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SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION

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Addendum No. 1

Subject: RFP for PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY, AIR QUALITY EMISSIONS AND RADON

Due: April 27, 2018 at 3:00 PM

Location: Various Schools

This Addendum, dated April 18, 2018, shall modify and become part of the RFP Proposal. Any items not mentioned herein, or affected by, shall remain strictly in accordance with the original document.

The District will accept Proposals no later than 3:00pm on Friday, April 27, 2018.

New Addition to the RFP submittal requirements.
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All Proposers should include an electronic thumb drive/CD copy of the "Final Master Copy" of the proposal document. This is in addition to all required paper copies outlined in the RFP.

Question #1.

With regard to the Sample Contract for Environmental Consulting Services for the above referenced rfp, specifically page 48, regarding Environmental Liability/Contractor's Pollution Insurance, can you please confirm, as has been done in the past, that the School District will accept a claims made policy. The Sample Contract now states "... At its sole discretion, the School District may accept a claims made policy with a "tail" of 3 years after the date of final payment by the School District. If the School District decides to accept such a claims made policy, this decision will be indicated in the RFP/RFQ, Addendum or the RFP/RFQ, Questions and Answers."

Answer #1.

Yes, the District will accept a claims made policy with a tail.

Question #12

It appears that some of the tubes and badges that are requested are either not available or are not available in the measuring range that was specified. Is it permissible to advise “no bid” for the ones that are not available and to note if the range that is found to be available differs from the range that has been specified.

Answer #2.

If applicable - List as follows

This sample is “Not available”

“Range specified is replaced with this REVISED Range/Method”

Question #3.

Page 38 and 39 of the Fee Schedule (Attachment H) – can we assume the laboratory turnaround time for analyses is 10 business days?

Answer #3.

Yes, page 38 and 39 Price is based on laboratory turnaround time for analyses within 10 business days.

Question # 4

Is the District’s existing operating permit program, or a sample of the program, available for review? If not, can you provide a brief written description of the typical permits issued under this program?

Answer #4

No. Refer to City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health Air Permitting Requirements.

Question # 5

Does the District’s current permit program require the testing and monitoring of stack emissions? If so, is our firm required to perform said testing? If not, who is responsible for testing the stacks or for providing the needed information?

Answer #5

No, Stack Emissions is not a requirement of this RFP.

Question # 6

Does the District’s current permitting program require the calculation of summer NOx/SOx emission levels?

Answer #6

No.

Question #7

Our direct read equipment is different in the make and model, but functionally equivalent, to the equipment listed in Section A of the Indoor Air Quality Equipment Rental portion of the fee schedule. Is it acceptable to include pricing for our equipment instead of, or in addition to, the listed equipment? How would you like this information listed in the bid documents?

Answer #7

Yes, provide pricing of equivalent and provide make and model.

Question #8

Our firm will be using several sub-contractors to conduct radon testing and analysis, as we are neither a certified radon testing firm nor a certified radon laboratory. Is subcontracting Item C (Radon testing and consulting services) permissible under this RFP? What subcontractor documentation would the school district need included in the bid package?

Answer #8

Yes, provide all subcontractor documentation as part of the overall "Team" submission.

Question #9

In the fee schedule section for Industrial Hygiene services, you have included items under a heading of Diffusion/Dosimeter Tubes. Will the district accept the use of a personal sampling pump attached to a sampling train (including sorbent tubes and/or filter cartridges) in addition to or instead of the use of passive diffusion dosimeters?

Answer #9

Provide Pricing as requested.

Question #10

For the IAQ Equipment Rental, is there a reason that specific brands of equipment are listed? Would it be simpler to list the contaminants that need to be measured or the type of equipment required. For example listing a "Portable Infrared Spectrometer" instead of the Foxboro Miran 1B2 (I believe Foxboro was bought by Thermo Scientific). Or listing a "Photoionization Detector" instead of the Thermo Environmental OVM 580A PID and the Photovac Microtip and the HNu Photoionization Detector.

Answer #10

Yes, equivalent equipment can be utilized for all sampling as outlined in question #10..

Question #11

There was not a price for a Carbon Dioxide monitoring device, or one for temperature and relative humidity, three gases that are measured for the most often.

Answer #11

All proposers should include pricing for Direct Reading Pricing for
Carbon Dioxide
Carbon Monoxide
Temperature
Relative Humidity
Oxygen

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1