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Addendum No. 2

Subject: Professional Environmental Consulting Services for asbestos, lead, and mold and analytical laboratory services

Location: Various Schools

This Addendum, dated December 12, 2019, shall modify and become part of the Bid Documents. Any items not mentioned herein, or affected by, shall remain strictly in accordance with the original document.

Questions and Answers

1. Question: Does this RFP supersede the existing asbestos/lead/mold contract, or is it intended to add additional consultants to the existing group of firms who were previously named to the contract?

Answer: The RFP is intended to add additional consultants to the existing contract.

2. Question: Must all firms bid on all aspects of the RFP in its entirety, or are they permitted to bid on certain aspects of it (e.g., lead and mold, without the asbestos requirements)?

Answer: Filling in the entire attachment “H” fee schedules is preferred otherwise provide as many line items as possible on the fee schedules.

3. Question: Is it a requirement that all asbestos analysts providing analytical services must be registered in the AIHA Asbestos Analysts Registry (AAR), or is NIOSH 582 training (or equivalent) and applicable Commonwealth of PA/City of Phila licensing requirements sufficient?

Answer: Yes, as long as this is acceptable under the City of Philadelphia Asbestos Control Regulations and the laboratory and or individual has taken and successfully completed the NIOSH Equivalency Course that meets the AIHA Registry Program on the AIHA website

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4. Question: Under this contract, do the consultants have the ability to decline assignments from OEMS?

Answer: Yes

5. Question: Under Section 5.2 of the RFP, it states, “The selected Consultant shall include in the response to this RFP/RFQ, a comprehensive lead-based paint sampling protocol...” Is the District asking for this comprehensive protocol as part of the technical proposal?

Answer: The proposal should follow the requested items format under section 6.0 proposal requirements as precisely as possible.

6. Question: Page 12 of the RFP specifies a written plan outlining the District’s responsibilities to protect children during renovation/repair/painting activities under US EPA rules. Does this plan need to be submitted as a part of the technical proposal?

Answer: The proposal should follow the requested items format under section 6.0 proposal requirements as precisely as possible.

7. Question: Page 15 of the proposal specifies various sample reports. Is the District requiring at least one type of each of the listed reports, or is it up to the consultant to provide representative reports from this suggested list?

Answer: Providing all the sample reports listed is preferred, if possible, otherwise provide as many of the listed reports as the firm can.

8. Question: Is there a minimum W/MBE requirement for this contract, or do the bidders list their W/MBE goals?

Answer: Per the RFP, section B non-discrimination , 2. Non-discrimination in contracting, paragraph (b) the minimum MWBE goal is “...shall employ the services of Sub-consultant(s), as necessary, to achieve combined Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Woman Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals in a range of 15%-20% of the total amount of services provided. If the Firm is a MBE or WBE firm, then the Firm will have achieved the goal for that category. A non-MBE or WBE firm shall employ a MBE or WBE firm to achieve these goals....”

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