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## NOTICE TO OFFEROR

### Questions and Answers

Solicitation Number 23-05

Request for Proposal (“RFP”)  
by Region 4 Education Service Center (“ESC”)  
for Occupational Safety & Health Compliance

#### **Questions and Answers**

1. QUESTION: Is this a new contracting vehicle? If not, who are the incumbents? Will schools/ISDs be required to use this contracting vehicle to retain service suppliers?

*ANSWER: Yes, this is a new contracting vehicle. Schools/ISDs are not required to use this contracting vehicle to retain service suppliers but it is advantageous for them to do so.*

2. QUESTION: Is it anticipated that there will be multiple awards and if yes, is the contract value of \$50M a pool for all awardees for the term of the contract, including extensions.

*ANSWER: Yes, there may be multiple awards. The contract value of \$50M is an estimated amount for all awardees.*

3. QUESTION: Can you elaborate on the scope of work - is this for manufactured/goods or for professional services (for example: asbestos inspections, mold assessments, etc).

*ANSWER: It can be for either goods and/or services. Any suppliers that can provide products and/or services closely related to the scope of work are encouraged to submit.*

4. QUESTION: If selected to the pool for co-op will companies be selected or used on a rotating services basis?

*ANSWER: No, each Participating Public Agency can use any of the resulting contracts and it is not on a rotating basis.*

5. QUESTION: Environmental and Building Safety Reviews: Could you please provide more details about the specific tasks involved in the "Environmental and Building Safety Reviews"? We would like to understand the extent of inspections and audits required, as well as any specific standards or regulations that we should adhere to.

*ANSWER: Suppliers are to submit their offering and performance capabilities as part of their response. The intent of the anticipated resulting contract(s) is for various Participating Public Agencies to piggyback the products and/or services offered as part of the response. Offerors are expected to follow and local, state, and federal laws and regulations however there are no specific Participating Public Agency tasks other than what is outlined in the solicitation as this may vary by Participating Public Agency and is dependent on a Supplier's product and/or service offering.*

6. QUESTION: Air Quality Monitoring and Improvement: What are the expectations regarding air quality testing? Are there specific pollutants or contaminants we should focus on? Additionally, do you require any provision of air purification systems to improve indoor air quality?

*ANSWER: There are no specific expectations for air quality testing or air purification systems at this time, outside what is outlined in the RFP. Suppliers should highlight their full offering and capabilities as various Participating Public Agency's with a range of needs will review the anticipated resulting contract(s).*

7. QUESTION: Surface Decontamination: Could you provide more information on the frequency and extent of surface decontamination? Are there any specific products or methods we should use to ensure effective decontamination while maintaining environmental sustainability?

*ANSWER: There are no specific requirements for surface decontamination or products and methods related to decontamination, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

8. QUESTION: Water Quality Testing and Treatment: What are the requirements for water quality testing? Are there specific contaminants we should focus on, and do you require the provision of water treatment solutions to address any identified issues?

*ANSWER: There are no specific requirements for water quality testing and treatment at this time, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

9. QUESTION: Noise and Light Control: Could you provide more details on the assessment and control of noise and light pollution? Are there specific guidelines or standards we should consider to create a safe and conducive learning environment?

*ANSWER: There are no specific requirements for noise and light control, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

10. QUESTION: Occupational Health Consulting: We would like to better understand the expectations for the occupational health consulting services. Are there specific health and safety policies or programs that we should focus on during our consultation process?

*ANSWER: There are no specific expectations or requirements for occupational health consulting, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

11. QUESTION: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Do you have any specific requirements or preferences for the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves, and safety goggles?

*ANSWER: There are no specific requirements or preferences for personal protective equipment, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

12. QUESTION: Safety Training: What are the expectations for safety training sessions? Are there any specific topics or areas of focus that we should include in our proposed training program?

*ANSWER: There are no specific expectations for safety training, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

13. QUESTION: Continuous Monitoring Services: Could you provide more information on the ongoing monitoring services? Which environmental factors should we focus on, such as air quality, water quality, noise levels, and temperature? Are there any specific reporting or documentation requirements?

*ANSWER: There are no specific details or reporting documentation requirements for continuous monitoring services, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

14. QUESTION: Maintenance and Repair Services: Are there any specific safety equipment or systems that require regular maintenance and repair services? If so, could you provide details on the scope and frequency of these services?

*ANSWER: There are no specific equipment or systems to be noted, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details.*

15. QUESTION: Budget and Contract Duration: Are there any specific budgetary guidelines or limitations we should consider while preparing our proposal? Additionally, what is the expected duration of the contract, and are there any options for renewal or extension beyond the initial term?

*ANSWER: There are no specific budget guidelines or limitations to be noted, outside what is outlined in the RFP. See the answers to Questions 5 and 6, included in this Question and Answers document, for more details. The term of the agreement is outlined on page 15 of the RFP under Appendix A - Draft Contract. The anticipated full term of the contract is five (5) years if the renewal periods are exercised.*