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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
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1. The Mandatory Minimum Qualification Criteria state that the Offeror must clearly demonstrate that it can provide transportation equipment in the quantities specified on Exhibit C Form A, Price Proposal. However, the quantities listed on Form A are specified in terms of “up to...”. Please clarify the quantities of equipment that must be available.

**ANSWER:** Offerors must be able to demonstrate that they can provide a minimum of: (1) 24 dump trucks initially (dedicated to the site); (2) one water truck (in addition to one water truck required for Base Work Haul Road maintenance); (3) six intermodal roll-on roll-off containers; (4) four Vango-type trailers; (5) four dump trucks (commercial/non-dedicated); (6) three tractor cabs; (7) three flat-bed trailers; and (8) one roll-on roll-off container truck. **NOTE:** The successful Offeror may be required to provide additional quantities of equipment up to the quantities listed in the pay items in Exhibit C Form A, Schedule of Prices.

2. The scope of the RFP does not include long haul transportation, therefore we assume the Subcontractor will not be responsible for any Long Haul Transportation Support; i.e. Scheduling of Long Haul Trailers, Trailer inspections, survey assistance, mobilization and demobilization from Project Locations where wastes are being generated, packaged and shipped?

**ANSWER:** The scope of work does not include long haul shipments or any support to long haul shipments by others.

3. Will the Subcontractor be required to provide onsite ES&H oversight for the Waste Transportation Services Scope of Work?

**ANSWER:** No.

4. Should the Subcontractor assume a Clearance adder to be included in the unit pricing for Building trades personnel assigned to the Waste Transportation Scope of Work; i.e. Teamsters, Laborers and Operators?

**ANSWER:** The RFP does not require Offerors to include a Clearance adder for any personnel associated with the scope of work.

5. IAW SC-15, B, Special Operations Coverage, Should the Subcontractor include the Monthly Insurance costs in the HUB and Haul Road Operations unit pricing?

**ANSWER:** Offerors are required to provide all insurance as specified in Exhibit B SC-15 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS section B. Offerors should include the cost of insurance in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).

6. Should the Subcontractor include in its Monthly HUB unit rate pricing 1- 15 passenger van, 1-3 pick-ups trucks, and 1-3 sedans for personnel delivery

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to and from projects and Haul Road use or will GFE vehicles be provided (1 to 5) to the Transportation Subcontractor?

**ANSWER: Offerors should include the cost of any passenger vehicles it determines are required to execute the scope of work in appropriate and applicable pay item(s). No GFE vehicles will be provided.**

7. Exhibit "D" Scope of Work Table 2 Vehicle Definitions, Tri Axle Dump truck, references gaskets and tarps to cover and seal the bed; once the truck has been delivered, inspected and accepted for use who is responsible for ordering, stocking and changing gaskets and changing/repairing as well as providing patch material for fitted tarps on subcontractor provided equipment once the initial gaskets and tarps are spent and/or damaged beyond subcontractors control?

**ANSWER: Offerors will be responsible for all labor, material, and equipment to maintain dump truck gaskets and patching/replacing fitted tarps.**

8. Exhibit "D" Scope of Work Table 2 Vehicle Definitions, Tri Axle dump truck, references high lift tailgates with pneumatic or hydraulic operations. Will the Subcontractor be required to provide a system to "Safely Lock" the high lift gate in the up position if required or requested from the project?

**ANSWER: Yes. Tri-axle dump trucks must have the capability for high-lift tailgates to be locked in the lifted position.**

9. Will the Contractor provide onsite storage containers/sealand containers for misc. project tools, equipment supplies, etc, required for project operations?

**ANSWER: CONTRACTOR-furnished facilities are identified in Exhibit B SC-8. Offerors will be responsible for providing whatever containers it determines are required for its tools, supplies, and equipment.**

10. Will the Subcontractor be responsible for a Used Oil recycle program?

**ANSWER: Yes. Offerors will be responsible for disposal of secondary waste generated by activities under the subcontract in accordance with CONTRACTOR's Waste Management Program Plan PROC-WM-2400.**

11. Should the Subcontractor include in its Driver Hourly rate the Union agreement with the annual DOE HAZWOPER physicals, HAZWOPER training, Radworker training, Boot Reimbursements, and all other CMV Operator/Driver Training?

**ANSWER: Offerors will be responsible for all of these, except Radworker training which CONTRACTOR will provide. The cost for physicals, HAZWOPER training, safety boots, and training other than Radworker should be included in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).**

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12. Who will be responsible for the maintenance, janitorial and up keep on the Offices, Bathroom, and Break trailers?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible for maintenance, janitorial, and upkeep.

13. If the three trailers (K-1310-SA, K-1310-LM, and K-1310-RU) and the two restrooms (K-1310-RT and K-1310-LQ) are included who will be furnish all office desk, conference tables/chairs, break/lunch tables, refrigerators, small appliances, copiers, printers, fax machines, phones, other general office furniture/supplies, bathroom essentials, bottle water, cleaning supplies, etc.?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible for the furnishings listed above.

14. Who will be responsible for Septic tank installation, Septic removal / pumping and the State Required Pump & Haul Permits?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible for providing above-ground sewage holding tanks, pump-out of the tanks, and the State-required pump and haul permits.

15. Should the Subcontractor include in its Monthly Hub unit rate pricing for all Haul Road training, access decals, signs for on-site footprint and the signage required for Haul Road Operations and Maintenance?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible for all of the items listed above, and the cost should be included in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).

16. Who will be responsible for providing the on-site Port-a-potties located on the Haul road footprint?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible.

17. Who will be responsible for the Sanitary Garbage disposal for the Hub and Haul Road?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible.

