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Department of Environmental Conservation
Village Safe Water Program

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To: Vendor List

Re: Amendment 2
SOQ 21-VSW-NUP-001
Sanitation Design Services, Nunapitchuk, Alaska
SOQ Due Date: October 13, 2020 @ 3:00 PM AST

The following is a change to the SOQ:

1. The SOQ deadline is extended from October 8, 2020 to October 13, 2020 @ 3:00 PM AST.

The following are questions from interested parties and the department's response:

1. Vendor: We have some concern over this SOQ's engineering requirement for the project manager to be licensed as a PE in Alaska for at least 10 years. This minimum requirement seems a bit onerous and is also a relatively new rule for VSW SOQs. We also noticed that the parallel requirement in the Flush Tank & Haul SOQ is significantly less burdensome, both in terms of licensure and the number of years of relevant design experience. There may be valid reasons for these disparities, but they are troubling from our perspective and it is unclear what the standard is that allows for them. We would still very much like to submit an SOQ for the Nunapitchuk solicitation, and would appreciate your consideration and feedback.

Department: VSW doesn't have a specific "rule" for minimum qualifications as each project is unique. However for this specific project VSW will change SOQ section 1.06 Minimum Qualifications and Relevant Project Experience to the following:

The proposing firm shall provide a written narrative in the form of a cover letter with their proposal verifying how the firm and Project Manager meet the following minimum qualifications and experience.

- The Project Manager and one team member shall have worked in rural Alaska doing sanitation design for a cumulative of 5 years over the last 20 years.
- Project Manager shall have been a licensed State of Alaska P.E. for 5 years.

This cover letter shall identify and describe the Project Manager and project team, including sub consultants, and summarize the Project Manager's and team's qualifications and relevant project experience. The cover letter will not be scored.

Proposals that do not meet the minimum qualifications and provide the cover letter requirements shall be deemed non-responsive and disqualified from consideration.

Please include projects that are related to section 1.03 Scope of Services with your submission. The offeror's SOQ will expand on the relevant qualifications and experience of the firm's team by the category scoring breakdown below.

This is a non-mandatory return amendment.

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