

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS

**Invitation for Bids to Provide Marine Debris Removal & Monitoring
August 17, 2026**

**Amendment No. 3
Response to Inquiries No. 3**

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This document serves as the register of additional questions received by MDEQ by the question submittal deadline in the IFB, 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. 3, the IFB, as amended, shall govern. All defined terms in this Response to Inquiries No. 3 not herein defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the IFB.

Q23: Does all the natural debris need to be removed or just the manmade trash?

A23:

This scope is a marine debris removal project, and Section 2.2.1 of the IFB requires debris tracking using EPA's Escaped Trash Assessment Protocol (ETAP), which defines specific item-type categories for anthropogenic debris only (plastic, foam, paper, glass, metal, fishing gear, etc.). Natural materials such as driftwood, tree limbs, and other vegetative debris are not manmade debris items under this classification system and are not part of the required removal scope.

Q24: If the wood needs to be removed from the island, is it acceptable to burn this wood on site instead of removing it?

A24: Not applicable. See above answer to Q23.

Q25: Removal of some of the large natural debris would likely impact the natural state of the area. Can you clarify?

A25: Not applicable. See above answer to Q23.

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. 3, offeror acknowledges receipt of this Amendment No. 3, and that the provisions of Amendment No. 3 have been noted and that its bid is being offered in compliance therewith.

Offeror's Name: _____

Signature: By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____