# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

#### **ADDENDUM #1**

DATE: 6/23/2023 RFP#: 455-23-1017A

TITLE: RFP STATEWIDE LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023, AT 2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME

## **ADDENDUM ITEM #1:**

REVISED DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL DEADLINE BELOW:

FROM: WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023

**TO: FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023** 

## **ADDENDUM ITEM #2:**

## REVISED PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

THE RRC WILL ALLOW FOR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED RESPONSES AS WELL AS MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED SUBMISSIONS. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS SHALL BE SENT TO <a href="mailto:matthew.bowman@rrc.texas.gov">matthew.bowman@rrc.texas.gov</a>. E-MAILED RESPONSES MUST BE IN PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT "PDF". ALL RESPONSE SUBMISSIONS SHALL HAVE ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS WITH AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RESPONSIVENESS.

#### **ADDENDUM ITEM #3:**

TO PUBLICIZE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED WITHIN THE REQUIRED SUBMISSION TIME FRAME WITH ANSWERS:

No.	VENDOR QUESTIONS	RRC ANSWERS
1	The RFP is NO. 455-23-1017A. The RFP states that we must be accredited by the Texas Laboratory Accreditation Program. We are currently both TNI and ISO certified. A2LA was our accreditation body for NELAC. We reached out to the TCEQ to see if they will recognize our TNI accreditation and they stated that they would not because our accrediting body was a non-profit and not a governmental organization. They did say this "Whether the Railroad Commission will accept it, is something you will have to discuss with them.". I wanted to reach out to see if we could get an exception to bid on this RFP and anymore RFPs that the RRC puts out. I believe that we are more than qualified to perform these tests and would be happy to discuss Elevation's credentials or	The RRC will not allow an exception. Bidders must have Texas Laboratory Accreditation.

	provide any documentation at your earliest convenience.	
2	We already submitted bid package for RFP: 455-23-1017A.  Do we have to submit complete package again? Or only HUB form?	A complete response package must be resubmitted with the current Solicitation # 455-23-1017A.
3	<ul> <li>a. Please confirm this is a re-issue of the prior solicitation RFP # 455-23-1017.</li> <li>b. If yes, can we get background on the decision to re-issue?</li> <li>c. While our initial review of the attached RFP document and the requirements of the earlier version appear the same, will you confirm whether this is identical or identify any substantive changes (excluding timeline dates, etc) that have been made?</li> <li>d. Should we create another Eurofins response with updated dates and re-submit or are the hard copies you already have in hand sufficient?</li> <li>e. If a re-submission is needed, is there an electronic option (email or other) that can be used to respond or should we print, copy, bind and package 4 hard copies with a flash drive of our response and deliver/ship to RRC as done initially?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) Yes, this is a re-issue of the prior solicitation RFP # 455-23-1017.</li> <li>b) No</li> <li>c) This is identical to the previous solicitation except for the new solicitation number 455-23-1017A.</li> <li>d) Please see the RRC's response to question 2.</li> <li>e) Yes, the RRC will accept an electronic option. Please see Addendum Item #2 for instructions on email submission.</li> </ul>
4	For BTEX by method 8021, can the laboratory analyze BTEX by the most current method 8260 at the same rate as 8021?	Method 8260 may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Pricing must be provided for the analytes and methods listed on the Mandatory Rate Submission Sheet.
5	Can the laboratory bid on this RFP if they do supply cash cards for ice?	Yes, Vendor must provide cash cards for ice.

All other aspects of the RFP # 455-23-1017A remain as is.

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