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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Chris Wells, Executive Director

May 15, 2026

AMENDMENT #1

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

Procurement Number: RFx3160007906 MDEQ-IFB04212026

To Provide:. Professional Services for Visible Emissions Evaluation Training and Certification Sessions (Smoke School).

1. **Question:** Can MDEQ provide anticipated date ranges for the Spring and Fall Smoke School sessions to assist with scheduling and resource planning?

   Answer: Generally, the period between the last full week of March and first full week of May is ideal for the Spring event and between the last full week of September and the first full week of November for the Fall event.

2. **Question:** Following contract award, is the Contractor expected to support a Fall 2026 Smoke School session, or will services begin in calendar year 2027?

   Answer: Yes, services are expected to begin with the Fall 2026 Smoke School session.

3. **Question:** Can MDEQ provide additional detail regarding expectations for field site selection, including any preferred locations, requirements, or constraints the Contractor should consider?

   Answer: The venue needs to have a parking lot big enough for 150 vehicles and room for participants to set up lawn chairs. Some trees or infrastructure in the area to strategically place the smoke stack against the background is preferred. The venue should be in the Jackson, MS vicinity. For the last several years, the Lifeway Church on Old Fannin Rd. in Flowood, MS has been generous in allowing the use of their parking lot. The Mississippi Fairgrounds in Jackson, MS has been used in the past also.

4. **Question:** In the event that weather or operational conditions require rescheduling of field certification runs, can MDEQ clarify expectations regarding timing, location, and any limitations on additional mobilization?

Answer: If rescheduling is needed, students should be notified within a week of the next session to certify. The rescheduled location does not have to be the same. The session should be scheduled as soon as possible, preferably within a month's time, and before June (Spring) or before December (Fall).

5. **Question:** Can MDEQ clarify the required format and level of detail for post-event reporting, including registration rosters, certification results, and any EPA QA documentation expectations?

   Answer: MDEQ requires proof of certification of the smoke stack simulator, run readings, student answers, and the roster of participants. Additionally, an example of the field certificate format (sent to successful participants) showing the participants name, date of certification, city, and contractor should be provided to MDEQ. Individual field certificates for each participant only need to be provided upon request. A list of participants who are certifying for the first time, or for the first time in several years, should be provided to MDEQ. The roster of participants can be used to provide this information or it may be provided in a separate format. All documents should be in an electronic format (USB drive or email).

6. **Question:** Will any transition support or historical documentation from the current or previous contractor be made available to the awarded Contractor?

   Answer: Historical information can be provided upon request. **Personally Identifiable Information (PII**) data will be redacted.

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By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____