

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE OF PAGES 1 4	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 000002		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 05/09/2013		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	
5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)		6. ISSUED BY CPD		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) CPD US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CINCINNATI PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION 26 WEST MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE CINCINNATI OH 45268		(x) 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. SOL-CI-13-00012		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 04/23/2013	
CODE		FACILITY CODE		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended. ☒ is not extended.
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 6 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not. ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

Economic, Environmental and Regulatory Analytical and Evaluation Support for Clean Water Regulations

The purpose of this amendment is to 1) answer questions received in response to the solicitation, 2) update Attachment 3, "Definitions of Labor Classifications", and 3) update Attachment 10, "Technical Proposal Instructions". The closing date for the solicitation remains the same.

Section E: Clause, 52.246-11, is revised as follows:

52.246-11 Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirement. (FEB 1999) is on page 3 of the amendment.

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Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Noelle Mills	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION 1: Is a combination of education and experience acceptable for the PL-4 category that would not require a graduate degree, e.g. B.S. in a directly relevant discipline and 20 years of professional experience?

ANSWER 1: No. There is no substitution for education level for the PL-4 category.

QUESTION 2: For Key Personnel education requirements, does the degree name need to exactly match one of those identified in the solicitation materials, or can a degree of comparable content be acceptable with adequate explanation?

ANSWER 2: The degree name does not need to exactly match. A degree of comparable content is acceptable with adequate explanation.

QUESTION 3: Is EPA interested in a description of our overall program management plan? If so, where would EPA like us to include it in our proposal?

ANSWER 3: The offeror is required to address the technical evaluation criteria identified in Attachment 9.

QUESTION 4: Please clarify whether a p-QAPP is required as pre-award documentation. If it is required, will it be weighed (as described in Attachment 9 of the solicitation) in addition to the QMP and sample QAPP?

ANSWER 4: The pre-award documentation requirements in the clause 52.246-11 in Section E have been revised. The clause is provided on page 3 of the amendment.

QUESTION 5: Is submittal of a sample QAPP also required as pre-award documentation? Can one or more sample QAPPs be included as part of the submittal?

ANSWER 5: The pre-award documentation requirements in the clause 52.246-11 in Section E have been revised. The clause is provided on page 3 of the amendment. Only one sample QAPP may be included as part of the submittal. Attachment 10 has been updated.

QUESTION 6: Are all quality deliverables to be included in Section 5 of the technical proposal and considered to be exclusive from the page count limitation?

ANSWER 6: Yes.

E-2 FAR 52.246-11 HIGHER-LEVEL CONTRACT QUALITY REQUIREMENT. (FEB 1999)

The Contractor shall comply with the higher-level quality standard selected below.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Numbering</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tailoring</u>
[X]	<i>Specifications and Guidelines for Quality Systems for Environmental Data Collection and Environmental Technology Programs</i>	ANSI/ASQC E4	1994	See below

As authorized by FAR 52.246-11, the higher-level quality standard ANSI/ASQC E4 is tailored as follows:

The solicitation and contract require the offeror/contractor to demonstrate conformance to ANSI/ASQC E4 by submitting the quality documentation described below.

In addition, after award of the contract, the Contractor shall revise, when applicable, quality documentation submitted before award to address specific comments provided by EPA and submit the revised documentation to the Contracting Officer's Representative.

After award of the contract, the Contractor shall also implement all quality documentation approved by the Government.

- A. **Pre-award Documentation:** The offeror must submit the following quality system documentation as a separate and identifiable part of its technical proposal:

	<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
[X]	Quality Management Plan-Customized for the contract	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans (QA/R-2)</u> [dated 03/20/01]
[]	Joint Quality Management Plan/Quality Assurance Project Plan for the contract	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans (QA/R-2)</u> [dated 03/20/01] and <u>EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R)</u> [dated 03/20/01]
[]	Programmatic Quality Assurance Project Plan for the entire program (contract)	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5)</u> [dated 03/20/01]
[X]	Other Equivalent	Sample QAPP on one or more of the following activities environmental assessment, cost/benefit analysis, economic surveys, or economic, environmental or statistical modeling related to the PWS activities.

This documentation will be prepared in accordance with the specifications identified above, or equivalent specifications defined by EPA. The offeror shall describe their plan for covering the costs associated with the required documentation. Work involving environmental data generation or use shall not commence until the Government has approved this documentation and incorporated it into the contract.

- B. **Post-award Documentation:** The Contractor shall submit the following quality system documentation to the Contracting Officer's Representative at the time frames identified below:

C.

<u>Documentation</u>	<u>Specification</u>	<u>Due After</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Management Plan-Customized for the contract	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans (QA/R-2) [dated 03/20/01]</u>	Award of contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Quality Management Plan/Quality Assurance Project Plan for the contract	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Management Plans (QA/R-2) [dated 03/20/01] and EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5) [dated 03/20/02]</u>	Award of contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance Project Plan for the contract	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5) [dated 03/20/01]</u>	Award of contract
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programmatic Quality Assurance Project Plan for the entire program (contract)	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5) [dated 03/20/01]</u>	Issuance of statement of work for the project
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance Project Plan for each applicable project	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5) [dated 03/20/01]</u>	Issuance of statement of work for the project
<input type="checkbox"/> Project-specific supplement to Programmatic Quality Assurance Project Plan for each applicable project.	<u>EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/R-5) [dated 03/20/01]</u>	Issuance of statement of work for the project
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Equivalent:	<input type="checkbox"/> award of contract	<input type="checkbox"/> issuance of statement of work for the project

This documentation will be prepared in accordance with the specifications identified above or equivalent specifications defined by EPA. The offeror shall describe their plan for covering the costs associated with the required documentation.

The Government will review and return the quality documentation, with comments, and indicating approval or disapproval. If necessary, the contractor shall revise the documentation to address all comments and shall submit the revised documentation to the government for approval.

The Contractor shall not commence work involving environmental data generation or use until the Government has approved the quality documentation. (Note: Statement of work includes statements of work to perform projects under work assignments, task orders, delivery orders, etc.)

(End of clause)