



## Addendum No. 1

### Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 16-28 Long Term Water Quality and Biological Monitoring Services

September 15, 2016

RFP No. 16-28 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Below are questions received and answers:

- A. Question: Is the County now asking contractors to bid on work plan that is no longer applicable and contains many more requirements and fees than what is currently required by EPD (e.g., multiple sampling at MNGWPD sites)?

Answer: No, the county is adhering to the 2012 Plan.

- B. Question: On page 18, the RFP calls for collection of six samples per permit year at the County's existing permanent trend monitoring locations. Is that the intention of the County in this RFP, to perform more sampling than what is required in Rockdale County's approved monitoring plan?

Answer: No. Section 2.1.1 should state: Three sampling events will be conducted at each of the fifteen sampling locations each year. Two of these events will be dry and one will be wet. One of the two dry events and the single wet event will be scheduled for the critical months of June through September when flow is generally the lowest and temperature the highest. In order to determine if water quality standards are truly being met, both Fecal Coliform and *E. Coli* sampling will be conducted two times at all fifteen sampling locations during the critical (i.e., low flow/high temperature) months of June - August. During each sampling period, a total of four grab samples will be collected on a regular schedule (regardless of weather) within a 30-day period. No sample will be collected within 24 hours of another sample. The samples will be collected in May – October to correspond with GA EPD fecal coliform water quality standards.

- C. Question: On page 21, the RFP states that only three listed companies are eligible to perform biological monitoring. Can we also bid on this portion of the work?

Answer: The firms listed in Task 3: Biological Monitoring on page 21 is not comprehensive. The analysis portion of work should be included in the bid tab under item 3. The firms listed are not comprehensive, we have expanded this list to include the EPD June 2016 listing of certified laboratories for microbiological monitoring (attached). If another firm is a viable alternative for biological testing, please submit a statement of laboratory qualifications, lab number and permit number with the proposal for inclusion.



- D. **Question:** If your answer to No. 3 above is that we are not permitted to bid on the biological monitoring, then please specify the manner in which the three listed companies were evaluated. Please include how all the opportunity to be considered was advertised, what criteria was used to evaluate the, who performed the evaluation and the specific written policies, procedures and/or regulations were followed that allowed this to occur?

**Answer:** See response to question above.

- E. **Question:** In addition, the RFP states that all contractors must be prequalified for watershed assessments with the state, regional and local jurisdictions to plan and conduct water quality assessments (page 4). Please specify what this program is and who is in charge of it.

**Answer:** The original statement in question on page 4 reads as follows: "Rockdale County requires all contractors be pre-qualified for watershed assessment with the state, regional and local jurisdictions to plan and conduct water quality assessments. Submit with your bid a copy of your certificate of liability insurance certification." This has been changed to as follows: "Rockdale County requires all contractors for this type of work to demonstrate previous experience of quality work. A copy of liability insurance certification will be required to be submitted by the selected vendor before any contract will be entered into with Rockdale County."

- F. **Question:** The RFP calls for submittal of a certificate of liability insurance with a proposal. We request that this requirement be removed, or if it is still required, that the certificate of liability be required after selection of the contractor.

**Answer:** See above question number 5.

- G. **Question:** The RFP calls for development of a complex work plan including use of a Gantt Chart. This is usually not required for this type of work and requires use of a specific commercial software package. Is it mandatory that we use this specific software or can we use a different work plan format to produce the same information in a form acceptable to the County?

**Answer:** A Gantt chart is a standard method of project progress tracking and is not a product of any specific software. Gantt chart project plans are a requirement for this project and can be produced in a multitude of ways, no specific standard or means of manufacture have been set.

- H. **Question:** On page 4 of the RFP (the final bullet point), it states "*Rockdale County requires all contractors to be pre-qualified for watershed assessment with the state, regional and local jurisdictions to plan and conduct water quality assessments.*" Is there a specific prequalification process to which this is referring?

**Answer:** See answer to E. above.

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I. Question: Does Rockdale County prequalify consultants for this work, and if so, what is the process to become prequalified?

Answer: See answer to E. above.

2. All other conditions remain in full force and effect.

3. If a proposal has been submitted and anything in this Addendum causes the bidder to change the item offered or to increase or decrease the proposal price, the new price and/or changes will be inserted below:

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4. All proposers under this RFP are kindly requested to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on page 28, Part II of the Proposal Form.

*Tina Malone*

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06/01/2016**

American Water Services (GA Lab # M 087)  
9482 Duncan Bridge Road  
Cleveland, GA 30528  
Contact: Kim Freeman  
706-348-6215  
Expires December 16, 2016

Ampro Laboratories (GA Lab #832)  
4480 Keith Bridge Road  
Cumming, GA 30041  
Contact: Wanda Ledford  
770-887-6011  
Expires May 10, 2019

Analytical Environmental Services, Inc. (GA Lab # 800)  
3785 Presidential Pkwy  
Atlanta, GA 30340  
Contact: Doug Mendrala  
770-457-8177 ext. 215  
Expires June 30, 2018

Analytical Services, Inc. (GA Lab # 812)  
110 Technology Pkwy  
Norcross, GA 30092  
Contact: Pam Varner  
770-734-4200  
Expires June 30, 2017

Coastal H<sub>2</sub>O (GA Lab # 600)  
115 Oglethorpe Professional Court, Suite 8  
Savannah, GA 31406  
Contact: Lisa Harris  
912-352-4311  
Expires March 31, 2017

Crystal River Water Services  
574 Sauls Road  
Moultrie, GA 31769  
Contact: Charles Dozier  
229-589-3048  
Expires June 22, 2019

Environmental Laboratories (GA Lab # 810)  
103 Carroll Circle  
Carrollton, GA 30117  
Contact: Gayle Shoemake  
770-832-2171  
Expires December 17, 2016

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Environmental Resource Analysts (GA Lab # 836)  
2975 Brown Court  
Auburn, AL 36830  
Contact: Staci Hickman  
334-502-3444  
Expires February 28, 2017

Environmental Science Corporation (GA Lab #923)  
12065 Lebanon Road  
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122  
Contact: Dixie Marlin  
615-773-9681  
Expires June 30, 2016

Southern Analytical Laboratories (GA Lab # 949)  
110 Bayview Boulevard  
Oldsmar, FL 34677  
Contact: Leslie Boardman  
813-855-1844  
Expires June 30, 2016

Spectrum Laboratories-Savannah (GA Lab #833)  
630 Indian Street  
Savannah, GA 31401  
Contact: Christine Riddle  
912-238-5050  
Expires: January 1, 2017

Tindal Enterprises/Altamaha Laboratories (GA Lab # 834)  
829 SW Central Avenue  
Blackshear, GA 31516  
Contact: Donna Tindall  
912-449-0999 ext. 104  
Expires November 29, 2016

University of Georgia Feed & Environmental Water Lab (GA Lab #095)  
2300 College Station Road  
Athens, GA 30602  
Contact: Dr. Yuangen Yang  
706-542-7690  
Expires July 8, 2017