



**State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation
Village Safe Water Program**

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To: Vendor List

Re: Amendment 1
RFP 25-VSW-KCC-008
Construction Management and Engineering support services
RFP Due Date: October 31, 2024 @ 2:00 PM AST

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

1. Vendor: Is the design engineer/consultant eligible to provide CM and Engineering support services for the same project?

Department: Yes.

2. Vendor: Does the superintendent (the person who will be "... directing work") need to be identified in Section 4 – Project Team Qualifications and Experience?

Department: Yes, see Team Summary under that Request for Proposal (RFP) section.

3. Vendor: Can the project superintendent be an employee of the Contractor?

Department: Yes.

4. Vendor: Can the project superintendent be a subcontractor to the Contractor?

Department: Yes.

5. Vendor: Can the project manager be a subcontractor to the Contractor?

Department: Yes. The following statement is added to RFP Appendix B Statement of Services, 1.2 Minimum Qualifications: “Subcontractor experience shall be considered in determining whether the offeror meets the minimum qualifications.”

6. Vendor: Will the Contractor be able to staff the project with skilled laborers (electricians, plumbers, welders, etc.) who are a part of their staff?

Department: Yes, however all contractor personnel including any subcontractors shall only provide professional services (training, consulting, supervising work) under the resulting contract. The Contractor shall not perform any manual labor under the resulting contract. Per RFP Appendix B Statement of Services, Article B2 Background & Scope of Service, “The Contractor shall not perform construction work that would otherwise be subject to Alaska Statute Title 8 Chapter 18 Construction Contractors and Home Inspectors and Alaska Statute Title 36. Public Contracts.”

7. Vendor: Will the superintendent be allowed to work overtime? Most superintendents expect to be paid a minimum of 10 hours/day and six days/week for out-of-town work.

Department: See RFP Part C Evaluation Criteria, #2 Project Approach and RFP Appendix C Compensation, C-1, #5 Time and Material, 5.1.3 Time & Materials Overtime.

8. Vendor: Will there be restrictions on the superintendent’s wage rate, for example, less than \$65/hr?

Department: Aside from minimum wage and overtime the Department is not aware of specific job class wage restrictions for professional service contracts. See answer to question #6.

9. Vendor: What will the daily per diem rate be for the superintendent?

Department: See RFP Appendix C Compensation, C-1, #6 Special Considerations.

10. Vendor: What procurement limits will apply to the purchase of materials by the Contractor? If, the PM or Department’s approval is required, what will be the turnaround time for those decisions?

Department: Procurement limits are not specified. A turnaround time is not specified. Several factors such as but not limited to complexity and cost could affect turnaround time. Part C, Section III – Price, #12 Labor Billing Rates and Material Budget Estimate should assist with reducing turnaround time later on.

11. Vendor: If the Department isn’t able to reimburse the Contractor within 30 days of the materials being purchased, what interest rate will the Contractor be able to charge? Alternatively, will the Department be responsible for the payment of late fees?

Department: The only interest the Contractor could charge the Department is interest on late payments. In accordance with the State’s Professional Service Agreement (PSA) Manual “Payments shall also be timely in accordance with AAM 35.120. Payment for services, with some exceptions, must be made by the date specified under contract, or by 30 days after receipt of a proper billing. If payment is not made within the required time, the State shall pay interest on the unpaid balance in accordance with 2 AAC 15.115 and AS 37.05.285.”

12. Vendor: Will the force account laborers be employees of the Department, the City, the Contractor, or some other entity?

Department: See RFP Statement of Services, Appendix B, Article B2 Background & Scope of Service, Scope of Service.

13. Vendor: Can the due date for proposals be extended a minimum of 3 weeks after responses are provided to the above questions?

Department: Yes. The RFP due date is extended from October 10, 2024 to October 31, 2024 @ 2:00 PM AST.

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