

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS

Invitation for Bids to Provide Marine Debris Removal & Monitoring August 14, 2026

Amendment No. 2 Response to Inquiries No. 2

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This document serves as the register of additional questions received by MDEQ and the corresponding answers in accordance with Section 5.3.3 of the Public Procurement Review Board's Office of Personal Services Contract Review Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"). These written responses constitute MDEQ's official response to the questions presented. In the event of any conflict between the IFB and this Response to Inquiries No. 2, the IFB, as amended, shall govern. All defined terms in this Response to Inquiries No. 2 not herein defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the IFB.

Q19: Are there any required specific qualifications or certifications required for the nesting birds and turtles? Biologist?

A19: No, a certified biologist is not required as part of the team conducting the debris removal. Please refer to Section 2.2.3 of the IFB and answers to Questions 11 and 12 of Amendment No. 1, Exhibit A, Response to Inquiries No. 1, regarding requirements for project compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

Q20: Will the contractor be provided with a file/measurement of how far inland to remove the debris or is the attached pdf what they will need to go off of?

A20: MDEQ will provide a georeferenced file (shapefile or KMZ) of the debris removal area, which corresponds to the Project Area provided under Figure 1 in the IFB.

Q21: Are concrete/asphalt materials that may be on site to be considered debris for removal?

A21: Concrete, asphalt, and other similar building materials are not excluded from the definition of debris under the Scope of Work; however, it is unlikely that these types of debris will be present in significant quantities within the debris removal area.

Q22: Is the ability to bring mechanical equipment (skid-steer) to the island a bidder requirement or is this optional?

A22: Per Section 2.2.1 of the IFB, debris removal shall be primarily collected by hand, with mechanical equipment (skid-steer loader or equivalent) used if larger pieces of debris are encountered. Additionally, per Section 2.4 of the IFB (Qualifications), bidders must have the capability to transport mechanical equipment to an offshore island location. Bidders are not required to bring a skid-steer to every event but must have access to one and the means to transport it, since larger debris encountered during an event is still subject to removal under the Scope of Work.

In accordance with Section 3.1.4(J) of the IFB, Bidders must acknowledge receipt of any Amendment issued in relation to this IFB by signing and returning the Amendment with its bid. Such acknowledgement must be received by MDEQ by the time and at the place specified for receipt of offers. By signing this Amendment No. 2, offeror acknowledges receipt of this Amendment No. 2, and that the provisions of Amendment No. 2 have been noted and that its bid is being offered in compliance therewith.

Offeror's Name: _____

Signature: By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____