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RFP 30-2024
LAB SERVICES (TRIBAL-WIDE)

Addendum No. 3, Date issued April 19, 2024

This Addendum No. 3 is hereby made a part of RFP 30-2024 and has been issued by the Seminole Tribe of Florida (hereinafter the "Tribe") to revise the solicitation document(s), add an attachment, and to answer questions submitted by prospective bidders.

RFP 30-2024 is amended as follows:

1. Revision of *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values*:

Exhibit A – Schedule of Values has been revised.

Bidders shall replace all previous versions of *Exhibit A* with the revised version attached to this Addendum No. 3 as *RFP 30-2024 Exhibit A – Schedule of Values REV001*. All previous mentions of *Exhibit A* in RFP 30-2024 shall now refer to the attached *RFP 30-2024 Exhibit A – Schedule of Values REV001*.

2. Release of *Attachment D - Sample Agreement*:

The following attachment has been released:

- *Attachment D - Sample Agreement*

3. Answering Questions Submitted by Prospective Bidders:

The following questions are being addressed through this Addendum No. 3:

GENERAL	
1.	Q: Please provide current contract ranking sheet if available and if the TRIBE allows it?

	A: The information is confidential and cannot be disclosed.
2.	Q: Please provide the name of the current contract laboratory if the TRIBE allows it?
	A: The information is confidential and cannot be disclosed.
3.	Q: Please provide the current contract Schedule of Values and pricing if available and if the TRIBE allows it?
	A: Not applicable.
4.	Q: Please provide the estimated number of samples per year, per matrix and tab (Ground and Surface Water, Environmental, and Drinking Water)?
	A: The TRIBE observed over fourteen thousand (14,000) surface water quality attributes in 2023. The TRIBE expects to sample up to one thousand (1,000) soil samples and up to two hundred (200) groundwater samples each year in addition to the surface water sampling.
5.	Q: Please provide estimated overall contract annual spending and value?
	A: Two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000.00) annually.
6.	Q: Does the TRIBE have an estimate on how many field sampling events are performed in a year, if so at which location primarily?
	A: The TRIBE performed approximately five hundred (500) field sampling events in FY2023.
7.	Q: Please provide sample agreement to view payment terms and/or special conditions, Exhibit was not included in the package.
	A: Please refer to *Attachment D – Sample Agreement* provided through this Addendum No. 3.
8.	Q: Is there a consumer price index (CPI) or price increase allowance during renewal option?
	A: Please refer to *Attachment D – Sample Agreement* provided through this Addendum No. 3.
9.	Q: Will the TRIBE allow equivalent methodologies? Example PAH by EPA 8270 instead of 8310? If so, can the file be updated to reflect laboratory accredited method?
	A: Equivalent methodologies are acceptable, but they must be recognized by the EPA, FDEP, or other relevant sources of authority, and their use must be agreed to in advance of sample collection.
10.	Q: Will the TRIBE allow methods that do not offer Florida certification? Example 6PPD-quinone. What laboratory is currently performing this test?
	A: The TRIBE will allow methods where Florida certification does not exist, particularly on emergent pollutants of concern.
11.	Q: Can additional rush options be provided for consideration?

	A: Additional rush options can be provided, feel free to propose.
12.	Q: Can the TRIBE provide example of current routine pick up schedule? Is it bi-weekly or is its multiple days a week at multiple locations?
	A: Pick up schedule will consist of multiple days per week at multiple locations. The TRIBE can be flexible to some degree.
13.	Q: Will the TRIBE collect samples at specific time range?
	A: Samples will be collected every week of every month.
14.	Q: *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values* Ground and Surface tab item 1.39 and Environmental tab item 2.12 includes which of the following, volatiles, extractables, or metals?
	A: The category "Priority pollutants" represents a list of contaminants prioritized by the EPA, and which the EPA has recommended methods of analysis. Please refer to the following link: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-09/documents/priority-pollutant-list-epa.pdf.
15.	Q: *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values* Ground and Surface tab item 1.07 and 1.14 indicates report separately. Please specify what this means and/or what it's in reference to? Is it to include only the one (1) compound and not entire list?
	A: Report separately is an indication of the requirement to include an individual compound as opposed to a class of compounds which may be similar in chemical composition.
16.	Q: *Exhibit A Schedule of Values* Drinking Water tab organic chemicals are listed by compound; however, these are reported grouped under one method, one run, therefore not quoted/priced by compound. How can this be identified and completed in Exhibit A - Schedule of Values?
	A: BIDDER must state it in their application that one (1) method is used to detect a full range of compounds and describe the price of performing this method.
17.	Q: The dissolved parameters will be filtered in the field. Will the TRIBE have their own filters?
	A: The TRIBE will have their own filters.
18.	Q: Please define organics, Semi-Volatile in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values* Ground and Surface Water tab item 1.28. Is the item 8270 or 625 or does it include Pest/PCB and herbs organochlorine pest etc. Can the TRIBE please advise on the method needed here?
	A: The TRIBE intended item 1.28 to be procedure #8270, but BIDDER may propose this or other methods. BIDDER must describe why they recommend one or more different methods.
19.	Q: Please define organics, Semi-Volatile in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values* Environmental tab. Is the item 8270 or 625 or does it include Pest/PCB and herbs organochlorine pest etc. Can the TRIBE please advise on the method needed here?
	A: The TRIBE intended the item to be procedure #8270, but BIDDER may propose this or other methods. BIDDER must describe why they recommend one or more different methods.

