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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
NPDES Program Professional
Support Services – Q & A

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) has received various questions regarding the RFQ for NPDES Program Professional Support Services. The deadline for question submittal was June 21, 2011.

The responses and clarifications attached hereto are considered to be part of the RFQ, and as such, will be used in the evaluation of the bid responses. All other terms of the RFQ remain unchanged and in effect. In accordance with the RFQ, this response to comments will be posted on the District Website at <http://rcflood.org/>.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Uhley".

JASON E. UHLEY
Chief of Watershed Protection Division

Attachment

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Request for Qualifications (RFQ) NPDES Program Professional Support Services
Responses to Questions received by June 21, 2011

- Q1. Are firms able to bid on the same Category as both Tier 1 and Tier 2 vendors?
- A1. Yes. To do so, the firm must check the appropriate box in Part I of the Scope of Services Category Checklist, included as part of Exhibit B to the RFQ.
- Q2. If a firm wants to submit an SOQ for one or more categories, do they have to submit separate SOQs or can/should they submit one combined SOQ?
- A2. A single SOQ must be submitted regardless of how many Tier 2 categories a firm may request consideration for. Additionally, if a firm is requesting consideration for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Lists, the single SOQ must adequately demonstrate qualifications and experience for both lists, however, there is an overlap in the qualifications and experience for multiple lists and/or categories. Unnecessary duplication is not expected.
- Q3. Are examples of similar work products being requested?
- A3. Examples of previous work products are not required. If a firm chooses to include examples of previous work products, such examples shall be included in Section C of the SOQ, and will be counted against the maximum number of pages for the SOQ package identified in Section V.
- Q4. Does the maximum number of pages for the SOQ include the forms in Exhibit B (as discussed in RFQ Section VI.A.)?
- A4. Yes. The maximum number of pages includes everything required pursuant to Section VI of the RFQ, with the following exceptions: 1) the sheets labeled "A" – "D" separating those respective sections of the SOQ and 2) a table of contents. It is expected that respondents will be concise in providing the required information so as not to exceed the maximum number of pages.
- Q5. Is proposed monitoring anticipated for only one Watershed?
- A5. Monitoring related work can be issued pursuant to either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 Lists and may be for one or more of the Santa Ana, Santa Margarita or Whitewater Watersheds.
- Q6. In Category D – Laboratory Analysis, can you clarify what is meant by "Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) Lab Intercalibration participation or certification (where appropriate)" with particular regard to certification?
- A6. The use of the word "certification" in the context of the Intercalibration is incorrect; the SMC does not "certify" participants of Intercalibration exercises. Therefore, firms submitting SOQs under Category D must demonstrate participation in a past SMC Intercalibration by providing proof of acknowledgement, year(s) of participation, scores, etc., as a part of the firm's SOQ submittal. This does not apply to testing methods for which the SMC has not yet conducted Intercalibration exercises.