



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Date: **February 15, 2018**
Subject: **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – SOLICITATION NO. 6100044825, REVISED BID
OPENING DATE AND CHANGE TO CONTRACT TERMINATION DATE**
Solicitation Number: **6100044825**
Opening Date/Time: **2/20/18 – 2:02 PM**
Addendum Number: **1**

To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation "Addendum" as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals).

The Bid Ending Due Date has been changed, as follows:

FROM: Bid Opening Date – 2/20/2018
TO: Bid Opening Date – 2/22/1018

The following questions were posed by a prospective bidder with answers provided by DEP staff.

QUESTION 1:

Is there a specific accuracy requirement for the water meter that the DEP wants the contractor to use during the permeability tests and could you please provide more insight into the accuracy of the meter and DEP procedures?

ANSWER 1:

Subsection II.O.2.b of the specifications indicates that: "...accuracy shall be within two percent (2%) of the actual delivery.

For past Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetland projects, discharges have ranged from tenths of gallons per minute to more than 15 gallons per minute, when using 3.25-inch inside (4-inch O.D.) diameter casing. At very low discharges DEP staff use a graduated 1-liter beaker instead of the water meter to measure discharge rate. The meter's smallest measurement increment must be at least as small as 0.1 gallon (or equivalent volume for other units of measurement). Only horizons that appear to have potential for high permeability will be tested.

QUESTION 2:

Can there be an extension granted for the lab testing portion of the project? There is a lot of lab testing to be completed within 15 days of sample receipt as stated in the specification.

ANSWER 2:

Yes. Please revise Section II.Q.8, as follows:

FROM:

8. Delays: Test results must be sent to the DEP within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the testing order. The contractor will assign another approved laboratory if the selected laboratory delays test completion.



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TO:

8. Delays: Test results, other than those for ASTM D2435 / D2435M (Section II.Q.6.k), must be sent to the DEP within twenty-five (25) business days after receipt of the testing order. The DEP will indicate the testing order for the samples tested according to ASTM D2435 / D2435M (Section II.Q.6.k), in its test order(s). Results for the first two ASTM D2435 / D2435M tests requested must be sent to the DEP within 14 business days after receipt of the testing order. Each subsequent set of two test results must be sent to the DEP within 14 days of the deadline for the previous set of two test results. The contractor will assign another approved laboratory if the selected laboratory delays test completion."

QUESTION 3:

Will the contractor be required to locate, survey and mark the borings prior to drilling, or will the DEP take care of this?

ANSWER 3:

The DEP will mark all boring locations before March 27, 2018.

For electronic solicitation responses via the SRM portal:

- Attach this Addendum to your solicitation response. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- To attach the Addendum, download the Addendum and save to your computer. Move to 'My Notes', use the "Browse" button to find the document you just saved and press "Add" to upload the document.
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Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous solicitation addenda, remain as originally written.

Very truly yours,

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Consultant/Contractor

Date