



RESPONSES AND CLARIFICATIONS TO
RFP NO. 111 FOR SOILS AND MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES
APRIL 9, 2012

Q1. Is this a new contract, if not which company is the incumbent?

A1. Yes, all firms with existing master service agreements with the District are required to re-submit their most recent qualifications to be considered for selection under this RFP.

Q2. In the evaluation criteria, how will each criteria be weighted?

A2. Considerations are given to all evaluation criteria. The weights of the criteria are an internal matter and will be decided on in the review of the proposals received.

Q3. How is the fee schedule evaluated? And what significance does it have in the overall evaluation?

A3. See A2.

Q4. What is estimated to be spent (the estimated spend) on this contract?

A4. At this point, there is no estimated total amount for this contract, however, there are new schools and modernization projects currently under construction and the services will be required and utilize in these new construction projects. The District anticipates an ongoing need for this service.

Q5. Could you tell us which firms and subcontractors have held this contract in the past?

A5.

- 1) MTGL, Inc., Riverside, CA
- 2) RMA Group, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- 3) Leighton Consulting, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- 4) Heider Engineering Services, Ontario, CA
- 5) Converse Consultants, Redlands, CA

Q6. How many firms/teams will be selected?

A6. The number of firms has not been pre-determined. The quantity of firms will be determined based on the number of qualified proposals received.

Q7. What percentage of the contract will be DTSC related assessment/remediation work?

A7. This Contract will not be responsible for the DTSC remediation work.

Q8. Can you please confirm that there is no page limit for RFP 111 – Soils and Materials Testing?

A8. There is no page limit.

Q9. In Article 3.2 Biennial Price Adjustments / Article 4.9 Prevailing Wages of the Contract, what is meant by [ENDING DATE]?

A9. The Ending Date is the specified time when the current rates proposed by the responding firms can be revised and updated on request based on the Consumer Price Index for the San Bernardino/Riverside area. The rates proposed by the responding firms shall be the fully burdened rates incorporating increases and/or adjustment anticipated to be made in the future by any governmental agency including the Director of Industrial Relations (DIR). The ending date is usually two years from contract inception, though final determination has not been made as of now.



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Q10. In Article 3.2 Biennial Price Adjustments / Article 4.9 Prevailing Wages, Hourly rates for field personnel (inspectors/technicians) are based on the payment of prevailing wages for different disciplines. Increases in the prevailing wage are determined by the State of California Director of Industrial Relations. We respectfully request that the escalation in hourly rate (Price Adjustment) be based on the frequency and percentage of increase as mandated by the DIR. Would the District consider amending the Master Service Agreement to reflect this as basis for Price Adjustment? For reference: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/PWD/Southern.html>

**General prevailing wage determinations
made by the director of industrial relations
Pursuant to California Labor Code part 7,
chapter 1, article 2, sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1**

A10. See A9.

Q11. On page 5 of 18, Section 3.d Item (4) Number of hours of service for the project. What information do you want to see; a complete accounting of all our staff time on each project?

A11. Please provide an aggregate total of hours of service which includes the summation of your staff hours for any given project. There is no need for a breakdown of the staff hours by classification.