

**VA786-17-R-0154 - Questions and answers (See below):**

Solicitation for Waste Services at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA:

1. A site visit revealed that Republic Services is performing all of the on-site work under the current contract, awarded to NEIE Medical Waste Services in 2012 (Solicitation No. VA786-12-R-0028). Republic was not and is not an eligible vendor under the \$12.5 million dollar size standard for that contract, nor is/was Republic a SDVOSB, as required. Has the VA asked NEIE for proof of compliance with the size standard, or subcontracting restrictions, or been notified of the partnership arrangement between NEIE and Republic? **The SBA is the reviewing agency and authority, at award the VA verify and validated the potential contractor data via the following bases (<https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/> and <https://www.sam.gov> )**
2. Will the VA ask bidders, who respond to the current solicitation to disclose partnership and subcontracting arrangements, demonstrate compliance with the SDVOSB set-aside requirement and demonstrate compliance with the limits on subcontracting requirements? **Yes – per the solicitation**
3. The Base Year appears to be 9 months, February to September of 2017. Do you want the Total Estimated Cost under CLIN 0001 to reflect the 12 months listed in the Unit column or should it reflect 9 months? **Please use the 12 month estimated period.**
4. Do the Past Performance Questionnaire's need to be submitted directly from the assessors, or can they be attached to the contractor's response to the solicitation? **Note: Disregards Tahoma NC data on p. 75 of the solicitation, however, please submit Past Performance Questionnaire or Reference letters per the solicitation**
5. Do you have the estimated annual tonnage for the roll-offs to be used for wreath pick-ups (CLIN Nos. 0005, 1005, 2005, 3005 and 4005)? **FY 15 wreath pick up tonnage was 20.71 and for FY 16 it was 16.34 tons. Approximately: 20 tons.**