



**Addendum 1  
Lab Testing Services  
March 26, 2021**

**TO ALL BIDDERS:**

Below are changes and or clarifications to the proposal documents for this project. This Addendum forms a part of the Contract Documents and modifies the original bidding documents as noted below.

**PROPOSAL DUE DATE:**

The Proposal due date remains as originally advertised, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 2:00pm

**DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS:**

The deadline for questions is April 8, 2020 at 12:00pm.

**Questions Received and Bid Form Changes:**

1. The bid doc says email bid submittal receipt is acceptable, and also gives details for hardcopy delivery. If we submit via email do we also need to still submit hardcopy? Is email only sufficient? Please advise.

A: Email submittal of the bid is sufficient. Hardcopy is not required.

2. We hold accreditation to the 2019 TNI standard, ISO 17025, and DOD ELAP QSM 53 for our isotope dilution (sometimes called modified method 537) and EPA 537.1. Will these accreditations suffice or do we need specifically NCDEQ certification, and, if so, for which methods? We also hold various state carts from those that accredit for EPA 533 and 537.1 of which NC currently does not.

A: Since NCDEQ does not certify PFAS testing, as long as you are using methods such as those stated above it is acceptable. Please make sure to list the methods and standards the lab uses along with a complete list of all compounds included in your bid when submitting your information.

3. Can we bid on just the pfas portion of the bid?

A: Yes, it is ok to bid on only some of the sections. The spreadsheet is broken into these sections to allow labs to bid on either all of the work or only the portion where they are able to meet all of the requirements.

4. Can we no bid line items?

A: Please bid on all items in a particular section, you do not need to bid on all sections. For example, you can bid on section A only.

5. Can we substitute methods?

A: In some cases this may be ok. Please include a note with the method along with your bid. CFPUA reserves the right to reject or approve methods

6. May we have the current contract pricing?

A: See bid tab from 2018.

7. Are there reporting limit requirements?

A: Required reporting limits are listed in the comments to the right of the analyte in the bid tables.

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A: NC does not certify labs for PFAS testing, so, we do not require a certification for these methods. The methods listed above are sufficient. Please make sure to list the method(s) the lab will use for analysis along with all of the PFAS compounds the lab is currently capable of running. It will also be helpful to know which compounds are analyzed using certified standards.

9. What is the average batch size for PFAS samples per matrix?

A: This varies. Sometimes we may send in one sample and other times we may send in 20 or more. It is typically 1 – 5 per week.

10. Are hardcopy reports really required?

A: We require a PDF of each report, it is sufficient for this to be emailed to us. For some tests we also need an EDD or excel spreadsheet in addition to the PDF.

11. Is PFAS considered organics on a 15bd TAT?

A: Yes, if your standard TAT is less than 15 days, please make a note in the bid. Listed TATs are the maximum expected under the contract.

12. The initial contract period is 3-years with two 1-year options; is there a mechanism for annual price escalation for option years 4 and 5?

A: No

13. May we have a copy of the current sampling schedule?

A: Our specific sampling schedules change frequently, the number of anticipated samples in the first year of the contract are listed next to the analyte on the bid tab and should be used for consideration with price quotes.

14. Group A of the Bid Spreadsheet lines 33, 34 and 36 reference the NC PWS IOC lists in part or full; would you please provide discrete analyte lists or a reference to them?

A: These are the North Carolina standard required IOC lists on the state form. The laboratory must be certified by the NC DW Laboratory Certification branch to analyze and report these and any other test list on the bid tab identified with "NC PWS". The NC PWS IOC parameters (line 33) are As, Ba, Cd, Cr, Cyanide, Fluoride, Fe, Mn, Hg, Ni, Se, Na, Sulfate, Sb, Be, Tl and pH. As noted on the bid tab, CFPUA EMD lab analyzes and reports pH due to the short hold time. Additional compounds on the NC PWS New Well IOC (line 36) are Nitrate (EMD can run and report if needed), Nitrite, Turbidity, Color, Hardness, Alkalinity (EMD can run and report if needed), TDS, Chloride, Acidity (EMD can run and report if needed), Ca, Cu, Pb, Mg, Ag, and Zn. The partial list (line 34) would only be Cyanide, Hg, Sulfate and Na.

15. Group C of the Bid Spreadsheet, line 77, references THM Formation Potential Prep; should we assume this will include analysis as well as prep or is this prep only?

A: This is the prep only, the analysis of the THM samples is listed separately.

16. If our lab does not currently hold certification, is it permissible to bid with the caveat that we will obtain and provide proof of certification in advance of the July 1 Contract start date?

A: No, we will need proof of certification along with the bids.

17. Regarding Mercury Analysis: is method EPA 1631 a requirement or is a NCDEQ-Certified alternative permissible, assuming we can support the 0.5ng/L reporting limit requirement?

A: Please list the proposed method along with the bid and it will be evaluated.

18. Group U of the Bid Spreadsheet, lines 409, 412; should these read “TCLP 8151 Chlorinated Herbicides” and “TCLP 8260 MSV”, respectively?

A: Yes. Please make this correction on your bid tab.

19. Would you please provide an example of NC PWS report and/or DWQ AT-2 report (from page 6 section 16) The NC PWS report is a state form.

A: There is a standard state form that must be submitted to us along with the lab report with each certified compliance drinking water method. This form can be printed when electronically submitting data to the state. The DWQ AT form is used for toxicity reporting. If the lab is certified, they should have a copy of these forms.

20. Can a lab submit different bids based on the location of the laboratories?

A: It is preferred that only one bid is submitted per lab (company). Please indicate the lab location that will be performing the testing per group.

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