

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COFFMAN COVE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

General Information about the RFI:

This is the Department of Environmental Conservation, Village Safe Water (VSW), public notice that VSW will be entering into a single source contract with WesTech Engineering, Inc. (contractor) to upgrade and rehab an existing Tri-Mite® package water treatment system. The contractor is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) for the water treatment system and control panel and VSW is planning to move forward with construction of upgrades in 2021.

The contractor will provide control system design, fabrication, programming, and performance testing for replacement of the existing vendor provided Water Treatment Control Panel for the City of Coffman Cove, Alaska Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Scope of supply will include the master control panel, power panel with starters, and various replacement bray valves.

Services will include but are not limited to; submittals and shop drawings for the control system replacement, construction and shop testing of the new control panel, procurement of instruments and valves for replacement, shipping, and start-up connectivity and performance testing of the installed equipment. Due to the age of the treatment system, a changeout of filter media would benefit the community. If budget allows, VSW will request the contractor also supply media replacement, gasket and air header replacement, as well as shipping, installation inspection, and start-up activities.

Background:

The City of Coffman Cove installed a package water treatment system in 1999. The system is working well but the control panel has started to fail and replacement parts are no longer available. The City is working with VSW to design and install upgrades to the WTP, including control system replacement. The new control panel must operate with the AQUARITROL® process control loop, which has a proven history of minimizing chemical use with Coffman Cove's nutrient-rich source water.

Factual Evidence:

VSW estimates that the package system equipment will cost about \$300,000. VSW has identified the following points that are in the State's best interest to enter into a single source contract:

1. The contractor is the only contractor that can provide control panel design, fabrication, and performance testing to match and replace the existing WTP control panel at the WTP.
2. The contractor is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) for the water treatment system and control panel and its start-up technicians are familiar with the exact process used in Coffman Cove. It is expected the contractor will provide an understanding of how to match this specific system with more modern technology. The contractor will bring efficiencies to the project based on their existing documentation and will provide enhanced operator training.

Determination:

For the above reasons VSW determines that competitively soliciting this procurement is contrary to the public's interest and that award of this single source contract is in the State's best interest. This determination is not arbitrary, capricious, or prompted by corruption.

RFI Contact Information and Deadline:

Vendors may submit via email any concerns about this determination to the procurement officer prior to May 10, 2021 @ 3:00 PM AST.

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Important Notice:

The information provided in the RFI is subject to change and is not binding. The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) does not intend to award a contract from this RFI, nor will DEC be financially responsible for the preparation, or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI. All costs associated with responding will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP, if any is issued. DEC may or may not choose to meet with potential offerors to get further clarification of potential capability to meet requirements. All submissions become DEC property and will not be returned.