

ADDENDUM NO. 1

WATER TESTING AND LABORATORY SERVICES (CITYWIDE)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

TO ALL POTENTIAL PROPOSERS:

Clarifications/Questions from Water Testing Laboratories.

The following addresses questions and offers clarifications for the project referenced above received by the City from water testing laboratories and the information below will be incorporated into the project per this Addendum.

1. Questions from Labs and Responses from City Staff (In Yellow):

1. *In consideration of ELAP's current transition to TNI, shouldn't the awarded contracted have both ELAP and TNI licensure in place at the time of award?* No, TNI is not required until October 1, 2023. During the contract period labs will continue to be held to the quality assurance requirements in the current regulations.
2. *What measure will you use to confirm competence in specialized analysis (MIB/Geosmin, PFAS, etc.)? Would you consider # of instruments for each specialized test, years of experience, samples analysed in 2020, or some other measure?* We would consider all of the following mentioned.
3. *Will City staff collect samples on Mondays or is this the responsibility of the contractor?* The contractor is responsible for collecting the samples. *If the contractor is responsible for sample collections, will a City staff member accompany the contractor to each sample location initially or for every sampling event?* Yes initially. *Is the contractor responsible just for routine samples or collecting for everything?* The contractor is responsible for collecting routine, weekly, monthly and quarterly the samples.
4. *In your cost sheet evaluation and ranking, will you calculate total cost based on the annual frequency x unit price?* To calculate total cost Annual frequency x Number of test sites x Unit price. *What is the difference between the unit price and cost per sample?* The difference is unit price reflects man hours, vehicle, equipment, cost per sample etc.
5. *Are 9 sites tested for both MPN and Presence Absence? These are the same test with one +/- and one reporting a quantified value.* Both MPN and Presence Absence samples are required by the City.
6. *HAA's are listed twice. Shall we just price one of the line items?* Please disregard one HAA Haloacetic Acid frequency. This is only required Quarterly at 8 locations.
7. *Please clarify what Specification is?* No clarification required.

8. *Please clarify which method compounds are required for Perfluorinated?* EPA Method 537, 537.1.
9. *Page 20 is blank. Is any part of the Attachment B table missing or cutoff after page 19?* Missing Unintentionally
10. *Can you please add a line item for us to enter a price for sample collection per site or per hour or per day?* Price for sample collection should be reflected in unit price column.
11. *Please describe the location of the distribution sampling points and please confirm that they are away from street traffic.* The Sample locations are located on residential and commercial streets behind sidewalk.
12. *Are there any field measurements associated with the distribution sampling? Can you please clarify what measurements?* Only Samples are required in the distribution sampling.
13. *Due to volatility of supply chain and their pricing, is the City open to COLA adjustment on the two (2), one (1) year extensions?* The City will review the request and it is determined by Community Services Director.
14. *There doesn't appear to be a prevailing wage designation for the type of sampling we offer, and we consider our field services to be "professional services", please confirm if prevailing is indeed required, if so please give us the classification it falls under.* Prevailing Wage is required and the determination comes from DIR (Director of Industrial Relations of State of California)
15. *Please confirm the budget listed in the RFP is set in stone or flexible.* Flexible
16. *Please confirm if the cost of sampling is included in the cost of the test.* Correct
17. *If the cost of sampling is not included in the cost of analyses please issue an addendum with a line item for the cost of sampling per individual site.* The cost of sampling is included in the unit price. Unit price should include cost of analyses.
18. *How often is "geosmin" requested?* Has never been requested, as needed basis.
19. *How often is "perfluorinated" requested?"* Has never been requested, as needed basis.
20. *One line one the price sheet mentions "speciation", which compounds need to be speciated?* Total inorganic Arsenic
21. *Is there a specific EPA method that is required for "speciation"?* Method 1632
22. *The price sheet has a column for "unit price" and "cost per sample". Typically a unit cost would be the cost per sample. Should we enter the full cost of each test which would factor in the frequency, the number of sites, and the unit price to get the full "cost per sample"?* Yes please include full cost of each test

23. Which tests the previous lab included in their "General Mineral". We would want to make sure our list includes the same parameters. Color SM2120 B, Odor SM2150 B, Turbidity EPA 180.1
24. Haloacetic Acids are listed twice on the price sheet. Was there a different test that should be listed in place of the redundant Haloacetic Acid? Please disregard the Haloacetic acid listed twice. Typo.
25. Is it acceptable to offer EPA 200.8 using ICP/MS in place of EPA 200.9 using GFAA for Vanadium? EPA 200.8 is acceptable.
26. The Bidder Qualifications has this requirement, "Be competent in performing geosmin/MIB analysis.", this is something we will have to subcontract. Please confirm that it is acceptable if the subcontract lab is competent in providing this and not the bidding laboratory. A subcontracted lab is acceptable.
27. Please confirm subcontract laboratories will also be required to supply PT / and audit information for the proposal. Subcontract laboratories. Yes Subcontracted Lab will need to provide the audit information.
28. In "Response Times", the following note regarding coliform TAT has been provided, " For example a 24 hour turnaround time for coliform bacteria analysis", our quickest TAT for the bacteriological Presence / Absence is 1 day, however the price list also includes 10 tube MPN Total/Fecal Coliform which has a minimum 4 day run time. Please confirm that the rush 1 day TAT doesn't apply for the 10 tube MPN Total/Fecal Coliform. It does not apply to the 10 tube MPN Total/Fecal Coliform.
29. Are verbal or email confirmation of results acceptable for the rush TAT microbiology analysis in advance of the full reports during the standard 10 business day TAT? Email is acceptable.
30. The "Sample Collection Time" suggests samples should be collected on all Mondays including those days that would fall on a holiday. Does the City require sampling on holidays? The SWRCB Santa Ana Division requires the City of La Palma sample on Mondays, including holidays. Any alternative sample date will need approval from the City of La Palma two weeks in advance to notify the SWRCB Santa Ana office representative for approval.
31. If the City is willing to accept sampling on an alternate day, would the Tuesday immediately following be an acceptable alternative for sampling? The city will not accept alternate sampling days.
32. "Perfluorinated" can refer to many compounds. Please be specific and clarify which compounds are required for this project. PFOA and PFOS. The city is not required to test for these compounds but the City anticipates the SWRCB to require all water systems to test in the future.

All other items in the project specifications remain unchanged.

Please sign below and attach this "ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT", Addendum No. 1 with the Bid submittal documents. **Failure to submit the signed Addendum No. 1 Acknowledgement will render the contractor's bid as non-responsive.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Douglas Benash, P.E
City Engineer

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT: Addendum No. 1

Company Name

Date

By

Signature