

ASBESTOS SOLICITATION  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Based on several emails received as a result of our previous advertisements for quotes for asbestos testing we are providing this information to address questions that have been received in the past. Please note that this request for quotes is to provide a report with recommendations if necessary for the removal of asbestos materials as well as a daily rate for air monitoring of the residential structures should that be needed based on the findings in the report when we demolish the structures. *This quote IS NOT for the demolition and actual asbestos removal. That work will be bid out through a competitive sealed bid process at a later date in accordance with grant regulations.* Questions and their respective answers:

**Question:** Can we visit the structures in order to make a more accurate quote?

**Answer:** Yes, you can visit the structures by contacting the Town of Estill at (803) 625-9195 or [Barbara A. Johnson, \(843\) 473-3951 or bjohnson@lowcountrycog.org](mailto:Barbara.A.Johnson@lowcountrycog.org) .

**Question:** Are the structures – vacant, occupied, ready for inspection and/or have utility service?

**Answer:** All structures are vacant and ready for inspection. Whether there is active electrical service to the structures will have to be verified which has not been done as of this date.

**Question:** Is there a bid form or specific format that the bid should be submitted in?

**Answer:** There is no specific format; however, **we do expect to have an answer to each of the bullet items listed in the request.** We will provide a list of the structures that may be used for bidding purposes if you choose to use it.

**Question:** Please clarify the anticipated award date for the project.

**Answer:** Funding is available for the project now; however any contract award date is contingent upon having a proposed professional service contract approved by SC Department of Commerce Division of Grants Administration which is funding the work through the CDBG program.

**Question:** How should the air monitoring fee be presented in our cost breakdown and how will the air monitoring fee be used in determining which contractor is providing the lowest bid?

**Answer:** We will look at the unit costs of all items and make a recommendation based on what is in the best interest of the Town. The air monitoring fee/rate should be on a per day basis and include all associated costs (ie Travel). We ask for this so we do not have to go out and request quotes for air monitoring separately. The firm that is selected to do the report which will be used when we are securing demolition bids will be the firm that does the third party air monitoring for this project once we bid the demolition work.

**Question:** How should we present the fee for the abatement specification in our breakdown and how will it be used in determining which contractor is providing the lowest bid?

**Answer:** If you are providing a cost for an abatement specification in addition to the items requested in the quote please provide this separately from the other bulleted costs. With regard to the how the information will be used to determine the firm selected please see the answer to the question above; however please be advised that depending on the outcome we may choose to include the abatement specification in the actual bid for the demolition work.

**Question:** If asbestos containing materials are found in any of the structures, and the quantity of friable asbestos containing materials does not exceed the threshold that requires a written design specification, will it be anticipated that a specification will still be required for this project?

**Answer:** NO

**Question:** For clarification are you projecting 40 samples or 40 homogeneous materials?

**Answer:** For our purposes we are projecting 40 samples (a cost for this) and then a cost per sample exceeding 40.

**Question:** Can the same company that do the asbestos study do the demolition work?

**Answer:** No, it has to be two separate contracts/contractors.