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**CONSORTIUM FOR  
SCENARIO PLANNING**

## **Request for Proposals Scenario Planning and Changing Food Systems**

The Consortium for Scenario Planning, in collaboration with the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy, seeks proposals for original tools that help communities prepare for changing food systems. Both the Consortium and the Babbitt Center are programs within the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

The Consortium for Scenario Planning's mission is to develop scenario planning and broaden its application in communities of all sizes through research, peer-to-peer learning, training, and technical assistance. Scenario planning guides planners, community members, and other stakeholders in considering various outcomes and in devising responses to those scenarios. Read more about scenario planning on the Lincoln Institute's [website](#).

Around the world, the landscapes and systems that grow and provide our food are threatened by climate change, resource depletion, economic crises, and over- (or under-) development, among other stressors. Through this request for proposals, the Lincoln Institute seeks to commission projects that apply scenario planning to anticipate these forces and to plan for their effects on various communities.

These communities may include regions where external forces (such as climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, or economic uncertainties) threaten the viability of agriculture; areas that support vital commercial agriculture; areas with a healthy or limited local food supply; communities that wish to encourage the growth of family or small-scale farming; or urban and rural areas that struggle with food accessibility.

Potential deliverable types for this project should be:

- practitioner how-to guide;
- software tool or game; or
- workshop model and/or interactive exercise.

Proposals should address a variety of agriculture- and/or food systems-related issues and/or innovations that can include but are not limited to:

- the intersection of food-energy-water systems (FEWS);
- the impact of climate-driven issues (such as water scarcity or flooding) on agriculture and farming systems;
- urban or rural food deserts (access to food);
- loss or conservation of farmland resulting from growth and development;

- farm consolidation and loss of small-scale farming;
- absence of local food production and supply;
- complementary uses of farmland (such as for renewable energy development); and
- low-impact and/or experimental/innovative sustainable farming practices.

### **Proposal Evaluation**

The Lincoln Institute will evaluate proposals based on four equally weighted criteria:

- relevance of the project to the RFP's theme of scenario planning to explore the future of food systems;
- quality of proposed approach and sources of data;
- capacity and expertise of the team and relevant analytical and/or practice-based experience; and
- potential impact and usefulness of the project for practitioners of scenario planning.

### **Award Amount**

Successful applicants may receive commissions of up to \$10,000. Recipients must complete the proposed project within one year of selection, although projects may be completed in less time.

Recipients will receive half of their payment upon signing a contract with the Lincoln Institute in May 2022. The second half will be disbursed when the final project is completed and submitted to Lincoln staff for review.

The projects produced from the selected proposals will be considered for inclusion on the Lincoln Institute's website. Individuals selected through the RFP may also be invited to present completed projects through webinars, conferences, and other Lincoln Institute events.

Submitting a proposal in response to this RFP does not obligate the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy to fund the proposal. For research where possible publication is the outcome, the Lincoln Institute is not required to publish the resulting product.

### **RFP Schedule**

Application deadline: March 23, 2022

Notification of accepted proposals: April 5, 2022

First progress report: September 30, 2022

Second progress report: December 16, 2022

First draft: March 31, 2023

Final draft: June 1, 2023

### **Submission Guidelines**

This RFP is open to any individual or agency, practitioner or academic, interested in helping the Lincoln Institute to expand its knowledge and resources on this topic.

Proposals should include:

- 1) **Cover Page:** This must include the title of the project and the contact information of applicant(s), including address, phone number, and email.

- 2) **Project Description:** Describe the project's purpose, relevance, application(s), and/or methods. The description should identify which food systems-related issues or innovations the project would address (2,500 words maximum).
- 3) **Timeline:** Briefly define the specific tasks or activities required to accomplish the project, with a projected schedule for completing each phase.
- 4) **Biography:** Please include a brief biography and resume/CV for the primary researcher/practitioner and one page for any additional team members.
- 5) **Budget:** Provide an estimate of funding needed to complete the project.

### **RFP Submissions**

The proposal must be written in English, using Microsoft Word software, and submitted by email. Format the application for printing on 8.5 x 11-inch (letter-size) paper. The proposal application may be single- or double-spaced, but each section must not exceed the maximum word count, as described above.

Email the entire application as a single document attachment to Ryan Maye Handy at [rhandy@lincolninst.edu](mailto:rhandy@lincolninst.edu), by March 23, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

### **Questions about this RFP**

For questions regarding this request for proposals, please send an email to Ryan Maye Handy at [rhandy@lincolninst.edu](mailto:rhandy@lincolninst.edu).

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