



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS # 32801-00775
AMENDMENT #1
FOR SPECIFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES**

DATE: July 8, 2022

RFQ # 32801-00775 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFQ Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFQ dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT		TIME (Central Time Zone)	DATE (all dates are State business days)
1.	RFQ Issued		June 15, 2022
2.	Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	June 20, 2022
3.	Pre-Response Conference	9:30 a.m.	June 21, 2022
4.	Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	June 22, 2022
5.	Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	June 28, 2022
6.	State response to written "Questions & Comments"		July 8, 2022
7.	RFQ Technical Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	July 20, 2022
8.	State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations		July 28, 2022
9.	State Notice of Qualified Respondent(s) Released		July 28, 2022
10.	RFQ Negotiations		July 29-August 3, 2022
11.	State Evaluation Notice Released and Solicitation Files Opened for Public Inspection		August 4, 2022
12.	End of Open File Period		August 11, 2022
13.	Respondent Contract Signature Deadline		August 12, 2022
14.	Anticipated Contract Start Date		August 16, 2022

2. State responses to questions and comments below amend and clarify this RFQ.

Any restatement of RFQ text in the Question/Comments shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFQ document.

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		1. Are emailed reference forms (Attachment F) acceptable? If so, please provide the process to submit them.	Emailed reference forms are acceptable. All references need to be emailed directly from the individual providing the reference to Parker.Birt@tn.gov

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		2. Contract Section A.7.a. In addition to a State of TN PG, will TWRA accept a Senior Environmental Specialist for the ASTM Environmental Professional (EP)? Likewise, will TWRA accept a 10-year professional to conduct the other items 2-4.	Environmental assessments should be conducted by professional engineers, environmental consultants and/or professional geologists who meet the meet the qualifications listed in 40 CFR § 312.10. These qualifications include the equivalent of 10 years of experience.
		3. Contract Section A.7.a. The term "audit" usually references a permit compliance review and audit. Is this item only referencing the Phase I ESA – ASTM E1527-13?	In A.7.a.1, Phase 1 Environmental Audits does refer to Phase 1 Environmental Assessments and the assessment process defined by standard practice ASTM E1527-21.
		4. Contract Section A.7.b. Will an experienced 10-year Environmental Professional also be ok to work on NPDES stormwater applications?	No, professional engineer will be necessary to develop engineering plans specific to projects as required.
		5. Contract Section A.7.c This section suggests that a EPSC Level I and Level II shall conduct Phase I ESAs, which seems contradictory to our Question Item 1 above. Can clarification be provided?	An environmental technician can participate and assist with the development of an environmental assessment but may be conducted by professional engineers, environmental consultants and/or professional geologists.
		6. Contract Section A.7.d. Are Phase I ESAs to be limited to a Certified Environmental Site Assessor? We will have experienced PGs and PEs overseeing these studies. What agency provides a certification for an "ESA"?	Environmental Professionals can be utilized for Phase 1 ESAs if they meet the qualifications listed in 40 CFR § 312.10. AESAC provides certification coursework for ESAs, but certifications such as asbestos certification, will be accepted.
		7. Contract Section A.7.d. Are these items limited to a Level II person?	Yes, due to the qualifications specified in 40 CFR § 312.10 and 29 CFR § 1910. However, they must also have Level I and Level II training provided by TDEC completed.
		8. Contract Section A.7.f Is TWRA specifically asking for an Environmental Technician who has prior Department of General Services solicitations? We have a senior environmental professional in the area of asbestos remediation plans and would be capable of this step. Is this acceptable?	Experience with the Department of General Services is preferred, but not required, as they will be developing removal and other solicitations on behalf of the Agency.
		9. A.4 Provide list of employees to be assigned along with current job titles.... Are we to assign the job title based on the three categories Registered Geologists, engineers, and technicians or include the employee's actual job title with our company. For	Please provide a list of employees with their assigned job titles with your company and how these are synonymous with the job titles of the three categories: Professional Geologist, Professional Engineers, and Environmental Technician.

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		<p>example we would use several Biologists to staff the technician category due to their experience with CWA permitting and QHP certifications.</p>	
		<p>10. C.5 Invoice no later than 30 days after goods or services have been provided:</p> <p>If laboratory services are required, the laboratories invoices are often received from the lab providing the services after this 30 day limit. Is it acceptable to submit expenses such as these within 30 days of our being invoiced by the laboratory or supplier?</p>	<p>Submission of invoices for laboratory services will be accepted given these services will be provided by a third party.</p>
		<p>11. Pro-forma contract A.7 Prepare bank stabilization/restoration engineering plans Using BMP's.... Prepare construction solicitations....</p> <p>In the event that survey services are required to develop engineering plans, are we to bill surveyors at the environmental technician rates? Or, will TWRA subcontract the necessary survey component separately from this contract?</p> <p>In the event plans must be developed, are we to bill draftsmen and GIS specialists as Environmental Technicians?</p>	<p>In the event services are provided by a third party because current staff cannot provide these services, you will bill the agency at the rate being charged. However, depending on the costs associated with these services, this will greatly reduce the number of projects that could be performed under this Contract.</p>
		<p>12. Pro-forma Contract C. 4 – no reimbursement for travel time or expenses</p> <p>Does the state have an estimate of the amount of travel to be required under this contract? Would TWRA consider different hourly rates for different regions of the state?</p> <p>If awarded, will a rate adjustment per year of the contact be accepted?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, we do not have an estimate of the amount of travel required for the contract as the projects are identified throughout the year and will vary in location throughout the state.</p> <p>Rate adjustments shall not be accepted as this will require amendments to the contract each time they are deemed necessary.</p>
		<p>13. Reference Questionnaire - Attachment F</p> <p>Please provide instructions for electronic submittal of the Reference Questionnaire, if acceptable.</p>	<p>Please see the answer to question 1.</p>
		<p>14. Can you clarify/confirm the process for submitting references in the event we choose to submit our technical response via email?</p>	<p>Please see the answer to question 1.</p>
		<p>15. Can you clarify if there is a maximum number of references the State will</p>	<p>The is no maximum number of references.</p>

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3. **RFQ Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFQ not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.