

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DOCUMENT NO. 2

INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB Number: MDEQ-IFB06272019

To Provide: Professional Laboratory Services

July 19, 2019

1. **Question:** The original requested pricing in Attachment B to the Invitation for Bids (IFB) is different than the rates requested in Attachment B in Amendment No. 1 to the IFB. There is no place for bidders to provide pricing for the after-hours hourly rate or holiday hourly rates, which was originally requested in the IFB received. Are we allowed to include those prices and if so, where?

**Answer:** No. Under Amendment No. 1 to the IFB, Attachment B and D were revised and replaced in their entirety. Attachment B, Bid Form for Professional Laboratory Services, to the IFB is where bidders are to provide prices in the form requested. The rates described in the Attachment B to Amendment No. 1 are the rates MDEQ is now requesting to be provided by bidders in response to the IFB, instead of the rates requested previously in original Attachment B to the IFB. After hours hourly rates and holiday hourly rates are no longer being requested. Please see Attachment B in Amendment No. 1 to the IFB for the pricing that is required to be provided in response to this IFB (i.e. Per Sample rate (Normal Business Hours), Per Sample rate (After Normal Business Hours, excluding Holidays), and Per Sample rate (On Holidays)). As required in the IFB, as amended by Amendment No. 1, the pricing must include ALL associated costs with performing the services, including, but not limited to all required labor, etc..

Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of this Questions and Answers Document No. 2 by signing and returning this Questions and Answers Document No. 2 with its bid, by identifying the Questions and Answers Document number and date in the space provided for this purpose on the bid form, **OR** by letter.

By signing below, offeror acknowledges receipt of this Questions and Answers Document No. 2, and that the questions and answers have been noted, and that its IFB is being offered in compliance therewith.

Offeror's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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