



September 3, 2020

Sonoma County Water Agency Supplement to Request for Statements of Qualifications

Revised Deadline for Submission

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020

RE: SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR CATHODIC PROTECTION OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND CONSULTING SERVICES

This Supplement forms a part of and modifies the Request for Statements of Qualifications dated August 25, 2020.

Modified text is indicated as follows: Double-underline designates text to be inserted; ~~strikeout~~ designates text to be deleted.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. No changes.

2. PASS/FAIL REQUIREMENTS

2.1. No changes.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. No changes.

4. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

4.1. Modify Paragraph 4.1 as follows:

4.1 NACE Certified ~~Corrosion~~ Cathodic Protection Specialist

- 4.2. Delete Paragraph 4.2 in its entirety:
~~4.2 — California licensed Corrosion Engineer~~
- 4.3. Insert the following after Paragraph 4.1:
4.2 NACE Certified CP-1 through CP-4

5. **PREVAILING WAGES**

- 5.1. No changes.

6. **LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER PREFERENCE**

- 6.1. No changes.

7. **LIVING WAGE**

- 7.1. No changes.

8. **SUBMITTAL OF SOQS**

- 8.1. Modify Paragraph 8.3 as follows:
 - 8.3 Submit electronic copy of SOQ to Sonoma Water at Submissions@scwa.ca.gov by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 9 16, 2020. Please reference TW 19/20-093 in the subject line of the email. A confirmation email will be generated in response to each submission to this email address. If a confirmation email is not received, please check spam and junk mail folders.

- 8.2. Insert the following after Paragraph 8.5.

8.6 Confidentiality

- a. Upon submission, SOQs shall be treated as confidential documents until the selection process is completed. The selection process is deemed completed after the creation of a list of qualified consultants, or completion of negotiations for an agreement, but before agreement execution. Once the selection process is completed, SOQs shall be deemed public record. In the event that a submitter desires to claim portions of its SOQ exempt from disclosure, it is incumbent upon the submitter to clearly identify those portions with the word "Confidential" printed on the top right hand corner of each page for which such privilege is claimed and to clearly identify the information claimed confidential by highlighting, underlining, or bracketing the subject information. Examples of confidential materials include trade secrets. Each page shall be clearly marked and readily separable from the SOQ in order to facilitate public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the SOQ. Sonoma Water will consider a submitter's request for exemptions from disclosure; however, Sonoma Water will make its decision based upon applicable laws. An

assertion by a submitter that the entire SOQ, large portions of the SOQ, or a significant element of the SOQ, are exempt from disclosure will not be honored. Prices, makes and models or catalog numbers of the items offered, deliverables, and terms of payment shall be publicly available regardless of any designation to the contrary.

- b. Sonoma Water will endeavor to restrict distribution of material designated as confidential to only those individuals involved in the review and analysis of the SOQs. Submitters are cautioned that materials designated as confidential may nevertheless be subject to disclosure. Submitters are advised that Sonoma Water does not wish to receive confidential or proprietary information and those submitters are not to supply such information except when it is absolutely necessary. If any information or materials in any SOQ submitted are labeled confidential or proprietary, the SOQ shall include the following clause:
 - i. [Legal name of submitter] shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Sonoma County Water Agency, its officers, agents and employees from and against any request, action or proceeding of any nature and any damages or liability of any nature, specifically including attorneys' fees awarded under the California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250 et seq.) arising out of, concerning, or in any way involving any materials or information in this SOQ that [legal name of submitter] has labeled as confidential, proprietary, or otherwise not subject to disclosure as a public record.

9. **EVALUATION**

9.1. No changes.

10. **CONTACTS**

10.1. No changes.

11. **QUESTION(S)/ANSWER(S)**

Sonoma Water responses to questions are for the purposes of interpretation and clarification of the Request for Statements of Qualifications and shall not be construed as changing, superseding, or contradicting any express term in the Request for Statements of Qualifications. Questions received are listed below.

1. Question: 4.1 Requires certification as a “NACE Certified Corrosion Specialist”. The more applicable NACE Certification is “NACE Certified Cathodic Protection Specialist”. NACE Certified Corrosion Specialist and NACE Certified Cathodic Protection Specialist are two distinct and different certifications. While certification as a NACE Cathodic Protection Specialist is a rare certification, NACE Certified Corrosion Specialist is even more rare and less applicable to the intent of the RFQ. Please advise whether certification as a “NACE Certified Cathodic Protection Specialist” will satisfy requirement 4.1.

Answer: Answered in this Supplement, above.

2. 4.2 Requires "California licensed Corrosion Engineer". The State of California discontinued licensure as a Professional Corrosion Engineer in approximately 1996. There are very few California licensed Corrosion Engineers still practicing. Please advise whether the requirement of 4.2 may be interpreted as a "California licensed Corrosion Engineer" in lieu of the required NACE certification per 4.1; not in addition to NACE certification.

Answer: Answered in this Supplement, above.

3. 4.2 Requires "California licensed Corrosion Engineer". The State of California discontinued licensure as a Professional Corrosion Engineer in approximately 1996. There are very few California licensed Corrosion Engineers still practicing. Please advise whether the requirement of 4.2 may be interpreted as a "California licensed Professional Engineer" instead of "California licensed Corrosion Engineer".

Answer: Answered in this Supplement, above.

4. Question: Section 4.2 requires California Licensed Corrosion Engineer as one of the Minimum Qualifications.

The California State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, however, no longer has this professional engineer category and has not issued a Corrosion Engineer license for more than 20 years.

Can you please consider substituting a California licensed professional engineer (Civil and/or Electrical) for the licensed Corrosion Engineer and add either a NACE CP-2 or NACE CP-3 as minimum qualifications? Currently there are less than 15 active licensed Corrosion Engineer throughout California and the NACE certifications are the ones nationally and internationally recognized in the industry.

Answer: Answered in this Supplement, above.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1

PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS

No changes.

Attachment 2

DECLARATION OF LOCAL BUSINESS FOR SERVICES

No changes.

Attachment 3

SUPPLIER PORTAL REGISTRATION GUIDE

No changes.