

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES NO. 1

Request for Statements of Qualifications for Engineering Services for Engineering Services to Aid the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in Conducting Mississippi Gulf Coast Restoration Efforts

1. Is this RFQ for a particular project or for program services that are currently provided by Covington Civil and Environmental?

This RFQ is to obtain a contractor to provide programmatic engineering services related to Mississippi's restoration activities as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. MDEQ currently has a contract with Covington Civil Environmental, LLC., which expires July 31, 2019, to provide these services.

2. Will there be one and only one contractor selected, or may multiple contractors be selected for this contract?

MDEQ anticipates only selecting one contractor to provide these services.

3. Will one contractor be selected to perform all of the work, or one firm to perform the design related services and sub-contract the work for implementation?

MDEQ anticipates only selecting and awarding a contract to one firm for the programmatic engineering services requested in this RFQ. The contractor selected shall perform the services requested in the RFQ, as directed by MDEQ; where applicable, the contractor may have sub-contractors to also assist in providing the requested services, as necessary. However, these services do not require the selected contractor to sub-contract the services requested. Depending on the circumstances, MDEQ may procure services outside of this RFQ for purposes of implementing specific projects (i.e. construction).

4. How long is the contract term for this contract?

In accordance with Section III of the RFQ, the period of performance of any contract awarded pursuant to this RFQ is expected to commence upon execution by both parties and continue for a minimum term of three (3) years. The contract may be renewed at the discretion of MDEQ.

5. Is there flexibility to extend the contract term?

Yes.

6. What form/type of contract is to be awarded (i.e. general services contract; lump sum)?

It is anticipated that the contract will be an indefinite quantity contract based on negotiated fixed hourly prices/rates.

7. Is Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC. eligible to submit an SOQ for in response to this RFQ?

Yes.

8. If Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC. is already selected to perform these services, what other criteria will be used besides qualifications for evaluation and selection of a contractor for this RFQ?

All SOQs received in response to this RFQ, will be evaluated in accordance with Section VI of the RFQ.

9. To what degree do you have conflicts of interest addressed since Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC. already assists with these services but is eligible to submit an SOQ in response to this RFQ?

The current contract for these services, provided by Covington Civil Environmental, LLC., expires on July 31, 2019. Therefore, additional consideration for conflicts of interest will not be needed to allow Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC. to respond to this RFQ.

10. Is the information outlined in Section V. Required Information required to be presented in the statement of qualifications in the same order, subparagraphs A-M, as it is presented in the RFQ?

While it is helpful to present the required information in the same order as provided in Section V of the RFQ, it is not required to be the same order, so long as all required information is included.

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

By signing below, offeror acknowledges receipt of this Response to Inquiries No. 1, and that the responses of said Response to Inquiries No. 1 have been noted, and that its SOQ is being offered in understanding therewith.

Offeror's Name: _____

Signature: _____

By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____