

PROPOSER'S INQUIRY RESPONSES
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
On Call Biological and Broad Range Environmental Professional Services
Mandatory Pre-SOQ Meeting,
10/30/2025

The responses to proposers' inquiries, unless formally incorporated into an addendum to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), are provided for informational purposes only and are not considered part of the RFQ. In some cases, the questions and answers may summarize the matters discussed rather than provide a verbatim account. These responses should be reviewed alongside all other information made available to prospective proposers when preparing their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ).

Proposers are advised that subsequent responses or addenda may modify or supersede previous responses, and such updates must be considered when submitting their SOQ. All inquiries must be submitted by the deadline specified in the RFQ.

This document will be updated continuously, and it is the proposer's responsibility to monitor for updates.

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1	Is there a page limit on the proposal?	There is no specific page limit for the proposal. However, responses should follow the required format and be concise, focused, and to the point.
2	Can you firm that the five information items in Section II.C.2.g (Staffing Quality) are only required for key personnel?	The five information items listed in Section II.C.2.g (Staffing Quality) are required only for key personnel identified in the submittal.
3	Who are the incumbent firms?	The incumbent firms are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questa Engineering Corporation - Horizon Water & Environmental LLC/ Montrose Environmental Solutions, Inc. - Nomad Ecology, LLC
4	Do you have an idea of how much of the major portions of the work required will be biological vs. CEQA documentation/review?	This is an On-Call contact. There is no pre-determined level or proportion of work between biological studies and CEQA documentation/review. The level of effort for each discipline will vary depending on the specific needs and scope of individual task orders issued under the contract.
5	You prefer hard copies delivered to the Hayward office and not digital submittals, correct?	Hard copies submittal is required and shall be delivered to our office address 399 Elmhurst St, Room 113, Hayward, CA, 94544. If submittal is being hand delivered, be advised that there is limited parking surrounding the office. Submittal must be received by the deadline stated in the RFQ.
6	Will the answers to the questions asked today be posted in a written format as well?	The question from the mandatory meeting will be posted to the website.
7	How will the task order be distributed between the 3 awarded firms?	Task orders will generally be distributed on a rotational basis among the three awarded firms. However, assignments may also consider factors such as the nature and complexity of the scope of work to ensure alignment with each consultant's relevant experience, as well as the consultant's cost proposal and proposed schedule or response time.

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8	Is the 20% SLEB requirement going to be per task order or contract wide?	While the 20% minimum SLEB utilization is a mandatory requirement to be met by the conclusion of the 5-year on-call contract, the County expects SLEB participation to occur throughout the duration of the contract. Consultants are encouraged to incorporate SLEB firms into each task order, targeting approximately 20% utilization per assignment, to maintain consistent compliance and avoid the need for corrective action toward the end of the contract term.
9	Are you expecting federal funding for any of the CIP projects?	It's possible there will be some Federally funded projects.
10	Will you be publishing the attendee list?	Yes, the attendee list will be posted to the website.
11	Will task orders be awarded competitively based on proposals submitted by the contract holders?	Task orders will generally be distributed on a rotational basis among the three awarded firms. However, assignments may also consider factors such as the nature and complexity of the scope of work to ensure alignment with each consultant's relevant experience, as well as the consultant's cost proposal and proposed schedule or response time.
12	If similar contracts have been issued in the past, can you identify the firms that have held those contracts over the past five years?	<p>In the last five years, the following firms were awarded the On-Call Biological & Broad Range contract with the District/County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questa Engineering Corporation - Horizon Water & Environmental LLC/ Montrose Environmental Solutions, Inc. - Nomad Ecology, LLC
13	What volume of work is anticipated?	This is an On-Call contact. There is no pre-determined level of work. Some of the projects are planned. Other projects could be unplanned or emergency projects.
14	From the past 3-year contracts, how much work has been awarded across how many firms?	To-date on average for the three current contracts, utilization is about 53%.
15	Is the Oral Presentation in Person or Virtual?	The oral presentation during the interview will be in person at 399 Elmhurst Street, Hayward. Further details will be provided to the five top ranked consultants after the qualifications submittal evaluation is concluded.
16.	Will consultants be expected to coordinate directly with regulatory agencies, or will they be led by ACFC & WCA staff?	Consultant will be working under District's direction and could be requested to communicate with regulatory agencies during environmental permit application phase.
17.	The professional services agreement in Section 8.5 states that "District acknowledges that the discovery, presence, handling or removal of asbestos products, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or other hazardous substances which may presently exist at the Project site is outside of Consultant's expertise and is not included in the scope of Services Consultant is to perform nor included in Consultant's insurance. District shall hire an expert consultant in this field if the Project involves such materials. Consultant shall not be responsible or be involved in any way with the discovery, presence, handling or removal of such materials. Consultant shall	Consultant is expected to be able to provide such service if requested by the District.

	<p>be responsible to coordinate with District's expert consultant as required by Appendix "A", Services To Be Provided By Consultant."</p> <p>However, in the scope of services under the Hazardous Materials and Contamination section, Hazardous building material surveys and Phase I/Phase II ESA are scope items, which will result in the discovery, presence and/or handling of asbestos and/or PCBs. Is the "discovery, presence, handling or removal of asbestos products, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or other hazardous substances which may presently exist at the Project site is" considered within the Consultant's expertise?</p>	
18.	Does the Section 15.3 conflict of interest requirement apply per task order or for the entire program?	The conflict of interest applies to the entire contract period.
19.	For Section 2.2.4 of Appendix A, Services to be provided by Consultant; can the Alameda Flood Control & Water Conservation District narrow the scope of the types of regulations, licenses, patents and permits that the consultants could be required to write evaluations for?	It is the responsibility of the consultant to demonstrate its qualifications for the required scope of work.
20.	Which forms do our subcontractors have to fill out (i.e. Iran Contracting Act, Debarment, etc.)?	The Prime and the subs need to complete the Appendix D (Debarment and Suspension Certification) and Appendix F (The Iran Contracting Act Compliance Certificate).
21.	If we are the Prime contractor and a SLEB, are we obligated to register and use the Elation Systems Contract Compliance Reporting site for us and our subs?	No, if you are listed as a SLEB Prime with the County, you do not have to register with Elation Systems.
22.	Could you provide more detail on what is required for the "Hydrologic and hydraulic analysis for permit compliance" scope?	This is referring to the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and/or basis of design report prepared by an engineer for the improvements that would be referenced and incorporated into the environmental permit application documents.
23.	What permits do you anticipate needing?	The typical environmental permits required include, but not limited to, Steam Alteration Agreement (SAA) with the State Department of Fish & Wildlife, a 401 Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Army Corps of Engineer (ACOE) nationwide/ Individual or other permits, a Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC) permit (Major, administrative or regionwide permit).
24.	May we include resumes for key personnel in an appendix?	No, resumes shall be included in Section G only. See description under "Staffing Quality".
25.	How do you plan to determine the 20% SLEB amount for the SOQ?	The 20% of work is based upon the dollar amount of the contract and is tracked by Elation Systems.
26.	Do you anticipate a need for grant writing and management services?	Not at this time.
27.	Is the "Project Management" section considered part of Section F) Relevant Work Experience? If not, please indicate where this section should be placed.	Yes, this would be in Section F.