



ST. TAMMANY PARISH

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PARISH PRESIDENT

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Please find the following addendum to the below-mentioned RFP.

Addendum No.: 1

RFP#: 25-1-3

Project Name: Laboratory Testing

RFP Due Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

QUESTIONS:

Question 1. Mysidopsis bahia & Menidia beryllina.... not familiar with these organisms what is the CAS #?

Answer 1. This is chronic saltwater testing using Method 1006 and Method 1007. Mysidopsis bahia are opossum shrimp and Menidia beryllina are Inland Silverside fish.

Question 2. LPDES Renewal Testing for Toxic Substances Table One Only....I only see a table II on page 31, is this the correct table (metals, VOC, SVOC, Pesticides, Herbicides)?

Answer 2. Page 39, under sludge analysis samples, has all required sludge testing.

Question 3. Mercury is listed twice other than the low level mercury. Are the waste water & sludge mercury samples low level as well or regular (what method)?

Answer 3. For mercury in sludge testing, our current lab has been using EPA Method 245.2 and EPA Method 6010. For wastewater, they use EPA method 1631

Question 4. Will you require Bond?

Answer 4. No



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Question 5. Will you allow for a price increase after year 2 if the contract option is extended to year 3?

Answer 5. **Unless we put it in the RFP for a price escalation clause we can't offer a price extension. If we put one in, then they can elect to take a increase for one of the two year renewals.**

Question 6. Are you requiring the Lab to take full responsibility for the completion and submission of each permitted facility's DMRs? If so, do you allow proposers to increase base price per test to offset the additional cost?

Answer 6. **Yes; and no increase in price unless it's part of the renewal process and we have a price escalation clause.**

Question 7. Will the permittee of the permitted facility be responsible for the sampling or will you be requiring the proposer to conduct the sampling?

Answer 7. **We will ask the awarded bidder to sample on an as needed basis & pick-up samples as well, also on an as needed basis.**

Question 8. Is the proposer's qualifications and experience specific to Louisiana projects?

Answer 8. **Yes**

Question 9. Can we subcontract Bio Essay and Drinking Water to another certified Laboratory?

Answer 9. **No**

Question 10. Will St Tammany accept A&B Labs Baton Rouge as a certified Hudson Initiative Small Enterprise when our HUB, MBE and SBE certifications are certified by the City of Houston Texas? Documentation can be provided if requested. Our Baton Rouge Lab falls under our Houston Texas lab (HQ) umbrella.

Answer 10. **Yes, for both since they are approved labs under DEQ**

End of Addendum # 1