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Village Safe Water Program

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To: Vendor List

Re: Amendment 1
RFP 24-VSW-PTU-002
Platinum Well Design
RFP Due Date: September 7, 2023 @ 2:00 PM AST

The following changes are required:

1. The RFP due date is extended from August 24, 2023 to September 7, 2023 @ 2:00 PM AST.

The following are vendor questions and the department's response:

1. Vendor: Under Article B2 - Background and Scope of Service, specifically under Phase 1, Task 1 (on page 5 of 13) calls for a licensed hydrogeologist or hydrology engineer to conduct a site investigation. It is our understanding the State of Alaska does not license hydrogeologists. [REDACTED] has a qualified hydrogeologist and skilled groundwater engineers/scientists with rural Alaska water well experience and therefore would like to use such a person (s) for accomplishing this task and be used to direct the well drilling work including the geologic logging of the drilled well plus collect representative soil and groundwater samples. Please inform us if this is acceptable in lieu of a licensed individual.

Department: The department will allow a qualified hydrogeologist and skilled groundwater engineer / scientist with rural Alaska water well experience in lieu of a licensed hydrogeologist or hydrology engineer.

2. Vendor: Since there are many unknowns about the scope of work for design (Phase II) and construction (Phase III) until a water well is drilled and determined to be acceptable to VSW and the community, we recommend Section II - Price in the RFP be amended to require the submission of a cost proposal **only for Phase I**. Future cost estimates for Phases II and III could then be submitted **after the scope of work is better defined**.

Department: See Section III Price - Part C. #12. Labor Billing Rates:

The department anticipates that all costs for Phase I Specification Development will be identified upon contract execution. This includes Phase I tasks that include some Phase III Bidding and Contracting Assistance work. Anticipated amendments include work for Phase II Design and Specification Development and Phase III Bidding and Contracting Assistance. Within 30 days of the department's request the contractor shall submit price proposals for these anticipated amendments.

3. Vendor: Lastly and most importantly, preparation of a responsive proposal for this RFP is exceptionally difficult at this time of year as we are the peak of our short summer season to complete other construction projects and therefore request VSW to seriously consider postponing the proposal due date by at least 2 weeks if possible. Consideration should be given to the fact that the actual time for well drilling (Task 4) will be next summer and there should be adequate time this fall/winter to complete the site investigation and prepare the well drilling plan (Task 1) plus permitting (Task 2) and preparation of the well drilling did docs (Task 3).

Department: Approved, see above #1 Required Changes.

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