

QUESTIONS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: ENVIROMENTAL MONITORING, GROUNDWATER, AND REPORTING SERVICES

RFP date posted: October 31, 2016

Expiration date: December 15, 2016 at 2PM CST

Deadline for questions: December 2, 2016

Date Updated: **December 6, 2016**

1. What is the length of the contract? If the contract is to be multi-year what mechanism is available for handling price increases?
 - a. The City anticipates the initial contract length to be 3 years with two options to renew in one year increments. Pricing is the responsibility of the offeror, however the City will accept bids where pricing increases may take place on month 13, 25, 37 or 49 in their proposal.

2. Where could we access the geologic/hydrogeological reports giving background for the Landfill?
 - a. The City is adding a file named SFRSL Comprehensive Monitoring Plan that addresses this and possibly many other questions.

3. Is it possible to review the 2015 Annual Report of the Landfill?
 - a. The City is adding this file to the site as well.

4. In the section discussing QA/QC samples mention is made about low level mercury analysis. The RFP does not indicate where low level mercury sampling might be required?
 - a. Low level mercury sampling will only be required if mercury is detected and another sample is required.

5. Would a copy of the Landfill's permit be available for review?
 - a. A copy of the current permit is now posted in the document section of this RFP.

6. In the RFP it notes that sample collection in confined spaces will be coordinated through the Sanitary Landfill Superintendent. Will the selected firm be required to collect from confined spaces and if so, what samples, and how many confined space entries/sampling events are expected per year?
 - a. Sampling within confined spaces will be as needed and City staff can collect the sample if needed as long as the proper equipment is supplied by the firm. If the firm so chooses they can collect the sample as long as they follow proper procedures. These sampling events are very rare, but may be once per year.

7. Please provide a copy of the current Annual Review and Update of the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan.
 - a. A copy has been made available in the document section.

8. The description of required trip blank analyses lists “purgeable halocarbons, purgeable aromatics”. Is it the intent to analyze the trip blank for all of the VOCS listed in RCRA Subtitle D Appendix I?
 - a. Trip blanks will be analyzed for VOCS only. Required VOCS are listed in Table 2 in Appendix B.

9. The analyses listed for the field methods (equipment) blanks are: “purgeable halocarbons, purgeable organics, trace metals, nonvolatile organics.” Is the intent to analyze trip and equipment blanks for the entire RCRA Subtitle D Appendix I list, including VOCs, semi-VOCs, and metals? If not, please provide a specific list of analyses required for the field (equipment) blanks.
 - a. Equipment rinsate blank samples will be submitted for analysis of RCRA Appendix I VOCS, nonpreserved inorganics, preserved inorganics and total meters.

10. The analyses listed for the replicates are: “purgeable organics, nonvolatile organics, and trace metals.” Is the intent to analyze replicates for the entire RCRA Subtitle D Appendix I list, including VOCs, semi-VOCs, and metals? If not, please provide a specific list of analyses required for the field (equipment) blanks.
 - a. A duplicate sample is a second sample from a well. Duplicate samples are to be obtained at the same time and analyzed for the same parameters as the sample it is intended to duplicate.

11. Page 8, Section 2.05, Task 3: Methane Monitoring. This portion of the RFP text refers to methane monitoring in the site structures. Where are the two tornado shelters located?
 - a. Tornado shelters are located at the maintenance shop (north side) and scale house (north side approximately 25 feet away).

12. Please confirm that the 5-year compost leachate monitoring event will be conducted during the life of this contract.
 - a. Yes

13. Regarding the compost leachate monitoring, TSS is shown as an analyte on Table 7 but is not included in the text. Is TSS a required analysis?
 - a. Yes

14. Nitrite as N is listed in Table 7 in the Non-Preserved Inorganics section, but Nitrate as N is listed in the text. Please clarify whether the required analysis is Nitrite as N or Nitrate as N.
 - a. Nitrite as N.

15. Regarding the compost leachate pond overflow, the RFP states that “one fluid sample will be collected by the firm within 24 hours.” Then the RFP states “qualified Landfill personnel will perform the sampling...”. In the event of a compost leachate pond overflow, who is responsible for collecting the samples?
 - a. It will be preferred that the firm collect the sample(s), but this is seen as a team effort and the firm may work with the City technicians to get the sample(s) collected.

16. Weather has delayed our previously scheduled tour of the Landfill, are we able to ask questions past the deadline date of November 28, 2016?
 - a. Yes – the City will issue an addendum to this RFP updating the deadline for questions to December 2, 2016. With the City responses occurring no later than December 7, 2016.

17. Task 7 asks the Firm to provide the cost for one stormwater overflow event for the compost leachate pond. But Task 7 also mentions potential samples for other stormwater features on site. Is the cost for one event for the compost pond, or one event for all sample points?
 - a. One event for all sample points.

18. For Task 9, do you want a task cost, or simply a rate sheet for expedited laboratory costs?
 - a. City is requesting task cost.

19. Is the existing monitoring contract available for review?
 - a. Yes, the existing agreement will be uploaded to the document section on the RFP website.

20. The RFP states that chain of custody forms should be left at the facility at the end of each day of methane monitoring. Methane monitoring is conducted in real time using electronic instruments – there are no COCs as far as I am aware.
 - a. Firm will need to supply a field data sheet in regards to the monitoring.

21. Landfill leachate sampling is to occur every month when leachate discharge occurs. What is the average number of annual discharge events at the facility?

- a. The Landfill will typically average about 12 events a year.
22. The RFP states that the contractor or subcontractor should collect leachate pond overflow sampling within 24 hours of an overflow event. The RFP then states that Landfill personnel will perform the sampling. Please clarify.
- a. As referenced in a previous question, the City and the Landfill want this to be a team effort between the winning firm and the staff at the Landfill. The staff is willing to work with the firm and help out as needed in these instances.
23. Storm water discharge monitoring is supposed to take place at least once a week, according to the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan. The RFP, however, calls for a per-storm-event sampling frequency. Please clarify.
- a. If there would be a discharge, sampling would need to be done weekly until the discharge event is over. Landfill monitors this on a daily basis.