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Invitation for Bid– RFX # 3160006490

Technical Assistance for Public Water Systems Service Line Inventory

AMENDMENT #1

Procurement Questions and Answers

	IFB Reference	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	4.1.2, Page 3	The IFB states that the contractor will "use materials developed by the Bureau of Public Water Supply". Does this reference the state's inventory template? Or does this reference historical records available for review?	This does reference the current template that is available on the agency's website. Any historical records regarding connections would be in the possession of the water system seeking the assistance.
2.	4.2.1, Page 3	Will the system or the contractor be responsible for inventory upload to the MSDH public water system data portal?	No. The portal login is only available to the operator and the responsible official.
3.	Attachment B: Bid Form, Page 20	Could the Bureau provide clarity on what "mobilization to system" means? Does this mean travel to a water system for on-site historical record review? Could this include initial outreach to PWS?	Making initial contact with the system. This could involve travel to the individual water system to aid in gathering the historical information. Yes, it could include initial outreach to the PWS.
4.	Attachment B: Bid Form, Page 20	Prices are listed 'per inventory generated'. Would the Bureau be open to modifying the billing structure to include a line item for "General technical assistance" for each population group?	The Bid form has been amended to include a line item for General Technical Assistance. Bidders must submit a response to this line, even if it is \$0. This line item will be included in the total cost used to award the contract. When responding to this IFB, Bidders should complete and return the attached ATTACHMENT B: REVISED BID FORM . The original Attachment B will be rejected as nonresponsive.

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5.	Attachment B: Bid Form, Page 19	The IFB states "work will only be assigned to the contractor if assistance is requested by a public water system". Does this mean the contractor cannot reach out to water systems to invite them to receive technical assistance?	Nothing specifically prohibits the entity from performing a solicitation. However, a list of system would be provided based on the department's solicitation through the Bureau's public water system portal.

Additional Modifications to the IFB

15.6 Rejection of Bids A bid response that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions in the IFB document is subject to rejection as non-responsive. Further, submission of a bid that is not complete and/or signed is subject to rejection as non-responsive. The Agency reserves the right to permit the bidder to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its bid response prior to a determination by the Agency staff of non-responsiveness based on the submission of nonconforming terms and conditions. Furthermore, if a bidder's price is substantially higher than those of other bidders, meaning those with more than a twenty-five percent (25%) differential, the bidder's price may be deemed non-responsive.	15.6 Right to Reject, Cancel and/or Issue Another Solicitation MSDH specifically reserves the right to cancel this solicitation and/or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids/responses received. A bid response that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions in the IFB document is subject to rejection as non-responsive. Further, submission of a bid that is not complete and/or signed is subject to rejection as non-responsive. The Agency reserves the right to permit the bidder to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its bid response prior to a determination by the Agency staff of non-responsiveness based on the submission of nonconforming terms and conditions. Furthermore, if a bidder's price is substantially higher than those of other bidders, meaning those with more than a twenty-five percent (25%) differential, the bidder's price may be deemed non-responsive.
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This Amendment and any attachments thereto are incorporated into the referenced solicitation, as if originally included therein.

Please review, sign, and submit this Amendment with your proposal by the submission date.

Name	Title	Date
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ATTACHMENT B: REVISED BID FORM

Company Name	Company Representative Name	Telephone No.

The pricing quoted shall be **ALL INCLUSIVE**, meaning inclusive of all costs, including but not limited to the following:

1. All sample analysis and reporting
2. All required equipment/material
3. All required insurance, bond, or other surety
4. All required overhead
5. All required profit
6. All required vehicles
7. All required labor and supervision
8. All required business and professional certifications, licenses, permits, or fees
9. All required postage and shipping costs
10. All other costs

All pricing for Technical Assistance to Public Water Systems for the completion of their Service Line Inventory will serve three population groups: 750 and Less, 751 to 5000, and greater than 5000 population. The bid price submitted must include all associated costs for the items with no additional or hidden fees.

For the Population Groups the active system in each grouping are as follows:

Population Group	Active Systems
0-750 Population	378
751-5000 population	584
5001 and Greater	129

No guarantee of work: Work will only be assigned to the contractor if assistance is requested by a public water system.

Bidder may **CHOOSE** to provide a cost per system for one or more Population Groups or all. Bidders are encouraged to review the supplied inventory list attached to this IFB as **Attachment K**.

Award will be made for each population group to the responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest total cost per system.

Please submit your pricing on the following page.

0-750 Population Group	
Service Line Inventory Development	Price per Inventory Generated
Initial Contact Meeting	\$
Mobilization to System	\$
Inventory Generation	\$
General Technical Assistance	\$
TOTAL COST PER SYSTEM	\$
751-5000 Population Group	
Service Line Inventory Development	Price per Inventory Generated
Initial Contact Meeting	\$
Mobilization to System	\$
Inventory Generation	\$
General Technical Assistance	\$
TOTAL COST PER SYSTEM	\$
5001 and Greater Population Group	
Service Line Inventory Development	Price per Inventory Generated
Initial Contact Meeting	\$
Mobilization to System	\$
Inventory Generation	\$
General Technical Assistance	\$
TOTAL COST PER SYSTEM	\$

Print Name of Authorized Signer

Title

Signature

Date

Note: Failure to sign this form may result in the submission being rejected as non-responsive. Modifications or additions to any portion of this form may be cause for rejection of the submission.