

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
INVITATION FOR BIDS
INVASIVE SPECIES SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

March 17, 2021

In accordance with Section 3-202.16 of the Public Procurement Review Board's Office of Personal Contract Review's Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"), this serves as the Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the above referenced Invitation for Bids ("IFB").

Four bids were submitted in response to this IFB. The bids have been reviewed and evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the IFB, Section 4.1. Based on this review, MDEQ anticipates awarding the contract for these services to the lowest bidder, Environmental Management Services.

Bidders may request a debriefing, in writing, by United States mail or electronic submission to Melanie Green at mgreen@mdeq.ms.gov, to be received by the agency within three (3) business days after this Notice of Intent to Award. A debriefing is a purely administrative function of MDEQ and not a hearing; therefore, legal representation is not required. If a bidder prefers to have legal representation present, the offeror must notify MDEQ and identify its attorney. Unless MDEQ determines good cause exists for an extension of time for such debriefing, MDEQ will schedule the debriefing to occur within three (3) business days after receipt of the bidder's request, and the debriefing may be conducted during a face-to-face meeting, by telephonic or video conference, or by any other method acceptable to MDEQ. At a minimum, the debriefing information shall include the following:

- (A) the agency's evaluation of significant weaknesses or deficiencies in the bid, if applicable;
- (B) the overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating, if applicable, of the successful bidder and the debriefed bidder;
- (C) the overall ranking of all bids, if a ranking was developed by the agency during the selection process;
- (D) a summary of the rationale for award; and
- (E) reasonable responses to relevant questions about selection procedures contained in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities that were followed.

The debriefing shall not include point-by-point comparisons of the debriefed vendor's bid with those of other offering vendors.

Sincerely,

Melanie Green

Melanie Green
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Office of Restoration