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Several questions have been raised on this solicitation. Those questions, along with their responses, are provided in this amendment.

1. Will prospective bidders be allowed to view the sampling locations - this will assist with us understanding site access issues and gauge level of effort for activity performance.

Answer: A site visit is not feasible. There are several locations within Connecticut that would take several days due to the distances that need to be traveled.

2. It is understood that CTARNG has a laboratory services provider under contract presently. It would be appreciated if you would provide the following information relating to the laboratory services provider - Name, Address, Contact person, and advise if laboratory services will be direct billed by the lab to the CTARNG.

Answer: The current Lab is Spectrum Analytical, Inc, Agawam, MA. However, a solicitation is under evaluation at this time for the potential of the next five years.

3. Will CTARNG provide copies of previously completed COCs to the selected firm to utilize as a template.

Answer: Yes.

4. In order to provide "best value" will teaming arrangements be allowed?

Answer: Yes.

5. It is recognized that "false starts" may occur as related to stormwater sampling - what compensation method will be utilized for time, equipment that was mobilized. Should bidders, to ensure consistency of bids - assume a common number of false starts in their pricing?

Answer: Yes.

6. May we view existing reports to gauge level of effort necessary to compile?

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Answer: Files are available for review for those who choose to come to the office.

7. Do electronic versions of reports presently exist - will electronic versions of these reports be provided to the winning bidder?

Answer: We have only hard copies of the pervious reports. There are no electronic copies.

8. Who is the present sampling services contractor?

Answer: Zuvic Associates, Middletown, CT

9. Are courier services provided by the laboratory? Is your contract lab located in CT? If not, then please indicate the location .

Answer: Courier services can be provided by the laboratory at an extra cost. For the last sampling contract we had the sampling contractor collect and deliver all the samples. We wish to continue this practice. See Answer # 2.

10. Do the CT stormwater discharge permits require grab samples to be collected at each outfall for certain laboratory parameters or do they require a composite sample to be collected from each outfall over an 8-hour period?

Answer: Stormwater testing requires four grab samples for each outfall. Samples have to be taken within 30 minutes of the start of a storm, only after 0.1 inches of rain has fallen and not within 72 hours of a previous storm event. The sampler should avoid taking samples from ice or snow melt.

11. What are the parameters that the lab will be testing the samples for? I need this information to determine holding times for the samples so I can estimate time at each facility and the time I will have to get the samples to the lab.

Answer: The parameters that are to be sampled are listed in the scope of work which was provided. Most facilities will require about one hour on site. However,

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the CSMS will take at least twice that time as five samples are needed there. The travel time is more costly than the actual sample time.

12. Are the stormwater permits different for each site?

Answer: All stormwater permits are identical.

13. Are the number of hazardous waste samples the same at each site of generation?

Answer: No, the AVCRAD has three times the number of samples required. Waste samples are dictated by the industrial processes which take place at each site. Most local OMSs will be the same.

14. Are the hazardous waste sampling locations at the same facility as the stormwater sampling locations were there is crossover on the provided list?

Answer: No. Stormwater samples are taken from manholes catch basin or outfalls outside a building. Waste stream samples are taken inside the buildings maintenance areas.

15. Approximately 75 samples are to be collected at the hazardous waste generation sites. That divides into 5 samples per site. Is that true?

Answer: No, see the answer to question four.

16. Are there different labs for waste stream and storm water samples or are all the samples going to the same lab?

Answer: No, they all go to the same lab.

17. Are there two rounds of sampling/year or just one round of sampling/year? Our interpretation is that there is one round of sampling a year for both waste and storm water samples. Please confirm.

Answer: Stormwater sampling is done at the 10 various sites within 30 minutes of a .10 inch rain storm. Rain events are random and false starts are possible. Waste

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stream sampling is done on a predetermined schedule which is negotiated with the CFMO Environmental Section. It usually takes less than one week to do the 14 or so sites. Each site may have a different number of samples, depending on the waste streams that the facility generates. There is only one round of sampling for each type (stormwater or waste stream.)

18. Are you expecting cost schedules on a "fixed price" or a "time and materials" basis? Please indicate your preference.

Answer: Fixed Price.

19. Finally, Past Performance is considered evaluation criteria. Is that past performance on similar contracts (similar tasks and scope but for other agencies) or is it past performance on contracts for CTARNG?

Answer: Past Performance on similar contracts for other agencies. Please provide Points of Contact.