



State of Louisiana

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ADDENDUM II

TO: ALL POTENTIAL PROPOSERS

RE: RFP #: 3000016041, System Wide Assessment Monitoring Program

REVISED PROPOSAL DUE DATE: JANUARY 5, 2021 @ 3:00PM

**This addendum is hereby officially made a part of the referenced RFP. **

I. QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

1.	Q.	We are a certified Hudson Initiative small business (DBE) whose team has deep expertise in developing and executing water monitoring programs, including quality assurance, on a watershed scale. We would like to partner our expertise and abilities with a prime firm that would have the resources to work coast-wide. Is there a mechanism by which we can let firms know of our particular expertise in regard to this project?
	A.	The State does not have a mechanism by which certified Hudson Initiative or Veterans Initiative businesses can contact interested proposers. The names of proposers who responded to a previous similar RFP can be viewed on the CPRA website at https://coastal.la.gov/resources/rfps-rsiqs-contracts/archive-contracts-bids/archives-pcs/ or by sending a public records request via email to CPRAPublicRecords@la.gov.
2.	Q.	The RFP does not mention any laboratory accreditation requirements for laboratory based water quality analyses. Please clarify if any laboratory accreditations, such as LDEQ, are required.
	A.	CPRA does not require specific laboratory accreditations.
3.	Q.	Page 34 of the RFP states "Contractor will be responsible for arranging and including laboratory analysis as a part of their response to this RFP. An appropriate laboratory will be utilized that is able to meet CPRA reporting limits and standards of the SWAMP. The contractor will be responsible for working with and managing the approved laboratory <u>for the required sample analysis listed below</u> :". The referenced information is not provided in the RFP. Will CPRA provide this information?
	A.	See Section II, RFP Revisions below.

4.	Q.	Will you please clarify the reporting limits which are required to be met for each parameter specified in Table 3.4 of the SOP?
	A.	SOP reporting limits capture limits used to date. See Section II, RFP Revisions below for limits to be used for this contract.
5.	Q.	CRMS/SWAMP SOP Aug 2020 Table 3.3 indicates Chlorophyll a testing by EPA Method 344. However, review of EPA 344, reveals that this method is not for Chlorophyll-a. Please advise or clarify the method required for Chlorophyll-a testing.
	A.	Chlorophyll-a testing requires EPA Method 445. See Section II, RFP Revisions below.
6.	Q.	CRMS/SWAMP SOP Aug 2020 Table 3.3 indicates the reporting unit for Chlorophyll a as (ug/L, micrograms per liter), while Table 3.4 indicates the reporting unit for Chlorophyll a as mg/L. Please advise of the correct reporting unit for Chlorophyll a.
	A.	The reporting unit “ug/l” is correct for Chlorophyll a. See Section II, RFP Revisions below.
7.	Q.	CRMS/SWAMP SOP Aug 2020 Table 3.3 list Ammonium by EPA 350.1 with a Minimum Detection Limit of 0.001 mg/L. Review of EPA Method 350.1 reveals applicable detection ranges of 0.01-2.0 mg/L, with the lower range being higher than the minimum detection limit. Please advise.
	A.	The reporting limit has been revised to reflect EPA method. See Section II, RFP Revisions below.
8.	Q.	CRMS/SWAMP SOP Aug 2020 Table 3.3 indicates that “filtered” samples are to be used for certain tests being Nitrate+Nitrite, Nitrate, Nitrite, Ammonium, Orthophosphate and Silica. Please advise if this is correct.
	A.	Yes, filtered samples are required.
9.	Q.	CRMS/SWAMP SOP Aug 2020 Table 3.3 list Silica by EPA 366.0 with a Minimum Detection Limit of 0.001 mg/L. Review of EPA Method 366.0 reveals applicable detection ranges of 0.03 - 5 mg/L, with the lower range being higher than the minimum detection limit. Please advise.
	A.	The reporting limit has been revised to reflect the EPA method. See Section II, RFP Revisions below.
10.	Q.	Please advise if the Minimum Detection Limits listed in CRMS/SWAMP Aug 2020 Table 3.3 are correct and required?
	A.	The tables in the SOP capture reporting limits used to date. See Section II, RFP Revisions below for required reporting limits for this RFP.

11.	Q.	May other EPA approved methods be substituted for the methods listed in CRMS/SWAMP SOP Aug 2020 Table 3.3?
	A.	Yes, Proposers can recommend alternate methods.
12.	Q.	Under Section 3.2 B. iii., page 38, If the proposer is not a Hudson, but utilizes the services of a Hudson totaling a subcontract amount of 10% of the contract, what points would be awarded to the Prime in this scenario (i.e., 1 out of possible 10 or 10 out of possible 10)?
	A.	Hudson Initiative points are calculated using the “the anticipated dollar value of the subcontract for the three-year contract term based on a \$6,000,000.00 estimated contract value.” In your example above, if the subcontractor will earn 10% of the \$6,000,000.00 contract, the Prime would earn 1 point out of a possible 10 points.

II. RFP REVISIONS

Section 2.4, B, #2 Water Quality samples for Lab Analysis – Acquisition and Analyses

Delete #2 in its entirety and replace with the following:

CPRA will require water quality samples to be collected at a target depth (mid-water depth) and properly stored, preserved and delivered to a pre-approved laboratory for the lab analyses specified below (Folse et al., 2020). Contractor will be required to make deliveries in a manner that assures samples are prepared, processed, and analyzed within appropriate hold times, as dictated by EPA and/or Standard Method protocols.

Contractor will be responsible to for arranging and including laboratory analysis as a part of their response to this RFP.

An appropriate laboratory will be utilized that is able to meet CPRA reporting limits and standards of the SWAMP. The contractor will be responsible for working with and managing the approved laboratory for the required sample analyses listed below:

Parameter	Analysis Method	Minimum Reporting Limit	CPRA Reporting Limit
Chlorophyll <i>a</i> (µg/L)	EPA 445	0.500	
Total Nitrogen (TN) (mg/L)	SM 4500 P-J	0.012	
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) (mg/L)	EPA 351.2	0.1	0.005
Nitrate+Nitrite (NO ₃ +NO ₂), filtered (mg/L)	EPA 353.4	0.05	0.004
Nitrate (NO ₃) as N, filtered (mg/L)	EPA 353.4	0.05	0.004
Nitrite (NO ₂) as N, filtered (mg/L)	EPA 353.4	0.05	0.004
Ammonium (NH ₄) as N, filtered (mg/L)	EPA 350.1	0.01	0.006
Total Phosphorous (TP) (mg/L)	SM 4500 P-J	0.012	
Orthophosphate (PO ₄), filtered (mg/L)	EPA 365.5	0.01	0.006
Silica (SiO ₂), filtered (mg/L)	EPA 366.0	0.03	0.012
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) (mg/L)	SM 2540 D	4.000	
Volatile Suspended Solids (VSS) (mg/L)	SM 2540 E	4.000	

Alternate or equivalent methods may be proposed as long as the Minimum Reporting Limit (as shown in the table above) is not exceeded.

CPRA's Reporting Limits (as shown in the table above) are lower than those specified in EPA methods for some parameters. Coastal scientists in Louisiana have successfully measured and published values below the minimum stated in the EPA methods. Where the CPRA Reporting Limit (as shown in the table above) is lower than the Minimum Reporting Limit, the CPRA Reporting Limit is preferred, but not required.

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