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Addendum #3 To
Request for Proposal
RFP Environmental Services for the Office of Environmental Health and Safety 2023
dated September 13, 2023

NOTE: THE PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WAS OPTIONAL

Please find the following questions and answers with regards to the above bid opportunity.

Question 1: Currently, Daniels Health has an existing contract with WSU, ending date of 12/27/2032 based on addendum extension language. Is WSU intention to terminate that agreement? If so, there will be early termination/ liquidation fees applied for the remaining agreement length.

Answer: Thank you for this information.

Question 2: When are we to expect answers to our questions by?

Answer: We will try to have this released by October 5th

Question 3: Does this RFP include the Examiner Office location? Or is just the main site/campus?

Answer: This RFP includes all WSU waste sites for chemical waste removal.

Question 4: What is the detailed scope of work on the chemist duties- current Schedules and Current Hours?

Answer: The field crew, (which could include supervisor, chemist and drivers), report to campus to collect chemical waste from multiple buildings and laboratories, profile each waste stream, packaging and transporting chemical waste according to DOT regulations. The university working hours are 8:30am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

Question 5: Can you please provide waste volumes and pick up frequencies for all the hazardous materials on Schedule C.

Answer: See Addendum 2 posted to the University website.

Question 6: Our team will need some information to help identify the waste streams.

What is needed:

- SDS's
- Waste Profiles/ Waste Codes or Manifest Copies
- Answers to the questions below:

Chemical names, percentages and hazards will be provided for each waste container. The vendors will use this information to profile each waste container for removal, assign the correct waste codes and manifest prior to removal from campus. Occasionally, we may have unknowns that will need to be identified by our vendors.

Question 7: Is the material used or unused?

Answer: Both, WSU generated a wide variety of chemical waste streams. Generally, this is hazardous materials used in research on campus or uncovered within campus buildings. There are also surplus chemicals that will need removal.

Question 8: If used, has the material come into contact with anything infectious?

Answer: Infectious material will be disposed of through our biological waste vendor. There are mixed waste streams generated on campus and will be handled by appropriate vendors.

Question 9: What is the process generating the waste?

Answer: Generally, waste is generated during research. There are other waste streams, such as chemical spills, universal waste or surplus chemicals.

Question 10: How is the material packaged for shipment? Is it free liquid in a container (bulk)? Or is it smaller inner containers packaged into a shipping container (Loosepacked)?

It is the responsibility of the waste vendor to package waste for DOT shipment, which include loosepacks. Generally, waste is collected in labs in 2.5 gallon and 5 gallon containers for liquid waste and 5 gallon pails for solid chemical waste.

Question 11: We are very familiar with the wastes generated by Radiation Safety and have guided them in the most effective methods for storing and packaging their wastes. Our concern is that the Radioactive Waste is lumped in with the Hazardous Waste and we want to be sure we can bid just on the Radioactive Waste portion. Some Hazardous waste companies have been trying to have Universities put radioactive under their Hazardous contracts and then subcontract out the work to others.

Answer: We do not have our Hazardous waste vendors subcontract out our Radioactive waste.

Question 12: What are the University's Insurance Requirements.

Answer: Insurance is spelled out in the RFP Documents; however, if vendor maintains higher liability coverages that is acceptable.

Question 13: The Excel spreadsheet contains requests for Pricing based on a per drum rate

Answer: The University has posted Addendum 2 with some waste removal volumes from 2022-2023 Vendors are to quote to the Cost Schedule accompanying this proposal.

Item 42 for the Mixed (Radioactive and Hazardous) Lab Pack the pricing cannot be generic. There are many different combinations of Mixed Wastes that include Acids, Organics, and Flammable, which are more costly to handle, as well as isotopes and activities that are assessed a surcharge when they exceed a specific limit. There is no "one size fits all" for Mixed Waste. Wayne State has shipped out Bulk Mixed Waste Corrosive, Flammable Lab Packs, Flammable Corrosive Lab Packs, and Flammable Bulk Liquids over the years. Each one had a different price.

Answer: Vendors are to quote to the cost schedule.

This Addendum must be acknowledged on Schedule D.

To accommodate any future questions in response to this clarification, the questions deadline is extended until 10/4/2023, no later than 12:00 noon (EST).

All questions concerning this project must be emailed to: Robert Kuhn at 313 577 – 3712 and Rfpteam3@wayne.edu, serving in the absence of Kimberly Tomaszewski, Procurement & Strategic Sourcing - 313-577-3757 Email: katt@wayne.edu by 12:00 p.m., September 25, 2023.

Do not contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, or other University Units, directly as this may result in disqualification of your proposal.

Thank you,

Robert Kuhn, Sr. Buyer

On behalf of
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CC: Nawana Lawson, Robert Kuhn (back up Buyer), Attendees list.

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