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To: Vendor List

Re: Amendment 4  
SOQ 21-VSW-NUP-001  
Sanitation Design Services, Nunapitchuk, Alaska  
SOQ Due Date: October 13, 2020 @ 3:00 PM AST

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

1. Vendor: Would Village Safe Water consider removing this clause from the SOQ? "VSW prefers firm staff assigned to the project have relevant CSI Certifications."

In the same respect as amendment #2, having this clause in the SOQ makes it unduly restrictive in the same way manner that having 10 year licensure as a P.E. in the State of Alaska.

Department: The CSI Certification preference described in SOQ section 1.09 Proposal Evaluation Criteria will not be removed. VSW plans to contract this work and considers knowledge of the conventions and practices associated with the Contract Specifications Institute an asset in the development of contract documents (plans and specifications). While CSI certification does not guarantee design document excellence, and lack of the same certification does not bar document excellence, VSW does not make the CSI certification a minimum qualification like the requirements in section 1.06 Minimum Qualifications and Relevant Project Experience. VSW considers CSI Certification an asset.

This is a non-mandatory return amendment.

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