

February 9, 2006

Amendment No. 1

**MATERIAL TESTING AND SAMPLING
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA**

CONTRACT NO.: HBCD004

PIN: 84106MBBR087

Question #1 Is the selected Proposer for this contract precluded from bidding and being awarded other contracts with NYCDOT, such as Resident Engineering Inspection Services and Design Services contracts?

Answer #1 The selected Proposer can bid on other contracts with NYCDOT providing there is no conflict of interest. The firm must demonstrate to the satisfaction of NYCDOT that performing on the Material Testing and Sampling contract has no conflict of interest that would prevent them from performing properly on the related Resident Engineering Inspection Services and/or Design Services contracts.

Question #2 Who is the selected Proposer on the current Material Testing and Sampling contract?

Answer #2 Materials Testing Lab, Inc. is the selected Proposer on the current Material Testing and Sampling contract.

Question #3 Is a certified Professional Engineer required to sign off on the reports?

Answer #3 Yes, a certified Professional Engineer from the State of New York is required to sign off on the reports.

Question #4 Does NYCDOT use a range of minimum/maximum salary rate per title?

Answer #4 Yes, NYCDOT Engineering Audit Bureau uses the following minimum/maximum salary range: salaries under \$40,000 – can increase up to 20%; salaries between \$40,000 and \$60,000 – can increase up to 15% and salaries over \$60,000 – can increase up to 10%.

Question #5 Is the list of registrants at the pre-proposal conference available?

Answer #5 No. The list of attendees at the pre-proposal conference is not available to the registrants.

Question #6 Is there any historic information available regarding regional distribution of inspection activities in the U.S. and Canada for this contract, and is any information available regarding anticipated future inspection needs for upcoming contract?

Answer #6 The historical data of regional distribution of inspection is not available, but a significant part of inspection and sampling is being done in the following States: Texas, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Washington, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

The location of inspection/witnessing of tests and sampling depends upon the fabricator/supplier chosen by the contractor on a particular project and as such is not known beforehand.

Refer to Section VII (A) of the Request for Proposals - Proposed Contractual Agreement

Delete "Scope of Services" Page SR-5 in original RFP
It is estimated that 51,520 compensable inspector hours will be required over the two-year period.

Replace with "Scope of Services" Page 5 in this addendum
It is estimated that 51,520 compensable inspector hours will be required over the three year period.

Question #7 On SR-4, The selected Proposer must have offices or branch locations to ensure timely response to assignments. Must the Proposer have offices or branch locations throughout the United States and Canada?

Answer #7 It is not necessary to have an office or branch at various locations, but adequate staffing and means shall be available at service locations to ensure timely response to assignments.

Refer to Section VII (E) of the Request for Proposals – Cost Proposal Forms Packet

Question #8 Will the NYCDOT approve the rates for Labor Cost in the Form 4T-1 or the test items in the Price Proposal Summary?

Answer #8 The Labor Cost in the Form 4T-1 is the approved rates and the unit price in the Price Proposal Summary is a fixed price for the testing.

Question #9 On Page 1 of the Price Proposal Summary – Task 1, #5 Field density by Nuclear Gage. The quantity is 900 and the unit is days. All the other units indicate tests, is the Field density by Nuclear Gage by days of by tests?

Answer #9 The unit is days as shown on the Price Proposal Summary. These are estimated number of days for checking Field density by Nuclear Gage is by days.

Proposers are advised that the Authorized Agency Contact Person for all matters concerning this Request for Proposals is:

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Proposal Due Date and Time and Location:

Date: February 16, 2006
Time: NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM
Location: NYCDOT, Contract Section
40 Worth Street, 8th Floor, Room 824A
New York, New York 10013

Proposals should be hand delivered to NYCDOT Contract Section located at 40 Worth Street, 8^h Floor, Room 824A, New York, New York 10013 between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm only.

Services are to be provided generally in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications, Materials Method manuals, Materials Procedures, Soils Control Procedures, and directives of the New York State or New York City department of Transportation.

It is estimated that 51,520 compensable inspector hours will be required over the three-year period. Of this total, it is estimated that about 35% will involve bridge bearings, 45% will involve backfill material, and 10% will involve joint seals. The balance will be for various other items. The majority of the bearings will be located in Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, or Washington. Backfill material will generally be sampled in the New York City area. Other items may require sampling anywhere in the continental United States and Canada.

b. Services Required - Quantity and Distribution

Quantities for various tests listed on the price proposal sheets are estimated. In addition certain tests are listed on a contingency basis and may not need to be performed. To be considered responsive, the Proposer must provide a price for each test listed. No changes in unit prices will be allowed due to a change in quantities.

c. Test Prices

The unit prices proposed for tests shall include all overhead and profit. No additional reimbursements will be made for handling of samples such as bridge bearings. Where a testing procedure calls for testing of multiple samples to obtain an average value, this shall count as one test.

NOTE: THE AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE SPECIFIC HOURLY RATES OFFERED BY PROPOSERS IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION. PRE-AWARD AUDITS AND FACILITY ASSESSMENTS MAY BE CONDUCTED IF IT IS DEEMED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AGENCY TO DO SO. PROPOSERS SHALL MAKE THEIR FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION BY THE AGENCY'S SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ASSESS THEIR CAPABILITY.