18. Should the Subcontractor include in its Monthly Hub unit rate pricing Ice Melt and Sand for Snow and Ice Removal on the Hub and Haul Road footprint?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible for all of the items listed above, and the cost should be included in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).

19. Should the Subcontractor include in its Monthly Hub unit rate pricing for all necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff and craft?

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**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible for all necessary PPE for its personnel, and the cost should be included in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).

20. Will the Subcontractor provide the appropriate tarp stands for the Hub facility and Haul Road locations to fix, repair, replace damaged dump truck tarps?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible for tarp stands listed above, and the cost should be included in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).

21. Should the Subcontractor include in its Monthly Hub unit rate pricing for Haul Road Operations and Maintenance, side arm mowing tractor, Road Grader, Bobcat, and vegetation control equipment for Maintenance use on the Haul Road or will GFE Equipment be provided to perform Haul Road road surface Maintenance as needed/required?

**ANSWER:** A Road Grader will be provided as GFE (see Exhibit B Attachment 8). Offerors will be responsible for providing other equipment required to execute Base Work Haul Road maintenance (see Exhibit E Technical Specification for Haul Road Operation and Maintenance, section 3.7, "Base work").

22. Who will be responsible of purchasing and placing the gravel, stone and asphalt repairs needed to maintain the Haul Road?

**ANSWER:** Offerors are responsible for all costs of performing Haul Road Maintenance Base Work tasks as identified in Section 3.7 of Exhibit E Technical Specification SGP-0000DE-A012. This includes furnishing, placing, and grading aggregate materials to maintain the design thickness and profile of the Haul Road. Base Work maintenance should be expected to be required as a result of typical use of the Haul Road.

Haul Road Non-Base Maintenance Work such as significant erosion damage affecting the road surface or drainage systems from extreme weather events would typically be compensated as additional work under separate Work Release. Further repairs to pavement, concrete, or bridge structure components (except small patching efforts) would also be compensated under a separate Non-Base Work Release.

23. Who will be responsible for all Environmental Safety supplies for the Hub and Haul Road area, straw bales, absorbent pigs, spill kits and etc.?

**ANSWER:** Offerors will be responsible.

24. Should the Subcontractor use union Mechanics, Labors, and Operators for haul Road Operations and Maintenance?

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**ANSWER: Yes. See Exhibit J.**

25. How many Mechanics, Labors, and Operators should Subcontractor include in the pricing for its Monthly Hub unit rate pricing?

**ANSWER: Offerors will be responsible for executing the scope of work, and for estimating the number of mechanics, laborers, and operators required. The cost for all manual labor required to execute the scope of work should be included in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).**

26. Should the Subcontractor include in its Monthly Hub unit rate pricing for all essential Service Trucks and Lube trucks for the maintenance activities to be performed on CMV's and equipment?

**ANSWER: Offerors will be responsible for executing all required maintenance and lubrication of trucks and equipment. Offerors should include the cost of any service vehicles it determines are required to execute the scope of work in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).**

27. Will the Subcontractor need to include in its Monthly Hub unit pricing the tools and equipment; i.e..air compressors, welders, welding supplies, generators, ladders, space heaters, fire proof cabinets, floor jacks, chocks, drills, drill presses, saws, calibrated torque wrenches, and all essential hand, power and electronic tools for preventive, corrective or emergent maintenance on all CMVs and Transportation related equipment?

**ANSWER: Offerors should include the cost of all tools and equipment it determines are required to execute the scope of work in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).**

28. What is the desirable/acceptable Preventative Maintenance (PM) performance/schedule for the CMVs and Equipment?

**ANSWER: Offerors are responsible for determining the maintenance schedules for its vehicles in accordance with 49 CFR 396, and equipment in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations. GFE shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturers' recommended preventative maintenance schedules as listed in equipment operation and maintenance manuals.**

29. Should the Subcontractor include pricing for the necessary or required, USA made, chains, binders, straps and ratchets required for securement of waste and / or materials to be loaded onto the requested flatbed trailers?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

30. Should the Subcontractor include in its truck pricing the maintenance cost of tires, wheels, PM's, and all other parts necessary parts used to maintain the CMVs?

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**ANSWER:** Offerors are responsible for maintenance costs for its trucks and equipment, and the cost should be included in appropriate and applicable pay item(s).

31. The Existing Incumbent Contract is being re-competed 21 months prior to the completion of the base subcontract. Will UCOR guarantee exercising, at a minimum, the entire base subcontract for dates reflected in the RFP?

**ANSWER:** A subcontract resulting from this solicitation will be a Blanket Agreement executed in accordance with Exhibit B special condition SC-2. All work will be authorized by Work Releases in accordance with SC-2. The award of a Blanket Agreement to the successful Offeror will not guarantee a minimum amount of work, nor will it constitute an exclusive master agreement as specified in this special condition.

32. Please confirm the small business size standard for the required NAICS code.

**ANSWER:** The Small Business Administration has recently increased the small business size standard from \$35.5M to \$38.5M. An updated Exhibit C Form P, Representations and Certifications will be issued via RFP Amendment that incorporates the increased size standard.

33. Please explain the nature of the e-sourcing event. Specifically, is it the same or similar to a bidding declination auction whereby each bidder enters its bid and then is given opportunities to lower its bid?

**ANSWER:** The e-Sourcing event is intended to be a reverse auction. Bidders will enter their bid electronically, see their bid ranking, and have an ongoing opportunity to reduce their bid as the event progresses. Specific instructions on the event will be provided to Offerors determined to be responsive, qualified, and technically acceptable. NOTE: Notification is expected to occur very soon after the close of the proposal period. Therefore, Offerors are advised to develop (but not submit) their price proposal concurrently with their technical proposal in preparation for the event.