Request for Information (RFI)

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State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Spill Prevention and Response

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FIREFIGHTING SUBSTANCES DISPOSAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Introduction:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Division of Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR) is tasked with implementing a firefighting substances disposal reimbursement program as required by 2024 Senate Bill (SB) 67. The program is focused on providing reimbursement for the removal and disposal of firefighting substances that contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) primarily associated with aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), from communities where they are located.

Background Information:

SPAR invites interested parties to apply to be included on a list of participants who can provide services to communities wishing to participate in the disposal reimbursement program.

1. Coordinate with Alaskan communities to package, label, and ship containers of AFFF materials to a disposal facility that is approved to dispose of AFFF containing PFAS. SB 67 applies to a "firefighting substance" containing PFAS. Please note that SPAR is unaware of other substances meeting this definition except for AFFF.

It is anticipated that no facilities in Alaska can accept this product for disposal. However, that may change. The disposal reimbursement program is in the development phase. SPAR anticipates the program will consist of the following components:

- 1. Interested communities will contact a vendor or vendors to obtain cost estimates for transporting and disposing of their AFFF stocks.
- SPAR will receive cost and disposal facility information and issue an eligibility determination
 or request additional information to ensure the proposed disposal complies with SB 67
 requirements.
- 3. Upon eligibility determination, communities will work with their selected vendor to package, transport, and dispose of the AFFF materials. Communities will then pay the vendor as agreed upon between the community and the vendor.
- 4. Communities submit invoices, disposal receipts, and other pertinent information to DEC for reimbursement.

These components may be revised as the program is executed.

Please note that this RFI does not extend any rights to prospective vendors or obligate the state to conduct a solicitation or purchase any goods or services. If you are found responsive to this RFI, SPAR will provide your contact information to communities on the disposal reimbursement program website and in outreach materials to be provided upon request or at conferences and events, such as the Alaska Forum on the Environment. Communities may select vendors not appearing on the SPAR list if their proposal to dispose of the AFFF materials meets the requirements of SB 67. SPAR is not limiting reimbursement to entities on the list of participating vendors.

Response Information:

SPAR is requesting the following information from vendors in response to this RFI:

- 1. An affirmative statement that the vendor can provide the services listed above;
- 2. A copy of the entity's Alaska business license;
- 3. An insurance certificate indicating the vendor has a minimum of \$300,000 of Commercial General Liability Insurance covering all business premises and operations used by the Contractor in the performance of services provided to communities with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per claim; and
- 4. Contact information to be listed on the disposal reimbursement program website and applicable outreach materials.

Procurement Officer Contact Information:

Interested parties must submit a written response by Friday, November 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. AKST. Responses may be sent by E-mail to the address listed below.

All questions must be directed to the person listed below writing via email.

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Division of Administrative Services

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Notice to Vendors:

Pursuant to <u>Administrative Order 352</u>, (a) any person or business determined to support or participate in a boycott of the State of Israel will be disqualified from any procurement related to this Request for Information, and (b) the support of or participation in a boycott of the State of Israel by a person or business contracting with the State of Alaska under AS 36.30 constitutes grounds for termination of the contract.

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