

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
COMPETITIVE SEALED
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Amendment No. 2

**Request for Proposals (RFP) for Benthic Habitat Mapping Services-Western Mississippi
Sound**

Response to Inquiries

This Amendment No. 2 (Amendment) hereby amends or modifies the RFP released on January 25, 2021, by making the following changes (changes that include additions are denoted by being bolded and underlined, and deletions are denoted by being bolded and stricken through):

Response to Inquiries No. 1 is attached to this Amendment No. 2 as Exhibit A, and is hereby incorporated in the RFP through this Amendment No. 2.

In accordance with Section V(J) of the RFP, offeror must acknowledge receipt of any Amendment issued in relation to this RFP by signing and returning the Amendment with its proposal. Such acknowledgement must be received by MDEQ by the time and at the place specified for receipt of offers. Any documentation submitted under this Section is not included in the thirty (30) page limit of the proposal.

By signing this Amendment No. 2, offeror acknowledges receipt of this Amendment No. 2, and that the provisions of said Amendment No. 2 have been noted and that its proposal is being offered in compliance therewith.

Offeror's Name: _____

Signature: _____

By (Print Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMPETITIVE SEALED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Response to Inquiries No. 1 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Benthic Habitat Mapping Services-Western Mississippi Sound

This document serves as the Question and Answer document from the Pre-submittal Conference that occurred on February 8, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. CST, and the Register of all questions received by February 8, 2021 and corresponding answers in accordance with Sections 3-202.07 and 3-203.08 of the Public Procurement Review Board's Office of Personal Contract Review Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"). Although this Attachment is included as part of Amendment No. 2, and is treated as an amendment in accordance with Sections 2-202.08.1 and 2-203.09 of the Regulations, it is intended to provide clarifications to the requirements of the RFP only, and in no way amends the RFP's requirements. In the event of any conflict between the RFP and this Response to Inquiries, the RFP, as amended by any applicable amendments, shall govern. All defined terms in this Response to Inquiries not herein defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the RFP.

Q1: Can MDEQ provide the shapefiles for the project area to be mapped?

A1: The shapefiles are available at the following link:

https://covingtoncivil.egnyte.com/dl/YF0vN5iH0I/Western_Sound_Benthic_Mapping_Project_Area.zip.

Q2: The RFP states a five (5) year contract may be issued. Do you anticipate multiple surveys?

A2: Please refer to Section III, Period of Performance, of the IFB. One (1) survey is anticipated to be conducted within an initial term of 18 months, with the option to renew up to a maximum of five (5) years.

Q3: Would it be possible for MDEQ to provide a copy of the Phase 1 report or other associated output?

A3: The Phase 1 report or other associated outputs is not being provided at this time since it is not relevant to the RFP nor necessary in order to provide a proposal in response to this RFP.

Q4: Are there any required standards or mapping (i.e., NOAA CMEC)? Is there a habitat / bottom class standard?

A4: There are no habitat classification standards for this project. Standards used for mapping and data collection, etc., will be tied to the specific methodology proposed.

Q5: Do you anticipate extending the bid due date?

A5: Not at this time.

Q6: What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in the bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?

A6: The RFP describes how the proposals received will be evaluated for award by MDEQ. Please see Section VI of the RFP for reference.

Q7: Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com/free?

A7: MDEQ has not posted the RFP on this website.

Q8: Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?

A8: MDEQ has made the RFP available on the MDEQ website. The notice of this solicitation has been made available through Mississippi's Accountability System for Government Information and Collaboration (MAGIC), the Clarion-Ledger, and the Sun Herald.

Q9: Could you please clarify if there are going to be 2 pre-submittal conferences, one to be held the 26th of January 2021, at 11 am CST as stated in the RFP document (first page) and another on the 8th of February 2021, at 11 am? And if not the case, could you please clarify which date is the valid date for the pre-submittal conference?

A9: One (1) pre-submittal conference will be held on February 8, 2021 at 11:00 am CST. Please see Amendment No. 1, which amended the RFP by changing the previous date for the pre-submittal conference to February 8, 2021 at 11:00 am CST.