



Request for Qualifications: Questions and Answers

Project Title: Brownfield Environmental Services – Hazardous Sites 2017-2020

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Questions below relate to both RFQs:

Question 1: Who has the current contract for each of these? Petroleum and Hazardous? (and who had them prior to that?)

Answer 1: For RPC's 2015-2018 funding, Providence Engineering & Environmental has the contract for Environmental Services for Petroleum sites and Aerostar SES has the contract for Environmental Services for Hazardous sites. Both firms also had the same contracts for RPC's 2012-2015 Brownfield funding. Prior to that, RPC awarded contracts on a site-by-site basis.

Question 2: Are these contracts for multiple years?

Answer 2: Yes. As stated in Section 3.0 of the RFQs:

The contract project period is expected to commence approximately two weeks from the date of consultant selection (depending on when the contract between the selected Consultant and RPC is finalized). Work will commence as sites with hazardous contamination are enrolled in RPC's Brownfield Redevelopment Program. The contract will expire with the closeout of RPC's 2017-2020 Brownfield Assessment Grant (EPA Assistance ID No. BF-01F37701; expected to be Sept. 30, 2020) or when the contractual budget for that grant is expended, whichever is sooner. Notices to proceed will be issued during the contract time frame as eligible projects are enrolled in RPC's Brownfield Program and approved by EPA for Brownfield funding.

Question 3: SEMS is not a DBE, WBE, or MBE. Has a consultant ever been awarded that was not one of these?

Answer 3: Contracts have been awarded to non-DBEs/ MBEs/ WBEs. It should be noted that the selected non-DBE consultant partnered with an environmental job training program which provided the same point value as including a DBE/ MBE/ WBE in the project team. See Section 6.4 of the RFQs for additional information on DBE/MBE/WBE and job training program participation.

Question 4: If we were awarded one of [the contracts] would that exclude us from doing the remediation work or a UST removal?

Answer 4: No remediation work will be done under either RFQ. UST removal may be a part of assessment activities under the Environmental Services for Petroleum sites contract if the removal of tanks is necessary to sample underneath to determine if a leak has occurred. USTs will not be removed under the Environmental Services for Hazardous sites contract.

If you are successful on one of the contracts, that would not preclude you from performing the remediation for the applicant requesting the Brownfield assessment at their discretion using their funding (i.e. RPC's grant funding for these RFQs does not include remediation, as stated above).

If you were awarded the Environmental Services for Hazardous Sites contract, you could also be a subcontractor to the prime consultant on the Environmental Services for Petroleum Sites contract. Please note that the Response Form for Environmental Services for Petroleum Sites needs to include a UST contractor so if you would like to partner with another consulting firm, you may wish to contact them prior to the RFQ submission deadline.

Question 5: I was curious if you would be able to share the list of brownfield sites of concern?

Answer 5: We do not have a specific list of Brownfield sites for this contract. As stated in Section 5.1 of the RFQs:

“The target area for the grant funding is the area within an approximate 1-mile radius of the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal. The work may include coordinating with the Port of New Orleans (Port NOLA) and/ or the City of New Orleans in coordination with Port NOLA's Brownfield Area-Wide Assessment Grant [also referred to as the Port Inner Harbor Economic Revitalization Plan (PIER Plan)].”

The sites will be selected through Port NOLA's PIER Plan process which is currently underway.

Questions from RFQ Meeting on 11/16/2017:

Question 6: Are the catalyst sites listed in the Port of New Orleans Area-Wide Planning Grant [which has the same focus area as the RPC's Brownfield Assessment Grant funding these contracts] petroleum or hazardous sites?

Answer 6: The sites have a mix of hazardous and petroleum contamination.

Question 7: Will the selected contractors need to obtain access agreements from the Port of New Orleans for project work completed on Port property?

Answer 7: No – it is not the contractor's responsibility to obtain the access agreements. RPC and the Port of New Orleans already have a draft template access agreement for sites the Port owns. For other sites, it's up to the project applicant to obtain the access agreement from the owner.

Question 8: How much is the contract dollar value spent for each list period and timeframe? Is the funding spent evenly over the project period (e.g. 1/3 of the contract each year)?

Answer 8: Each contract is up to \$95,000 over the project period (roughly 3 years – from the time the contract is signed until the funding is spent or the grant expires, currently 9/30/2020). It is highly unlikely that the contract amount will be spent evenly throughout the project period. Typically, it is slow in the beginning, then we have several sites going at once, then it slows down again towards the end of the project period.

Question 9: If a contractor is awarded the contract for Hazardous sites, can they also be a tank removal subcontractor on the petroleum contract?

Answer 9: Yes. Keep in mind that the Prime contractor for the Petroleum contract will need to list their subs in their proposal.

Question 10: Is remediation part of the consulting contract (example: UST removal)?

Answer 10: No – remediation is not part of the consulting contract as the grant funding is limited to assessment activities and cleanup planning. USTs may be removed under the petroleum contract as part of assessment activities if the tanks need to be removed in order to sample underneath to determine if a release has occurred.

Question 11: Would a Limitless Vistas' standard Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed with the prime consulting firm count the same as a contract with Limitless Vistas during the scoring process?

Answer 11: Yes – an MOU with Limitless Vistas will be consider a contract with them for scoring purposes.

Question 12: Why is there a requirement for the contractor to hold a Contractor's license?

Section 9.0: The selected Consultant shall possess and maintain throughout the contract term a Louisiana State Contractors License (prime) and a Louisiana Water Well Driller's License (prime or sub). The following Contractors License classification or sub-classifications are acceptable:

- *Hazardous Materials,*
- *Hazardous Materials Cleanup and Removal,*
- *Hazardous Materials Site Remediation, or*
- *Hazardous Waste Treatment or Removal*

Answer 12: RPC's hires only licensed contractors in order to minimize our liability exposure and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent on qualified contractors with appropriate insurance. Based on LDEQ's review of the contractor license classifications, the above categories were chosen as those most applicable to the work to be performed under RPC's environmental services contract.