

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Request for Statements of Qualifications for Engineering Services for Modeling Related to the
Water Quality Improvement Program

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

This Amendment No. 1 (“Amendment”) hereby amends or modifies the Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for Modeling Related to the Water Quality Improvement Program that was issued on February 28, 2019, by making the following changes to the specific sections and subsections referenced below:

Page 1, First Paragraph:

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is soliciting written Statements of Qualifications (SOQs), subject to the conditions stated herein and attached hereto, from ~~engineering firms~~ organizations licensed to do business in the State of Mississippi to assist MDEQ with developing one or more water quality models for the Back Bay estuary in Harrison County, Mississippi, and/or other sites, on an as needed basis, related to the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP, or Project) funded by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, award #GNTSP18MS0058.

Page 3, Section II., Qualifications:

MDEQ will receive SOQs from ~~firms~~ organizations having specific experience and qualifications as identified in this solicitation. For consideration, SOQs for the Project must contain evidence of the ~~firm’s~~ organization’s experience and abilities as identified in this solicitation and other disciplines directly related to the proposed service. Other information required by MDEQ is included herein. Unless otherwise stated, all offerors shall provide profiles and resumes of the staff to be assigned to the Project, references, illustrative examples of similar work performed, and any other information that clearly demonstrates the offeror’s expertise as identified in this solicitation.

Page 3, Section IV. Compensation:

Compensation for services requested under this RFQ will be in the form of fixed hourly rates for the professionals and staff members that the selected ~~firm~~ organization will utilize to complete the Scope of Work.

Page 4, Section V., Required Information, Subpart (C), Company Information:

Company Offeror’s Information: Provide the information below in the following manner:

1. Offeror's legal company name:	
2. Location of Offeror's principal place of business:	
3. The place of performance of the proposed contract:	
4. All appropriate company contact information, including the following: Company's Offeror's Physical Address: Designated Company Contact: Contact's e-mail address: Contact's phone number:	
5. Offeror's Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number:	
6. The age of Offeror's business:	
7. The average number of employees over the past three (3) years:	

Page 5, Section V., Required Information, Subpart (D), Project Team, Resources and Résumés:

3. The name of any ~~company~~ entity or individual anticipated to be used as a *subcontractor* on this Project, as well as that subcontractor's duties on the Project. If subcontractors have not yet been identified but offeror has certain duties that it anticipates subcontracting, offeror shall delineate that scope of work to be subcontracted. Also, offeror should be aware that all subcontractors must be approved by MDEQ.

A revised Attachment B, Offeror's Affidavit, is attached and shall be utilized in lieu of the original Attachment B. The revised Attachment B substitutes the word "organization" for the word "company" in the first paragraph of the Affidavit.

Pursuant to Section V(K) of the RFQ, offerors shall acknowledge receipt of this Amendment No. 1 by signing and returning this Amendment No. 1 with its SOQ.

By signing below, offeror acknowledges receipt of this Amendment No. 1, and that the provisions of said Amendment No. 1 have been noted, and that its SOQ is being offered in compliance therewith.

Offeror's Name: _____

Signature: _____

By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT B
OFFEROR'S AFFIDAVIT

NON-COLLUSION AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT

State of _____
County of _____

I, _____, individually, and in my capacity as _____ of _____ (offeror), being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state the following on behalf of the organization:

The offeror represents as a part of such offeror's SOQ that such offeror has not retained any person or agency on a percentage, commission, or other contingent arrangement to secure this Contract.

The offeror certifies that the prices submitted in response to the RFQ have been arrived at independently and without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor relating to those prices, the intention to submit a SOQ, or the methods or factors used to calculate the prices offered.

Offeror has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion; or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this Contract; nor have any of its corporate officers or principal owners.

Except as noted hereafter, it is further certified that said legal entity and its corporate officers, principal owners, managers, auditors, and others in a position of administering governmental funds:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any governmental department or agency;
- b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this SOQ been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction;
- c) Have not within a three-year period preceding this SOQ been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- d) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in b) and c) above; and
- e) Have not within a three-year period preceding this SOQ had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

The offeror further certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Contract, Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions will be completed and submitted.

The offeror hereby certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there are no present or currently planned interests (financial, contractual, organizational, or otherwise) relating to the work to be performed under any contract or task order resulting from this RFQ that would create any actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflicts of interest) (including conflicts of interest for immediate family members: spouses, parents, children) that would impinge on its ability to render impartial, technically sound, and objective assistance or advice or result in it being given an unfair competitive advantage. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest. The offeror further certifies that it has and will continue to exercise due diligence in identifying and removing or mitigating, to the State's satisfaction, such conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest). The offeror further certifies that it has no conflict of interest with respect to the MDEQ, the RESTORE Council, or the Project (as defined in the RFQ).

All of the foregoing and attachments (when indicated) is true and correct.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Offeror's Name: _____

RFQ Title: _____

Signature: _____

By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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