20.	Q: Does *Exhibit A - Schedule of Values* Environmental Tab item 2.12 Priority Pollutants include Asbestos and Dioxin?
	A: The category "Priority pollutants" represents a list of contaminants prioritized by the EPA, and which the EPA has recommended methods of analysis. Please refer to the following link: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-09/documents/priority-pollutant-list-epa.pdf.
21.	Q: *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values* Drinking Water Tab: allows methods that do not offer Florida certification? Example Lasso (Monsanto herbicide). What laboratory is currently performing this test?
	A: Not applicable.
22.	Q: Who is the incumbent?
	A: The information is confidential and cannot be disclosed.
23.	Q: What is the current pricing?
	A: The information is confidential and cannot be disclosed.
24.	Q: How do we get on the list to receive Addenda and other communications? Does this email suffice as our request to be included in those related notifications?
	A: The release of all Addendums follows the same method used for releasing all solicitation documents. Furthermore, they are provided to all prospective bidders who have submitted questions.
25.	Q: Page twenty-six (26) of the Request for Proposal (RFP) document references the inclusion of *Attachment D - Sample Agreement* (Attached separately as .docx). The attachment indicated could not be located in any of the accessible files. The documents provided are the RFP document (PDF) and *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values* (Excel). Will the TRIBE provide the *Attachment D – Sample Agreement* for review? If there are any additional documents beyond this, will the TRIBE provide those as well?
	A: *Attachment D - Sample Agreement* is provided through this Addendum No. 3.
26.	Q: How do you price two (2) separate items on one line provided? For example, item 1.19 Mercury in the Ground and Surface Water tab requires CVAA Hg and surface water requires Low Level Hg. Those are significantly different procedures with two (2) different prices.
	A: Please include other additional pricing in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values REV001*, Other tab, under Other Samples Analysis Methods. BIDDER may add additional rows tab as needed to disclose additional methods and price.
27.	Q: Item 1.36 in the Ground and Surface Water tab, should BIDDER assume that only the Organochlorine Pesticides and not Organophosphorus Pesticides are required.
	A: Organochlorine Pesticides and Organophosphorus Pesticides are both required.

28.	Q: Please confirm the required methods and analyses for item 1.39 Priority Pollutants List (PPL) in the Ground and Surface Water tab, the interpretation is that the requirements are PPL VOCs (624), PPL SVOCs (625), PPL Pests/PCBs (608), and PPL-13 Metals (200.7/245.1).
	A: The category "Priority pollutants" represents a list of contaminants prioritized by the EPA, and which the EPA has recommended methods of analysis. Please refer to the following link: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-09/documents/priority-pollutant-list-epa.pdf
29.	Q: Is method 8270 low-level for PAHs an acceptable substitute to method 8310 for item 2.05 in the Environmental tab an acceptable substitute to method 8310?
	A: BIDDER may propose suitable alternative methods.
30.	Q: Please define what is being requested for inclusion in the TCLP price in item 2.07 in the Environmental tab. Is both the TCLP ZHE, Non-Volatile extractions, and list of analyses (VOCs/SVOCs/Metals) to be included or just the extraction costs?
	A: If the TCLP method is applied to more than one (1) chemical, simply identify the range of costs associated with the range of chemicals where TCLP is used with. BIDDER may provide an appended table identifying costs for each unique chemical with which TCLP can be applied.
31.	Q: Please define the method being requested for the analysis of Uranium in item 3.04 in the Drinking Water tab. Is analysis by ICP acceptable or is the depletion method what is required?
	A: BIDDER must state what method they can provide. No specific method is required, the TRIBE wishes to have access to as many different methods as possible.
32.	Q: What expedited turnaround time fee does the TRIBE require; twenty-four (24) hours, forty-eight (48) hours, etc. for item 1.03 in the other tab?
	A: The expedited turnaround time is three (3) business days. The TRIBE would like to see costs for twenty-four (24), forty-eight (48), and seventy-two (72) hours turnaround times if possible.
33.	Q: For the columns in each pricing tab labeled rush/expedited turnaround time, how many calendar days does the TRIBE prefer BIDDERs to use when providing rush turnaround time cost options?
	A: Less than seven (7) calendar days is considered a rush option.
34.	Q: Does the TRIBE have a set schedule for pickups at the specified locations? If so, can the TRIBE provide the schedule?
	A: Schedules for pickups are defined monthly and finalized each week.
35.	Q: Can the TRIBE provide how much the City has paid out on the contract for each of the last two (2) full contract years or calendar years?
	A: Not applicable.
36.	Q: Can the TRIBE share the current contract rates?

