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TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

FROM: FRANK RYBKA, PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

SUBJECT: RFP NO. 6698 – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & REMEDIATION SERVICES AT TWO (2) EXISTING COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES

Questions and Answers submitted to date:

Question 1: I would like to schedule a site visit for the subject sites in the invitation for bid No. 6698. You mentioned that there was a conflict with the scheduling. Please contact me when more information is available.

Answer: There are no access issues to these sites. You do not need County personnel to accompany a potential bidding contractor. You may want to Google each site as well. The existing air sparge system controls are located inside of locked storage sheds. Should you need to see/investigate the equipment please contact me to make arrangements.

Question 2: Are bonds required for this project?

Answer: No.

Question 3: I see analytical costs are shown on the Bid Cost Sheet as per sample. Are these costs not included in the Total costs?

Answer: We do not understand your question. The Bid Cost Sheet is broken out in a direct lucid manner. All the costs requested are separate and not duplicated.

Question 4: Are there any special insurance requirements associated with offsite access (rail road, right-of-way)?

Answer: No.

Question 5: Are there any permits associated with these sites? If so, who pays the annual fees and what are the fees?

Answer: Not at this time. Should any new permits be required, Merced County will pay the required fee.

Question 6: Regarding soil vapor sampling the bid document indicates vapor samples can be analyzed by either method 8260 or TO-3. However the cost sheet only has a cost indicated for TO-3.

Answer: EPA Method 8260 is correct and preferred.

Question 7: Regarding groundwater analytical is it acceptable to analyze for TPHg, BTEX and MtBE by 8260b rather than 8015 and 8021.

Answer: EPA Method 8260 is correct and preferred.

Question 8: On Page 3, Section 2.1 Scope of Work, 2.1.1 General, Item 7: The County requests for “cost for installing and connecting one (1) additional sparge well” on Page 32 Attachment B, Bid Cost Sheet Item 9 requests costs to install one additional air sparge well. Are consultants required to also provide costs to connect one additional sparge well to the existing system, or only provide costs to install one well?

Answer: Contractor shall provide all costs to connect to existing air sparge manifold.

Question 9: If we are to also include costs to connect to the well is there an assumed distance this well would be away? Most wells appear to be spaced approximately 20-30 feet.

Answer: Not defined due to the uncertainty of whether this well will be required. Contractor shall assume 20-30 feet spacing for location.

Question 10: The “Indemnification” provision of the General Terms and Conditions would not be enforceable pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2782.8 as the services of a professional engineer and/or geologist are an element of the work scope. We would request modification to the Indemnification language to make it consistent with California Civil Code Section 2782.8 and to clarify that the duty to defend is limited to reimbursement of defense costs “...for claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the professional services provider.” Will the County consider modifying the Indemnification language accordingly?

Answer: Please list this question on your “exception” page with you bid submittal. We will consider this if your bid is the lowest.

Question 11: Are any bonds required? If bonds are required, what will the Contractor be expected to provide?

Answer: No bonds are required.

Question 12: Will historical monitoring data be made available in electronic format to the Contractor?

Answer: Yes, uploads are available on GeoTracker’s Website.

Question 13: Who will sign Hazardous Waste Manifests as the generator for the disposal of free product and other hazardous waste generated at the sites as a result of monitoring and remediation activities?

Answer: The consultant whom is responsible for generating the waste material shall sign the Manifest.

The following questions are regarding the Gustine site:

Question 14: Is offsite access required prior to quarterly sampling?

Answer: Yes. Merced County will maintain all required offsite access agreements.

Question 15: The Invitation for Bid (IFB) lists groundwater monitoring wells as OBS's and MW's; however, on the Exhibit 4 wells are only noted as MW's. Are OBS's and MW's the same (i.e. OBS-1 is the same as MW-1)?

Answer: 'OBS' shall be known as 'MW' for this Bid/Site.

Question 16: The IFB says letter reports are to be submitted to MCDPW and MCDEH for the monthly oil vapor point monitoring. Are these letter reports submitted monthly?

Answer: No, quarterly only.

Question 17: In the Scope of Work, it states vapor samples can be analyzed by EPA method 8260 OR TO-3; however, on the Bid Cost Sheet it states TO-3. Which is correct? Does the county have a preference?

Answer: EPA method 8260 is correct and preferred.

Question 18: Item 9 on the Bid Cost sheet (Add Alternate): what specifications would you like bid (i.e. well diameters, total depth, location)?

Answer: Bidder shall match to the existing well on-site parameters. Location to be determined as necessary.

Question 19: Can the County provide information regarding the maintenance and repair history for the remediation equipment at the Gustine Corporation Yard?

Answer: Yes, uploads are available on GeoTracker's Website

The following questions are regarding the Los Banos site:

Question 20: Can the free product be stored onsite in properly labeled drums and disposed of annual, to save costs?

Answer: Yes, as long as it is done legally and properly.

Question 21: In the Scope of Work, it states groundwater samples are to be analyzed by EPA Method 8260; however, on the Bid Cost Sheet it states samples should be analyzed by EPA Method 8015. Which is correct?

Answer: We want to use EPA Method 8260. We will issue Amendment No. 01 to reflect this correction.

Question 22: I was curious about the discrepancy in the Spring Fair project "Work to be Performed" vs. the line item bid sheet. In the description it says 8260 for TPHG, BTEX and OXYs whereas the bid sheet line item simply reads "EPA Method 8015 groundwater analysis". I'm assuming it should be the 8260 list as shown in the 'work to be performed' section, is that correct?

Answer: We want to use EPA Method 8260. We will issue Amendment No. 01 to reflect this correction.

End of questions.

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