



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

ADDENDUM #3

DATE: 2/15/2015

RFP#: 455-18-8656

TITLE: ANALYTICAL SERVICES-SITE REMEDIATION STATEWIDE MSA

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 2:00 PM CT

ADDENDUM ITEM #3:

Purpose of this Addendum is to publicize submitted questions with answers.

No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	5035: Will the contract require the use of 5035 sampling devices for collecting samples for soil volatile analyses?	No.
2	Dry weight: Will the contract require that solid results be reported on a dry weight basis?	RRC requires soil and sediment results to be reported on a dry weight basis as required under Texas Risk Reduction Program (TRRP) (30 Texas Administrative Code 350).
3	<u>Part I General Information, Page 5, 1.3 Work Process:</u> RFP requests that the QAPP and appendix should be submitted on a CD, and again mentioned the QAPP and SOPs in <u>Part II Statement of Work, Page 8, 2.1.1. Quality Assurance Project Plan.</u> However, in <u>Part III- Mandatory Response Requirements, Page 23, 3.10 Proposal Attachment Submission Checklist,</u> the RFP states "Prior to award the contractor must submit a QAPP as outlined in Section 2.1.1." Is the QAPP with reference to SOP documents required to be included with our submittal or provided upon award of a contract?	The Quality Assurance Project Plan will be required from the selected Contractor, prior to award. Do not submit this document with the Proposal response.
4	<u>Section 2.1.1 and throughout Section 2, Page 8:</u> RFP states ISO 17025 for QMP and Quality guidance. Our certification follows TNI which is close to ISO but not ISO. Will that work for this process?	For the purposes of this RFP all Respondents must respond according to the requirements of Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.8.

5	<p>Attachment 2 Mandatory Price Sheet questions, page 48 to 51:</p> <p>1. Turnaround time: The price sheet specifies that prices be offered for normal (7-10 business days (BD)) and expedited (next day) turnaround times. There are several methods on the price sheet that cannot be completed within 1 business day.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>a. TCLP SVOCs – 3 BD TAT. The analysis is a multistep process. 1) Leach by 1311 requires a 16-20 hour tumbling process. 2) Extraction requires up to 24 hours, depending on the extraction procedure being used, and 3) batching, analysis, review and reporting can take another 4-8 hours. In the case, the fastest feasible TAT is 3 BD.</p> <p>i. The resultant leachate is then extracted, typically by method 3520 (a 16-24 hour extraction) or method 3510 (a manual extraction requiring several hours of labor)</p> <p>ii. The extract is then batched and put on an instrument for analysis, after which the result is reviewed, finalized and a report is generated.</p> <p>iii. The fastest technically feasible turnaround time is 2-3 days, depending upon the extraction procedure.</p> <p>b. TX 1006 – 2-3 BD TAT. Method requires that TX1005 be completed before the extraction process and subsequent analysis required for TX1006 can be completed.</p> <p>c. Radiochemistry – UP TO > 20 BD TAT. Radiochemistry tests can take up to 20+ days, depending on the ingrowth requirements of the method.</p> <p>How would you prefer the lab annotate those analyses for which “Expedited” turnaround time is > 1 business day?</p>	<p>Turnaround Times (TATs) can be adjusted in circumstances where the processing requires additional time (i.e. your examples). Any exceptions are subject to negotiation prior to contract award.</p>
6	<p><u>Item No. 8:</u> Method substitution (8260 vs 8021): Many labs have discontinued supporting GC method 8021 because the method is prone to false positive results in the presence of interference. GC/MS Method 8260 is highly selective, providing a unique identification pattern – the mass spectrum – for virtually any compound. Will the contract allow substitution of method 8260 for method 8021?</p>	<p>For the purposes of responding to this RFP all bidders must respond according to the Mandatory Price Sheet line items as stated with no changes or substitutions.</p>
7	<p><u>Item No 12:</u> TCLP Mercury will be performed by the aqueous method 7470 rather than 7471A.</p>	<p>See response to Question 6.</p>
8	<p><u>Item No 16:</u> Compounds listed are analyzed by multiple methods. Please approve method substitutions:</p>	<p>See response to Question 6.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anions (Chlorides, Sulfate & Bromide) will be analyzed by method 300. Cations (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Sodium) are metals, analyzed by methods EPA 200.7 / 200.8 or SW846 6010 / 6020 <p>Carbonate and Bicarbonate Alkalinity will be analyzed by Standard Method 2320B</p>	
9	On page 5 of the RFP under Part 1 – General Information, the RFP state that the QAPP and appendix should be submitted on a compact disk (cd). Would it be acceptable to submit this on a flash drive (along with the electronic copy of our response)?	Yes, a flash drive will be acceptable provided it is compatible with Windows 10 and Microsoft Office.
10	Our business is HUB certified. Are we still required to complete an HSP form and pursue HUB subcontractors?	Yes, a HSP must be submitted with the Proposal, whether or not a company is a certified HUB. Failure to submit the HSP, will result in automatic disqualification.
11	Are different versions of the methods from the pricing sheet allowed? And, if so, how would you like that documented in the bid response?	See response to Question 6.
12	According to Section 2.1, the contractor is responsible for shipping the samples to the laboratory. The number of samples included in each shipment will affect the unit cost. Is there an estimate of the number of samples (or minimum number of samples) to be shipped with each batch?	There is no estimate of quantities of samples per batch.
13	The analyses requested in line items #21 & 22 of the Price Sheet have very short holding times. If shipped, the samples would likely not meet the method-recommended holding time of 6 hours. Will RRC extend the allowed holding time based on shipping samples?	No. Please note that line items 21 and 22 only require detection of the presence or absence.
14	<p>2.1.12 Method Modification. The CONTRACTOR shall request and receive written approval from RRC before using a modified analytical method. The request shall be submitted to and approved by the RRC according to The Analytical Method Modification Program - How to Apply, TCEQ Regulatory Guide RG-380. It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to demonstrate and maintain documentation that supports the equivalency of any method modifications.</p> <p>For Example, If we use, for nitrate analysis, Standard methods 4500-NO2 used instead of EPA 300 is it acceptable?</p> <p>Both methods are allowed to use according to 40 CFR, Part 136, or Solid Waste Manual (EPA, SW-846).</p>	See response to Question 6.
15	For subcontract work: Is it allowed to add shipping, bottles, supplies cost to sub lab price?	All Mandatory Price Sheet line item prices stated are to be fully loaded whether done in-house or subcontracted.

All other aspects of the **RFP# 455-18-8656** remain as is.

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RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM #3 OF RFP #455-18-8656

IN YOUR SUBMITTAL THE RESPONDENT SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM.

Respondent Signature

Date

Printed Name

Company Name