

## RFQ #11-02 Coeur d'Alene Basin Engineering Support – Q/A

1. Will the issuance of the Upper Basin ROD amendment impact the design requirements for the upper basin waste repositories? If yes, what are the anticipated impacts?

**Answer:** The issuance of the Upper Basin ROD could potentially impact the design requirements for the Upper Basin Repository but the anticipated impacts are difficult to predict. The selected firm will have the ability to be flexible and change the design focus quickly in the event that the design requirements change.

2. Are there any limitations on teaming for this contract?

**Answer:** There are no limitations on teaming for this contract.

3. What is the term length for this contract (e.g. one year contract, four one-year renewals)?

**Answer:** The term length for this contract is one year, with three possible one year renewals.

4. Item 1 of Section IV: The design discussed assumes that an acceptable site is available. Is site screening, characterization, and selection included in the SOW?

**Answer:** The statement of work may include site screening, characterization, and selection based on specific remedial action needs.

5. Item 3, Section IV: Construction oversight provided by the Design Contractor assumes that a construction contractor has been selected. To what extent will the Design contractor participate in the process of selecting the construction contractor?

**Answer:** Future selection of construction contractors may necessitate input from the design contractor depending on the details of the project.

6. Item 4 of Section IV: In coordinating technical work group meetings, what part will the Design Contractor play in identifying, evaluating, and selecting solutions to implement?

**Answer:** The Design Contractor may be required to identify, evaluate, and recommend specific solutions or the Design Contractor may be required to review and recommend specific solutions developed by another firm working on this Superfund site.

7. Item 8 of Section IV. "Basic Elements of the Project" identifies the development of cost estimates for water treatment systems design to treat metal contaminated waters. Other sections of the RFQ identify services in addition to cost estimates for water treatment systems.

Will support for water treatment system design be LIMITED to the development of cost estimates OR is the design of these systems also included in this scope element?

**Answer:** While several scope elements included in the RFQ may require the design of water treatment systems, Item 8 is limited to the development of cost estimates and the review of designs submitted by other firms.

8. Item 10 of Section IV. "Basic Elements of the Project" identifies collaboration with tribal, state, federal, and local agencies and their contractors. How will collaboration with these entities be controlled or coordinated with the DEQ?

**Answer:** Collaboration should occur under the direction of the DEQ project manager.

9. Item 6 of Section V: Is this "Overall Approach" element equivalent to the "Project Approach" criterion of Section VIII, or will the "Project Approach" criterion cover all elements of Section IV "Basic Elements of the Project"?

**Answer:** Responses to this RFQ must be organized as outlined in Section V, Response Content. The Project Approach criterion of Section VIII will be based on several elements outlined in Section V. Item 6 specifically requests an explanation of the firm's overall approach toward producing a repository design.

10. Item 6 of Section V: If this "Overall Approach" element is equivalent to "Project Approach" criterion in Section VIII, is the approach to be described in the SOQ to be limited only to the repository design?

**Answer:** The overall approach element is not equivalent to the project approach element. Please present information concerning your firm's qualifications as related to the Basic Elements of the Project listed in IV.

11. Item 3, "Qualifications" of Section V, "Response content" refers to "consulting services criteria listed in this RFQ." Are the criteria being referred to the criteria listed in Section IV "Basic Elements of the Project" or in Section VI, "Statement of Qualifications"? Please provide clarification on what constitutes the referred to consulting services criteria.

**Answer:** The consulting services criteria are listed throughout the RFQ and relate to the full scope and scale of the work described therein. This includes criteria listed in Sections IV and VI.

12. The fourth paragraph of Section VI, "Statement of Qualifications" states in part, "A licensed professional engineer (PE) holding a current license in the state of Idaho ...". Must the PE(s) that will oversee planning and design activities be licensed by the state of Idaho when the response to the RFQ is submitted OR be licensed by the state of Idaho at the time the planning or design services which require PE oversight are provided?

**Answer:** Planning and design services requiring PE oversight will be required immediately upon contract issuance.

13. Other than the 3-page limit application to individual resumes, are there any other page limits applicable to the RFQ response document? If there are additional page limits what are they?

**Answer:** No other page limits are applicable to the RFQ response document. The RFQ response document should be brief while containing sufficient detail to best describe your firm's qualifications. Respondents should strictly adhere to the specifications identified in the RFQ.

DEQ Comments:

Attachments A, B, C, and D should be completed as necessary and submitted with the SOQ Response.

The DEQ Standard Contract will be used.