

ADDENDUM TWO

DATE: April 9, 2013

TO: All Vendors

FROM: Ruth Gray/Michelle Musick, Buyers
State Purchasing Bureau

RE: Questions and Answers for RFP Number 4297 Z1
to be opened April 19, 2013

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request For Proposal. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request For Proposal.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p>1. We are requesting a copy of the incumbents (pricing) past submittal for this scope of work (per OPRA and/or the FIA).</p>	<p>Energy Laboratories, Inc, the incumbent, pricing is available at the following website: http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/contracts/pdfs/32501(o4)ren(3)ext(1)awd.pdf</p>
<p>2. Also, can you tell me if this will be sent to me directly via email or posted on the Internet at http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm?</p>	<p>Addendum One, the questions and answers, will be posted on the Internet at http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm</p>
<p>3. Do you have an estimate on the possible number of Cryptosporidium/Giardia and Microscopic Particulate Analysis samples per year?</p>	<p>DHHS PHE Lab estimates these to be less than ten (10) per year.</p>

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<p>4. Section IV) A) states “Most of the samples are collected by public water systems, new well drillers, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the Nebraska Drinking Water Program and private citizens. Most samples will be directly shipped to the contractor by the collector to reduce the time the sample spends in route to the contractor and to facilitate faster sample turnaround.” Will the contractor ever required or requested by DHHS PHE Lab to mobilize to pick up or retrieve samples?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>5. What is the process currently used by DHHS PHE Lab in order to furnish lab sample supplies to sample collection site?</p>	<p>Any containers, preservatives, and chain of custodies needed for testing that the Lab does not perform at DHHS PHE Lab are supplied by the contractor to DHHS PHE Lab. The necessary kits are then prepared by DHHS PHE Lab and sent to the clients.</p>
<p>6. Is there an incumbent performing these services and if so who are they?</p>	<p>Energy Laboratories Inc.</p>
<p>7. Will lab supplies be shipped to DHHS PHE Lab, well drillers, or both?</p>	<p>Only to DHHS PHE Lab.</p>
<p>8. Who will initiate requests for lab samples – drillers or DHHS PHE Lab?</p>	<p>DHHS PHE Lab.</p>
<p>9. Page 29, Section 6 states “The contractor and any subcontractor laboratories must apply for, receive and maintain Nebraska Drinking Water certification for the appropriate analyte(s) and method(s).” If a prime performs the administration function of the contract and the lab maintains the certification, is it required that the Prime also hold the certification?</p>	<p>See the answers to questions #12 & #13. All labs involved must be certified by Nebraska or by Nebraska reciprocal certification.</p>
<p>10. We currently have NJ NELAC certification and have a reciprocal cert for Nebraska, but it is unclear how it would (or would not) apply for this project?</p>	<p>The reciprocal certification would apply.</p>
<p>11. It appears from the bid specs that this bid is to establish a subcontract lab who can accept the other parameters that the NEDPH lab in Lincoln cannot do: asbestos, dioxin, Endothall, radiological, and TOC for Drinking Water. It is also appears that there might be subcontract work for non-DW and soil samples—but possibly for more parameters that the listed seven?</p>	<p>That is correct.</p>

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12. Is Nebraska certification required or will a NELAC certification from another state be acceptable in lieu of Nebraska certification?	Reciprocal certification by Nebraska based on the NELAC certification is necessary.
13. What certification will be acceptable for methods/parameters not covered by Nebraska?	NELAC or EPA certification by another state is acceptable.
14. Can you provide the forms and pricing tables in word or excel?	The RFP can be downloaded in both PDF and Word formats.
15. What non DHHS PHE lab(s) currently provide analytical support?	Energy Laboratories, Inc, Underwriters Lab, and CH Diagnostics.
16. The RFP estimates 40 new wells per year for the primary parameters. Is this in addition to the number of tests listed or is it included?	The new well numbers are included.
17. Will it be acceptable to no bid a parameter or method?	Yes. A bidder does not need to be able to bid on all analytes in the table but it must bid on all the analytes listed on page 35. Additional points, as allotted in the evaluation criteria, will be given to bidders who can provide all the analytes listed in Attachment 1.
18. Attachment 1 has a column for "Method Used" which appears to be a place to propose a method. Are alternative methods acceptable?	Alternative methods are acceptable as long as they are EPA approved, the bidder holds drinking water certification for them, and they can provide comparative reporting limits.
19. Attachment 1 has two lines for Uranium: one for Uranium, Isotopic and one for Uranium (mass). The Drinking Water MCL is stated in terms of mass (30 ug/L is the MCL). Total U by ICP-MS is a much more economical option than Isotopic by Alpha Spec. What is the reason for requesting both?	The Nebraska Drinking Water Program requires isotopic uranium when a Gross Alpha adjustment is necessary.
20. Section UU discusses Technology Access standards. The link did not work and the redirected link did not work. Can the State of Nebraska simply provide this document?	Section UU would not be applicable to this RFP and subsequent contract.
21. Can lab bid only on some of analyses or do they have to bid on all?	See answer to question #17.
22. Will subcontracting be allowed?	Yes, as long as the subcontract lab has the proper certification.

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<p>23. The Reporting Level of 1.5 pCi/l for Radon in water seems to be very low for SM 7500 Rn which uses liquid scintillation. How was 1.5 pCi/l reporting level determined since the EPA's proposed MCL is 300 pCi/l for Radon?</p>	<p>This is an error. The RFP is hereby amended to read 15 pCi/L.</p>
<p>24. We are not NELAC Certified by all methods listed but are NELAC certified using other EPA approved methods for the same analytes. If we can achieve the same detection limits, would they be acceptable?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>25. You listed some analytes with estimated quantities on page 35; do you know the estimated quantities for the other analytes up for bid?</p>	<p>No, the DHHS PHE Lab does not have an estimate for any of the other analytes. The numbers listed on page 35 were the Labs 2012 numbers.</p>
<p>26. In regard to shipping will lab get to determine shipping method?</p>	<p>The DHHS PHE Lab ships all kits out to clients.</p>