



St. Johns River Water Management District

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DATE: August 11, 2017
TO: Prospective Respondents
FROM: Pam Paulk, Sr. Contracts Administrator
SUBJECT: Addendum #2 to Invitation for Request for Proposals (RFP) #31850, Lake Apopka Lakewide Archeological Evaluation

As a result of receiving numerous questions the following clarifications/changes are provided for your information. Please make all appropriate changes to your bid documents. Note: changes are reflected with original language shown with strike-through and new language is underlined.

QUESTIONS / ANSWERS:

- Q.1. QIPADI (e.g., SSI, NAUI, SDI, etc.) is a recreational dive training/certifying organization that does **NOT** comport to ANSI/ACDE-01. Our divers are certified by the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) and Technical Diving International (TDI) for SCUBA and SSA (Surface Supplied Air). Our firm is an organizational member of the AAUS and a corporate member of the Association of Diving Contractors International (ADCI), which establishes industry best practices for all types of commercial diving. Our firm has been diving under contract to federal agencies (including the USACE) for decades; we also comport with the requirements of BOEM for Qualified Marine Archaeologists in U.S. jurisdictional waters. However, our experience is that the USACE only certifies its own diving employees. Our marine archaeologists meet all qualifications specified in the USACE EM385-1-1 *Safety and Health Requirements Manual* and participate in annual re-qualification dives. Will you disqualify our maritime archaeologists who carry current professional (and recreational PADI, SDI, SSI, NAUI) certifications? Are the appropriate professional certifications and training acceptable?
- A.1. Delete Minimum Qualification Paragraph 8.c in its entirety and replace with the following:
- c. All divers shall have a commercial open water diving license, and at least one marine archeologist shall be present for all underwater activities.
- Q.2. Knowing that a 1A-32 Permit will be required for this work, will the start date, and associated timeline, be adjusted if there is a delay in its receipt?
- A.2. Contract extensions will be granted for any documented delays in getting permits
- Q.3. Page 39 of 45: Task 1. A records survey of previously recorded cultural sites and survey within the Lake and District-owned property adjacent to the Lake. Will the District make available all of the data generated from these two projects? It will greatly reduce the time needed to create probability models:
- 1) <http://arcsurveyors.com/projects/lake-survey/lake-apopka/>
 - 2) http://www.degrove.com/index.php/news/view/degrove_completing_hydrographic_survey_and_muck_probes_on_lake_apopka_suppo
- A.3. Yes, the District will provide all available data for the referenced projects to the awardee.

- Q.4. Page 34 of 45: Organochloride Pesticides: The warnings in this section are in direct opposition with the Scope of Work on Page 40 of 45. Conducting dive surveys will require contact with the soils and sediments as targets identified in previous marine remote sensing surveys are all buried under the lake bottom in the soil and sediment. The following questions pertain to Page 34 and 40:
The water quality and safety of dive operations in Lake Apopka can be called into question based on a well-known history of pollution, current nutrient levels, and local informants. Due the high risk of possible infection to divers, and higher costs of facilitating hazardous dive operations, we would like to know if the diving operations listed in the scope of work can be waived for a safer, more cost-efficient, means of potential site investigation and identification?
- A.4. The Organochlorine warnings on page 34 pertain to work within the north shore of lake Apopka only, not lake Apopka itself. Sampling has shown that in-lake sediments are low in pesticides and metals and data supports that the lake is fishable and swimmable. Therefore, there is no concern about coming into contact with contaminated soils during diving activities.
- Q.5. If diving operations listed in the scope of work are waived, we would like to know if using a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) to visually inspect potential sites would be an effective alternative method?
- A.5. Water clarity is very poor and we do not think an ROV will be sufficient so the diving activities should remain as is in this Request for Proposals.
- Q.6. If diving operations listed in the scope of work are not waived, will the District be willing to pay for specialized HAZMAT dive training for all working divers of the selected contractor?
- A.6. Since previous sampling of lake sediments shows no levels of concern the district will not pay for additional HAZMAT training.
- Q.7. A current water quality sample test and bottom soil quality test that meets the US Environmental Protection Agency's recommendations would be necessary to properly outfit dive team members with the appropriate level of HAZMAT equipment. Has a recent (last 90 days) water quality and soil quality test been completed? If not, will the District provide one?
- A.7. General lake water quality data for nutrients is available from the past 90 days and can be provided to the successful respondent. Sediment sampling for metals and Organochlorine pesticides was done in the past year but not the last 90 days and can be provided. No additional sampling is expected to be done prior to the archeological work commencing.
- Q.8. Can you provide the Forms and Questionnaires from the Request for Proposal Package in Microsoft Word format?
- A.8. Yes, they can be provided to potential bidders upon request.
- Q.9. Is this project Time and Materials or Firm Fixed price Not-to-Exceed?
- A.9. A fixed price shall be negotiated for each individual task.
- Q.10. In Attachment B – Insurance Requirements, (a) Workers' Compensation Insurance, page 44 of 45 of the RFP, does the phrase "maritime workers' compensation" refer to USL&H Act and/or Jones Act?
- A.10. Answer will be provided to the awardee as the District is conducting research.

- Q.11. Corporation Form— asks for the ‘Registration Number’, does that refer to the DUNS, EIN and/or the SunBiz Document Number? What is this number in reference to?
- A.11. The “Registration No.” on the form “Certificate as to Corporation” is referring to the document number as stated on your certificate as being registered with the State of Florida.

NOTE: The RFP Opening remains the same, August 17, 2017, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on the PROPOSAL FORM provided in the RFP solicitation package.

If you have any questions, please call me at (386) 329-4469 or e-mail ppaulk@sjrwmd.com.