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## **RFP # 18-820-26 – Addendum Two**

**To:** Interested Parties of RFP 18-820-26

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**Subject:** RFP# 18-820-26  
Addendum Two

The following questions were received regarding RFP 18-820-26 for Tongass Narrows Sampling for the State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water. The State's responses are provided below.

### **Questions and Answers**

#### **Question 1 (Section 3.01.02 p 8)**

Will EPA cover costs for shipping and courier for the 2026 MST analysis?

#### **Response:**

EPA will cover the courier cost, but the contractor will cover the shipping cost.

#### **Question 2 (Section 3.01.02 pp 8, 10, & 11)**

Text on p8 says there will be 6 MST samples collected in 2027, but the sample table (p 11 & 12) doesn't include MST samples. Can the state confirm that MST samples will be collected in 2027, and if there is a preferred schedule for collection of these samples?

#### **Response:**

Yes, a total of 6 samples will be collected in 2027. Results from 2026 will inform when and where, so this is currently unknown. MST samples will be collected during planned sample events, at established sample sites.

#### **Question 3 (Section 3.01.02 p8)**

Will duplicates be required for MST analysis?

#### **Response:**

Apologies, this information wasn't in the RFP. We were developing the QAPP for MST sampling with the EPA when the

RFP went out. In 2026, an MST duplicate at a randomly selected site will be collected once a month (about every other sample event), and a transfer/field blank for MST will be sent in for each sample event. In 2027, as this is a more limited MST effort, there will not be any MST duplicates or transfer/field blanks.

**Question 4 Deliverables (Sections 3.01.01 and 3.01.03)**

There is some uncertainty as to the level of effort expected for production of the QAPP (the template is provided by the DEC – complexity of QAPP template unknown), the field report (the template is provided by the DEC – complexity of report template unknown), the review of the raw data (done in coordination with the DEC PM and QA officer- unknown what portion of the review will be assigned to contractor) and the WQ Data Review Checklist (RFP states specified sections will be completed – unknown what these sections are). Would the State provide an estimated level of effort for cost estimating purposes?

**Response:**

The contractor will need to develop a QAPP for the bacteria and metals sampling only. A QAPP for the MST sampling has already been drafted. We estimate about 40 hours to develop the QAPP. The field report template is attached. We estimate 8 hours. The review of raw data and data entry is estimated to be 32 hours, and the WQ Data Review Checklist is estimated to take 8 hours.

**Question 5 Deliverables (Section 3.01.03)**

Will data validation beyond the WQ Data Review Checklist be completed by the contractor?

**Response:**

No, data validation includes only those processes described in the RFP. The project manager will review data entry and the WQ Data Review Checklist, provide feedback, and the contractor will incorporate feedback and provide an error-free final.

**SEC. 7.01 Attachments**

**Addendum Two Attachments**

The following documents are attached to this addendum and incorporated by reference into the solicitation:

Attachment 10 — Field Report Template

Attachment 11 — Water Quality Data Review Checklist

The documents listed above are attached to this addendum. Offerors shall obtain these documents from the Addendum Two Attachments section below and from the Online Public Notice (OPN) posting for this solicitation.

**All other terms and conditions for this Request for Proposals (RFP) remain unchanged.**

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**End of Addendum**