



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
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**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

IFB Number: RFx3160004464 MDEQ-IFB08122021 (Oil)

To Provide: Emergency Response and Cleanup Activities involving Oil, Diesel, Kerosene and Non-Hazardous Materials in Inland Areas in Mississippi, excluding petroleum containers suspected of damage (the "Project") from organizations licensed in the State of Mississippi to assist MDEQ, on an as needed basis, with effective and safe Emergency Response and Cleanup Activities (hereinafter referred to as the "IFB").

**RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES NO. 1**

September 9, 2021

1. **Question:** There is no response time mentioned for an emergency is there a minimum?

**Answer:** There is no minimum response time. However, depending on the incident, an on scene coordinator will choose an approved contractor based on a variety of factors such as available equipment, available personnel, and proximity to the incident, among others.

2. **Question:** How far can the resources be?

**Answer:** There is no minimum distance required for the Bidder's resources to be except for Section 2.6 (K) of the IFB which states, "*Bidder must have a response office located inside the State of Mississippi*". However, please note that the selection of an approved response contractor for an incident may depend on the proximity of the incident and the response contractor and its resources.

3. **Question:** Can the Attachment D (Certification of Available Equipment) be outsourced?

**Answer:** All equipment listed in Section 2.6 (N) of the IFB for Attachment D (Certification of Available Equipment), except for Vacuum trucks, Bulldozers, Track Hoes, Frac Tanks, Rolloff Containers, and Light Plants, must be owned by the bidder in order to accomplish emergency activities described in the IFB.

4. **Question:** We have all certifications except for the excavation and grading and noticed that the requirement is 60 days prior to bidding. Is there a variance to this requirement?

**Answer:** There is no variance to this requirement.

5. **Question:** What is the process for an electronic bid submission?

**Answer:** Any electronic bids must be submitted through the *Mississippi's Accountability System for Government Information and Collaboration (MAGIC: RFX# 3160004464)*. All bids must be received by MDEQ no later than 9:00 a.m., September 21, 2021. Please also see Attachment G to this IFB for further information on electronic submissions through MAGIC.

6. **Question:** What goes in the subject line for an electronic bid submissions?

**Answer:** Electronic bid submissions must be submitted through MAGIC: RFX #3160004464 and will not have a subject line. Please also see attachment G to this IFB for further information on electronic submissions through MAGIC.

7. **Question:** Is there a requirement for an office to be in the state of Mississippi?

**Answer:** Yes. Please see Section 2.6 (K) of the IFB.

8. **Question:** Is there a requirement for Oil Spill Response Organization ("OSRO") classification certification?

**Answer:** Yes. Please see Amendment No. 1 to the IFB.

9. **Question:** In reference to section 2.6 (R) of the Hazmat RFX it states that the bidder must provide, in writing, a proof of a valid US Coast Guard OSRO Classification issued at least sixty (60) days prior to the submission deadline. This is in the Hazmat bid but not in the Oil Spill bid, so will it only apply to Hazmat?

**Answer:** Please see Amendment No. 1 to this IFB, requiring the Bidder to have an OSRO classification for this IFB.

10. **Question:** If the Bidder has a Non-Classified OSRO certification but has yet to be Classified by the USCG will that work?

**Answer:** No. The Bidder must provide, in writing, proof of a valid U. S. Coast Guard Oil Spill Response Organization Classification issued at least sixty (60) days prior to the submission deadline.

Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of this Response to Inquiries No. #1 by **signing and returning this document with its Bid.**

By signing below, Bidder acknowledges receipt of this Response to Inquiries No. 1, and that the questions and answers have been noted, and that its Bid is being offered in compliance therewith.

Bidder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

By (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_