

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BENTHIC HABITAT MAPPING SERVICES-
WESTERN MISSISSIPPI SOUND**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

May 14, 2021

In accordance with Section 3-204.04 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 Request for Proposals ("RFP").

Nine (9) proposals were submitted in response to this RFP. The Evaluation Committee reviewed and evaluated these proposals based on the Evaluation Factors listed in the RFP. Based on this evaluation, MDEQ previously issued a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for these services to FC&E Engineering, LLC. After consultation with the Public Procurement Review Board and Office of Personal Services Contract Review Office, Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, MDEQ was requested to re-evaluate the score for the pricing criteria. As such, MDEQ anticipates awarding the contract for these services to the National Oceans and Applications Research Center.

Offerors 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 an offeror 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 offeror'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 offeror's proposal, if applicable;
- (B) the overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating, if applicable, of the successful offeror and the debriefed offeror;
- (C) the overall ranking of all proposals, 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 proposal with those of other offering vendors.

Sincerely,



Melanie Green
Accounting Director,
Office of Restoration