



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Chris Wells, Executive Director

AMENDMENT #1 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DOCUMENT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ Number: RFx3140002594/MDEQ-RFQ03042021

To Provide: Professional Engineering Services to Support MDEQ

March 31, 2021

1. **Question:** Please confirm, if selected, that the firms selected can be selective on what projects they support. For instance, for air permitting, could a firm decline to write a permit for a specific industry or facility?

Answer: If a firm is awarded a Contract for a particular Task Area under the RFQ, they are not guaranteed any amount of work under the contract. If MDEQ selects the firm to perform work under the Contract it is expected that the Contractor would perform the work requested under the executed work order. A Contractor can decline work prior to the work order being executed.

2. **Question:** Please provide what Conflict of Interest requirements MDEQ requires for this RFQ. For instance, can a firm continue to offer air permitting services to MS industry while supporting MDEQ with air permitting?

Answer: Conflict of interest requirements are contained in the RFQ, and any resulting contract that may be awarded under this RFQ. Please see Attachment A of the RFQ, which states "[s]elected Offerors must maintain a list of other clients for review by MDEQ and identify any potential conflicts of interest due to previous work or that may arise during the contract duration". Please also see paragraphs 8 and 25 of Attachment B to the RFQ, which states "Offerors must provide a list of current or previous clients upon request".

3. **Question:** Please provide an estimate of the volume of work anticipated with this RFQ?

Answer: As stated in Section 2.2 of the RFQ "Being selected as a qualified contractor in no way guarantees that such Offeror(s) will be selected to perform a specified amount of work under this RFQ and any resulting contract".

4. **Question:** Can MDEQ provide the amount spent previously with this contract?

Answer: This is the first time MDEQ had solicited these types of services in the manner described in the solicitation, with this particular scope of work, and therefore the exact information requested is unavailable.

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5. **Question:** Is there a minimum number of Task Areas that a firm would need to submit on to be considered?

Answer: A firm would need to submit a minimum of one (1) Task Area to be considered. As stated in section 2.3.2 of the RFQ “The Offeror shall indicate which Task Area(s) their SOQ addresses by completing the Offeror Information Sheet, attached hereto as Attachment A”.

6. **Question:** If a firm only submitted on 1-2 Task Areas, would they still be considered?

Answer: SOQs submitted by firms will only be considered for the specific Task Areas selected by the firm in the Offeror Information Sheet, Attachment A to the RFQ. SOQs submitted by firms will be considered and evaluated in accordance with Section 4.6, Evaluation Procedure and Factors to be Considered in the Evaluation Process.

7. **Question:** Will MDEQ confirm that the cover letter for the RFQ Response does not count toward the page count?

Answer: Exceptions made to page limitations are described in Section 4.2 of the RFQ.

8. **Question:** Will MDEQ confirm that a Table of Contents does not count towards the page count?

Answer: Exceptions made to page limitations are described in Section 4.2 of the RFQ.

9. **Question:** Will MDEQ allow for graphic-appropriate fonts smaller than the text 12-pt font if they are still easily legible in the graphic?

Answer: As stated in Section 4.1 of the RFQ, “Typeface shall not be smaller than a font size of 12”.

10. **Question:** We have sites for which we have performed numerous task orders for progressive iterations of contaminated cleanups over the long term. Can MDEQ confirm that we can use “Programs” like this, presented as a long-term “Project” of many task orders as long as we provided such client services to the site under the same client’s latest contract mechanism within the last 3 years?

Answer: Similar work experience from different programs within the last 3 years can be combined and presented as a long-term project.

Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of Amendment #1 - Questions and Answers Document by **signing and returning this Amendment #1 - Questions and Answers Document with its Statement of Qualifications.**

By signing below, Respondent acknowledges receipt of Amendment #1 - Questions and Answers Document, and that the questions and answers have been noted, and that its SOQ is being offered in compliance therewith.

Respondent’s Name: _____

Signature: _____

By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____