

Request for Information

RFI 18-522-23



State of Alaska
Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM)
Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Water Quality

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GS ELEMENTS – WATER QUALITY (PREVIOUSLY AMBIENT WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

Introduction:

The State of Alaska, Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM), Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Water, is seeking information on contractors available for Ambient Water Quality Management System (AWQMS) annual license and maintenance fees and user support hours.

Background Information:

The Division of Water has used the AWQMS to manage its water quality data for sixteen years. It was designed specifically for compatibility with EPA's Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and is used by over one hundred federal, state, tribal, and volunteer organizations. The Division of Water needs continued use of AWQMS by obtaining an annual license, maintenance fees, and user support hours.

Summary:

This Request for Information (RFI) is to identify sources that could provide maintenance, user support, and licensing for three years of the GS Elements – Water Quality (previously AWQMS).

- What programming/platform languages can your organization provide services for?
- Does your organization provide water quality database management services to other state or federal agencies?
- Is your organization familiar with the EPA's Water Quality Exchange and reporting requirements?
- Are your organization's database management services compatible with and in compliance with the EPA's Water Quality Exchange?

The information provided by DEC in this RFI is subject to change and is not binding. DEC has not committed to procuring any of the services discussed, and releasing this RFI should not be construed as such a commitment or authorization to incur costs for which reimbursement would be required or sought. All submissions become DEC property and will not be returned.

Important Notice:

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 request. 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 possible capability to meet requirements. The RFI does not extend any rights to prospective vendors or obligate the state to conduct a solicitation or purchase any goods or services.

Response Information:

Interested parties must submit a written response to this RFI by **April 14, 2023, at 4:00 PM AKST.**

Do not hand deliver or use U.S. mail. Responses must be sent by email to

decdasprocurement@alaska.gov as a PDF document. The email subject line must contain the RFI number. Clearly label your attachment, such as "Vendor – RFI 18-522-23.pdf". The maximum size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that the state can receive is **20MB** (megabytes).

Responses should include the following:

- Name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail of designated point of contact.
- Responses to each of the number of items identified above.
- Response must include detail on experience and qualifications, the products or services themselves, and why your products or services will work for the state.

Procurement Officer contact information:

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Proprietary information, if any, should be minimized and MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. Information not marked as proprietary may become public.

Please note that the State does not accept responsibility for e-mailed response deliveries. The interested party is responsible for following up with the individual listed above to ensure your response was received before the specified deadline.

Questions about this RFI can be directed to Guillermo Castillo at decdasprocurement@alaska.gov.