Q1. What is the expected carrying capacity for both the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area and Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center?
A1. That will be one of the items the contractor develops based upon the site analysis, public input and recreation trends for the area. Some information is available from the MGRA Planning webpage http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37050&exp=overview

Q2. What are the key issues for the overall intended user experience?
The description and scope of work describes these in general, more detailed information will be developed as part of the public involvement process.

Q3. What types of access are anticipated into the MGRA?
A3. The area is accessed by motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. This type of information – access points and types -- should be reflected in the site analysis being developed by the selected contractor.

Q4. Wayfinding and interpretation: please rate the importance of these scopes in terms of experience goal.
A4. These will be developed as part of the public involvement process.

Q5. What is most relevant / recent preceding document to the EA/ EIS?
A5. Please see the MGRA Planning webpage http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=37050&exp=overview

Q6. What level of climate change analysis will be necessary to meet the requested scope for conceptual planning?
A6. We anticipate some analysis of glacial change, but we are not expecting to require a climate change assessment.

Q7. These kinds of projects become even more successful by connecting a series of nodes to surrounding community populations, access, and experiences. Are there any you would consider worth noting?
A7. The Alaska Region values the communities we work and live in, so this will be an important component that will be developed as part of the public involvement process.

Q8. Does the Prime for this project need to be a licensed landscape architect in the State of Alaska, or is it possible for another team member (not the prime) be licensed in Alaska?
A8. There is not a requirement for the prime contractor to be a licensed landscape architect in the State of Alaska. It is permissible for a project team member (sub-consultant) to hold the required credentials.

Q9. Can you tell me if you anticipate a full EIS on this project or only an EA?
A9. This determination will be made during progress of the work in earlier task orders.