representation or advocacy unless expressly authorized in writing.

OGPe and DDEC retain responsibility for all formal legislative coordination and government-to-government communications.

CATEGORY 5 – FEMA/HMGP GRANT COMPLIANCE

Q18. Are there specific FEMA HMGP reporting templates or grant conditions that proposer should be aware of when designing their monitoring and reporting approach?

Will OGPe provide existing FEMA/HMGP reporting and compliance templates, or should the contractor develop the full documentation framework from scratch?

Response to Q18:

There are no unique or project-specific FEMA HMGP reporting templates beyond those already established under applicable grant agreements. Standardized forms, templates, and reporting guidance are available through the COR3 portal and shall govern monitoring and reporting requirements. The selected contractor shall design its monitoring and reporting approach in alignment with those standardized COR3 and FEMA requirements.

Q19. Please confirm the expected reporting frequency under HMGP Project 4339-0002 (monthly, quarterly, or other).

Response to Q19:

The expected reporting frequency under HMGP Project 4339-0002 is **quarterly**, consistent with standard grant reporting practices.

Additional reporting may be required in response to specific Requests for Information (RFI) issued by FEMA or COR3.

Q20. Is there an existing grant monitoring, audit, or reporting framework currently in place that the contractor must integrate into?

Response to Q20:

There is an existing grant monitoring and reporting framework in place through FEMA and COR3 requirements. However, there is no separate audit framework specific to this engagement beyond standard grant compliance requirements.

The selected contractor shall integrate its monitoring and reporting activities into the established FEMA and COR3 reporting structure and comply with applicable grant conditions and documentation standards. OGPe will provide relevant guidance upon contract execution.

Q21. Are there any prior FEMA or oversight findings related to this project or similar code adoption grants that proposers should consider when designing compliance controls?

Response to Q21:

At this time, OGPe is not aware of any prior FEMA or oversight findings specific to this project that would require proposers to design corrective compliance controls beyond standard grant management practices.

Proposers should structure their compliance approach in accordance with applicable FEMA and COR3 requirements, incorporating standard internal controls, documentation protocols, and reporting safeguards consistent with federal grant administration standards.

• **CATEGORY 6 – GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Q22. Does OGPe anticipate adopting the updated codes by incorporation by reference to ICC Model Codes, or through full codification and republication?

Response to Q22:

At this stage, OGPe anticipates proceeding through full codification and republication of the Puerto Rico Construction Codes, consistent with the approach followed in the 2018

adoption process, rather than adoption solely by incorporation by reference to the ICC Model Codes.

This approach supports clarity, accessibility, and administrative consistency within the Commonwealth’s regulatory framework. Final determination will remain subject to Committee review and applicable rulemaking procedures.

Q23. Has OGPe secured appropriate licensing from the International Code Council to permit reproduction, redlining, or digital comparison of the Model Codes as part of this engagement?

Response to Q23:

OGPe maintains the necessary institutional relationships and access to ICC Model Codes required for official code development activities.

Any reproduction, redlining, digital comparison, or related use of ICC materials under this engagement shall be conducted in compliance with applicable licensing terms and intellectual property requirements of the International Code Council, as established under the agreement between the International Code Council and the Government of Puerto Rico.

The selected contractor will be required to adhere to all ICC copyright and licensing conditions. If additional licensing or permissions are required for specific tools or publication formats, such matters will be addressed in coordination with OGPe.

- **CATEGORY 7 – ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBMISSION**

Q24. The RFP does not specify a page limit for the technical proposal. Is there a maximum page count, and if not, does OGPe have a preferred length or format guidance for the technical narrative?

Response to Q24:

The RFP does not establish a maximum page limit for the technical proposal.

As general guidance, a technical narrative in the range of 15 to 30 pages is considered appropriate for an engagement of this complexity, excluding required forms, resumes, and appendices.

No points will be deducted based solely on length. Evaluation consideration will be given to the completeness, clarity, and responsiveness of the proposal to the stated scope and

evaluation criteria. Proposers are encouraged to ensure their submissions are thorough, well-structured, and directly aligned with the requirements of the RFP.

Q25. Will shortlisted proposers be required to provide oral presentations or interviews as part of the evaluation process?

Response to Q25:

OGPe reserves the right, if deemed necessary, to request clarifications from shortlisted proposers.

Such clarifications may be requested in written form and/or through an interview or oral presentation, at OGPe’s discretion. Any such request will be conducted in accordance with applicable procurement procedures to ensure fairness and consistency in the evaluation process.

Q26. Is OGPe anticipating a pre-bid meeting or informational session for registered proposers?

Response to Q26:

OGPe is not currently anticipating a pre-bid meeting or informational session for registered proposers.

All questions and requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing in accordance with the RFP instructions. Responses will be issued through formal addenda to ensure equal notice to all prospective proposers.

Q27. The “Registered Proposer” requirement described in Section 7.1 of the RFP, states that only firms that formally request and obtain the official RFP documents through the designated email address will be considered registered proposers and eligible to participate in related procurement activities. Given that the RFP document has also been made publicly accessible through the official procurement portal, we kindly request confirmation as to whether a separate formal request via the designated email address is mandatory in order to be recognized as a registered proposer and eligible for submission.

