

# Infrastructure & Operations

## REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Water Testing Services  
RFQ50709 - Addendum 2

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Quotations will be received up to  
2:00:00 pm local time on, July 31, 2024

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The following questions have been received.

1. Can you please clarify what is required by RUSH (TCEC) on the price sheet? Does this refer to potential weekend micro rush sampling events?

No. 24 hr Rush analysis MPN TCEC is in regular lab hours.

2. Do you require accreditation with our submission?

No. All lab must be certified/approved by NSECC to test and/or analyze all drinking water and wastewater samples in order to qualify for award. The bidder is obligated to provide such certification/approval prior to the start of the contract (typically ten days before).

If a contractor does not have certification/approval at the time they bid, they should state so and describe their time-line to certification/approval. If they are in a renewal process, state so. The inability to produce accreditation when requested may result in a rescinded award or termination of the contract.

The bidder is reminded that they will need to provide a certificate of insurance and WCBNS letter of good standing in accordance with the terms of the contract should they be successful.

3. Do you require subcontractor accreditation?

Where a bidder uses subcontractors, they must identify what testing will be subcontracted. The subcontractor must have appropriate accreditation for the testing they will do and such proof must be provided in accordance with the answer to question 2.

4. Please clarify request for hourly rates under section 1.10.2. Does this refer to potential weekend micro sampling events?

Yes. We are looking for a contingency rate for after-hours (evening/weekend) rate in the case we had a RUSH bacteria (MPN) sample that needed to be analyzed outside of regular lab hours.

5. In section 1.6.23 on page 6 of the tender document it states that objects to the terms and conditions must be clearly set out in the quotation. However, in section 1.10.7 it states that any objections to the terms and conditions must be identified before the question period ends. Which indicates that they must be asked as question. We need clarification as to which one to follow.

1.10.7. was added to clarify that material objections, such as objections which would affect the cost of the Services or a bidder's desire to bid, are to be addressed during the competition period, to the benefit of all potential bidders. Addendum 1 contains examples of changes to the terms which were made to the terms as a result of this process.

If an objection to something contained in the RFQ is reserved, we may not be able to accommodate a requested mitigation or, if it is condition of the bid (e.g. this must change to make our bid valid), it may be considered a counteroffer, which may affect our ability to accept the bid.

Some firms will have terms and conditions which will apply to their services and, provided they are not in conflict with the contract, they can be included in your response, subject to the conditions of 1.6.23.

We'll adjust the language in future to make this clearer.

END OF ADDENDUM