

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Request for Applications # MDEQ-RFA08312021
Waste Tire Abatement Contract Services

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

QUESTION: *Is this a bid process for waste tire abatement contract services?*

RESPONSE: No. The MDEQ is not engaging in a bidding procurement process but rather is soliciting applications from prospective contractors to perform waste tire abatement services per individual work orders issued under the final contract. MDEQ will review all applications submitted timely and in accordance with the conditions of the Request for Applications (RFA) and will award contracts to applicants based on their ability to meet the requirements and criteria set forth in the RFA. Reimbursement of abatement costs to selected contractors will be at a set rate as detailed in the RFA and eventual contract.

QUESTION: *What is the length of the contract?*

RESPONSE: The term of awarded contracts shall be for a period of three (3) years with two options to renew for one (1) year, upon written agreement of both parties, and under the same prices, terms, and conditions as in the original contract. The total contract term, including any renewals, shall not exceed a maximum total of five (5) years.

QUESTION: *Is my application to be considered for abatement projects all over the state of MS?*

RESPONSE: Yes. The MDEQ is seeking to establish contracts to provide complete removal of waste tires from selected sites throughout the state of Mississippi where the tires have been abandoned or improperly dumped and delivery of these tires an authorized waste tire management facility or other alternate facility authorized by MDEQ. Selection of a contractor for a particular abatement project will depend on factors such as location, contractor scheduling/availability, etc., so contractors may have opportunities to conduct abatement activities in different areas of the State.

QUESTION: *What happens if waste tires collected from tire dumps are too muddy or otherwise unacceptable for processing? Where can they be disposed of?*

RESPONSE: Waste tires that contain excessive mud/sediment, that have been totally or partially burned, or that have other significant wear, damage, or contamination may not be accepted by waste tire processing facilities. Prior to execution of a work order for a particular waste tire abatement project, contractors are expected to coordinate any potential issues with MDEQ, which will allow MDEQ and the contractor to identify available disposal facilities.