



## **Request for Qualifications: Questions and Answers**

**Project Title:** Brownfield Environmental Services – Petroleum Sites 2017-2020

**RPC Project Number:** BF Envir Serv 2017-Pet

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

**RPC Project Number:** BF Envir Serv 2017-Haz

### **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.