Response to Q27:

No. A separate formal request through the designated email address **is not mandatory** if the proposer has accessed the RFP through the official procurement portal. Either method is acceptable for purposes of participation.

However, all proposal submittals must be sent to the designated email address identified in the RFP.

Proposers remain responsible for ensuring receipt of all addenda and official communications issued in connection with this procurement.

Q28. Are teaming arrangements and subcontracting permitted? If so, are there any restrictions on the percentage of work that may be subcontracted, or requirements regarding the prime contractor's direct performance of specific service domains?

Response to Q28:

Yes. Teaming arrangements and subcontracting are permitted under this RFP.

There is no fixed percentage limitation on subcontracting established at this time. However, the prime contractor shall remain fully responsible for overall contract performance, coordination, quality control, and compliance with all contractual and grant requirements.

The prime contractor must demonstrate direct capacity and active management of the core service domains proposed. Any subcontracted services must be clearly identified in the proposal, including scope of work, qualifications, and reporting relationships.

OGPe reserves the right to review and approve key subcontractors and may consider the degree of direct involvement by the prime contractor as part of the technical evaluation.

Q29. The RFP states the period of performance ends October 30, 2026. If the contract is awarded in late March 2026, the performance window is approximately 7 months. Is an extension possible if federal grant funds remain available and work is ongoing, or if state funds become available?

Response to Q29:

The current period of performance is established through October 30, 2026, consistent with the applicable grant parameters and project schedule.

An extension may be considered if federal grant funds remain available, and an extension is authorized under applicable FEMA and COR3 requirements. Any such extension would be subject to grant approval, funding availability, and formal contract amendment.

It is within the scope of this contract for the selected contractor to assist OGPe in preparing and supporting requests for Period of Performance (POP) extensions, if and

when such opportunities arise. This assistance may include documentation, justification narratives, updated schedules, and coordination support as required.

No extension is guaranteed. Any modification to the period of performance must be formally approved and documented.

Q30. Considering that the scope of services under this RFP consists exclusively of professional consulting, regulatory analysis, and grant compliance support, and does not involve capital intensive construction activities, advance mobilization costs, performance bonding, equipment procurement or significant financial exposure to the Government, we respectfully request confirmation as to whether internally prepared GAAP-compliant financial statements, certified by an authorized officer of the firm, may be accepted in lieu of CPA-issued statements for purposes of satisfying the Mandatory Requirements. Requiring CPA-issued statements for engagements of limited financial risk may impose disproportionate transactional costs on smaller but qualified professional firms. Accordingly, we request confirmation as to whether OGPe may exercise discretion in this matter.

Response to Q30:

OGPe acknowledges the nature of the services contemplated under this RFP and the limited financial exposure associated with this engagement.

Accordingly, OGPe will accept internally prepared financial statements that are GAAP-and certified by an authorized officer of the firm as an alternative to CPA-issued financial statements for purposes of demonstrating financial capacity under this procurement..

This alternative is conditioned upon:

- Submission of complete financial statements covering the most recent fiscal year;
- A signed certification by an authorized officer attesting to their accuracy and completeness; and
- OGPe’s determination that the documentation submitted is sufficient to demonstrate financial capacity and responsibility.

OGPe reserves the right to request additional financial information if deemed necessary to assess responsibility prior to award.

Q31. Given the requirement to submit 14 separate certifications from Puerto Rican Government bodies that would primarily apply to locally-registered businesses (debt and tax certifications, PR employer registration, social security and state insurance fund certifications, etc.), do organizations domiciled outside of Puerto Rico are even eligible for consideration?

Response to Q31:

Yes. Organizations domiciled outside of Puerto Rico are eligible to submit proposals and be considered for award.

Compliance with all applicable mandatory requirements remains a condition of contract execution. Certifications issued by Puerto Rico governmental entities will be required to the extent they apply to the proposer’s legal and operational status.

For entities not currently registered to do business in Puerto Rico, applicable registrations, tax compliance certifications, and other required governmental clearances must be obtained prior to contract execution, if selected for award.

OGPe recognizes that certain certification and registration requirements (particularly for out-of-state entities) may require additional processing time. Given the time constraints of this procurement, these aspects will be reasonably considered and addressed within the framework of applicable procurement regulations. However, required certifications must be in place before contract execution.

- **CATEGORY 8 – MISCELLANEOUS**

Q33. Does OGPe expect outreach and education materials to be delivered in Spanish, English, or fully bilingual formats for all stakeholder groups?

Response to Q33:

OGPe expects outreach and education materials to be developed in Spanish, as the primary language of the Commonwealth, and in English where appropriate.

Materials intended for broad stakeholder distribution, public education, or federal coordination should be prepared in a fully bilingual format to ensure accessibility and alignment with applicable federal and local requirements.

The final determination of language format will be guided by the target audience, regulatory context, and OGPe direction.