	A: The information is confidential and cannot be disclosed.
37.	Q: Are past proposals available for the last RFP in 2019?
	A: The information is confidential and cannot be disclosed.
38.	Q: Please confirm that all analyses and compounds listed in each tab in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values* must be completed if BIDDER is bidding on the Tab Group?
	A: Not all analyses must be completed by every applying lab, if a lab cannot perform an analysis, then the lab needs to be able to subcontract with another lab who can perform the analysis in a defined period of time.
39.	Q: Request for Proposal (RFP) states all compounds must be FDOH NELAP Certified. Where can we locate and confirm that information on the FDOH Website Table a NELAP certified lab for item 1.07 6PPD-quinone in Environmental tab. Please list current lab the TRIBE has used in the past for this test and how to indicate not FDOH NELAP Certified in the RFP?
	A: Newly defined contaminants may not have methods certified by FDOH, and that is okay. A certification from appropriately authoritative source may also be acceptable.
40.	Q: In *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Ground and Surface Water tab, there are two (2) SOV items for Volatile Organics (item 1.29 and item 1.46). Please identify the difference between the two groups and compounds in each group.
	A: Both items 1.29 and 1.46 are the same substances and it has been corrected. Please refer to *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values REV001* provided through this Addendum No. 3.
41.	Q: Please provide the list of Priority Pollutants for item 1.39 in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV*) Ground and Surface Water tab. Is the full at 40 CFR Part 423, Appendix A list? Including 2.3.7.8-TCDD (dioxin)?
	A: If you can analyze substances that aren't on the list, please note which substances, the cost of analysis, and why your lab recommends this analysis. Please refer to the following link: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2014-title40-vol29/pdf/CFR-2014-title40-vol29-part423-appA.pdf
42.	Q: Please provide the list of Semi-Volatiles Organics for item 1.38 in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Ground and Surface Water tab or should it just be the labs full 8270 list of compounds?
	A: It is the labs full 8270 list of compounds.
43.	Q: Please provide the list of Volatile Organics for item 2.13 in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Environmental tab or should it just be the labs full 8260 list of compounds?
	A: It is the labs full 8260 list of compounds.

44.	Q: Please provide the list of Priority Pollutants for item 2.12 in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Environmental tab. Is the full at 40 CFR Part 423, Appendix A list? Including 2.3.7.8-TCDD (dioxin)?
	A: Please refer to the following link: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2014-title40-vol29/pdf/CFR-2014-title40-vol29-part423-appA.pdf
45.	Q: Please provide the list of Semi-Volatiles Organics for item 2.09 in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Environmental tab or should it just be the labs full 8270 list of compounds?
	A: It is the labs full 8270 list of compounds.
46.	Q: Please confirm item 5.25 in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Drinking Water tab, Lasso (Monsanto herbicide) is Alachlor found FDOH DW Table for Synthetic Organic Compounds.
	A: The TRIBE confirms. Please refer to the following link: https://www3.epa.gov/pesticides/chem_search/ppls/000524-00314-20070927.pdf
47.	Q: In *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Drinking Water tab, the compounds are listed individually. Some groups like the VOC compounds items from 5.32 through 5.52 are ran as groups by Method 524 and not typically priced individually. It is the same for some of the SOCS like Methods 525 and 508. Please explain how the TRIBE would like these items priced in the table for Method Group pricing.
	A: The TRIBE runs the VOCs as a group test and would only follow up on individual compounds if a high concentration is observed.
48.	Q: Please explain what is required for upcharge for item 1.00, Additional Up-Charge for Soil Testing in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Other tab.
	A: Any rationale for additional charges can be provided by the BIDDER.
49.	Q: Please explain and specify what is required for upcharge for item 1.05 in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values (SOV)* Other tab.
	A: Any rationale for additional charges can be provided by the BIDDER.
50.	Q: What does the TRIBE consider standard turnaround time for each tab in *Exhibit A – Schedule of Values*?
	A: Standard turnaround time is five to seven (5-7) business days.

All other content for RFP 30-2024 remains the same.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 3