

ADDENDUM No. 1

RFP No. 19-14

Certified Laboratory for PFAS Testing

Proposals Due: May 14, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. (local time)

The following questions and answers are available for the Request for Proposal for Certified Laboratory for PFAS Testing RFP No. 19-14, on which proposals will be received on/or before the date and time listed above.

The information contained herein shall take precedence over the original documents and all previous addenda (if any), and is appended thereto. **This Addendum includes two (2) pages.**

The Proposer is to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 1, including all attachments in its Proposal by so indicating in the proposal that the addendum has been received. Proposals submitted without acknowledgement of receipt of this addendum may be considered non-conforming.

The following forms provided within the RFP Document must be included in submitted proposal:

- **Attachment C - Non-Discrimination Declaration of Compliance**
- **Attachment D - Living Wage Ordinance Declaration of Compliance**
- **Attachment E - Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form**

Proposals that fail to provide these forms listed above upon proposal opening will be rejected as non-responsive and will not be considered for award.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions have been received by the City. Responses are being provided in accordance with the terms of the RFP. Respondents are directed to take note in its review of the documents of the following questions and City responses as they affect work or details in other areas not specifically referenced here.

Question 1: Do you know how many labs are aware of the RFP and plan to bid?

Answer 1: 417 companies were notified of this RFP being published and since there is no requirement for interested parties to notify the City of their intent to provide a proposal, it is unknown how many companies “plan to bid”.

Question 2: Is it possible to expand on the nature of the foam matrix? Is it an aqueous based foam? How is the foam being produced? As much detail as you could provide would be helpful.

Answer 2: The foam occurs downstream of dams on the Huron River. Organic compounds, potentially including PFAS, reach the water's surface, where wind and wave action push them to the shore. Turbulence and wave action forces air into the water which interacts with the organic compounds forming bubbles or foam.

Question 3: How often will Field Blanks be collected and will they be submitted for analysis, along with the field samples? (As opposed to them being submitted on-hold, pending associated field sample data.)

Answer 3: Field blanks will not be collected or submitted on a regular basis.

Question 4: Will trip blanks be submitted for analysis?

Answer 4: Trip blanks will not be submitted on a regular basis.

Question 5: Data is not available to our clients via a website application. We email reports/EDDs. Is this acceptable?

Answer 5: Yes, EDDs are acceptable.

Question 6: What is the EDD specification?

Answer 6: The EDD template will be provided to the proposal winner.

Question 7: Our laboratory is NELAP accredited. Does this satisfy the lab certification requirement?

There is no approval from EPA, of which we're aware. The UCMR3 program has expired. Also, our understanding is that MDEQ isn't offering certification for PFAS analysis of drinking water. Are you requiring that the laboratory just have any drinking water method certification with MDEQ?

Answer 7: While there is no current certification available for PFAS analysis, laboratories must be accredited by an agency recognized by EGLE (formerly MDEQ).

Question 8: Are trip blanks/field blanks included in the cost per sample or considered a separate sample?

Answer 8: Trip blanks and field blanks should be considered as separate samples.

Offerors are responsible for any conclusions that they may draw from the information contained in the Addendum.