

Contractor Questions

The following questions were submitted by in response to RFP: 36C10E18Q0065:

Q1. Has a contractor performed similar work to this for the government in the past?

***Answer: No***

Q2. If you are unable to provide a contract number, is it safe to assume this is a new requirement for the government?

***Answer: Yes***

Q3. Regarding Solicitation 36C10E18Q0065 for Cooling tower water treatment and maintenance, will the visitor list from the site visit be posted on FBO before the proposal due date?

***Answer: This list will not be posted or released.***

Q4. If it is not posted, we would like to request a copy of the list if possible.

***Answer: No, the government will not release this information***

Q5. Is there an incumbent currently or previously performing this work?

***Answer: See question 1***

Q6. If so, who is the incumbent?

***Answer: See question 1***

Q7. Are you requesting Legionella testing done 2 X's per year rather than once every 2 yrs. (Semi-Annual vs. Bi-Annual)

***Answer: SOW will be updated to reflect 'Semi-Annual'***

Q8. Please confirm that it is JUST the cooling tower/condenser water system from which you want Legionella testing performed. Or, are there other water systems you would like tested as well?

***Answer: Semi-annually samples will be provided to a certified Legionella testing lab for both the cooling tower water as well as the fountain water adjacent the cooling tower complex. SOW will be updated.***

Q9. Please tell us your water and sewer costs in \$/1000gal that you pay for water/sewer on site?

***Answer:***

Current Reading	58293	74382	
Previous Reading	57944	71255	
Usage (1000gal)	349	3127	347,600.00
SERVICE	Consumption	Charge	
Base Charge		\$ 275.20	
Usage @\$1.67/1000gal	170200	\$ 284.23	
Ave To 1.4 Times Avg	68080	\$ 213.09	
1.4 to 1.8 Times Avg	68080	\$ 304.99	
Over 1.8 Times Avg	41240	\$ 234.66	
**TBW @\$2.31/1000gal	347600	\$ 802.96	
25% ADJ Outside City		528.78	
Total Water			\$ 2,643.91
Fire SVC - 8 inch		12.1	
25% ADJ Outside City		3.03	
Total Fire SVC Dedicated			\$ 15.13
Pinellas County Sewer \$2.704/1000	347600	\$ 939.91	
Usge @\$4.94/1000gal	0	\$ 1,717.14	
Total Sewar			\$ 2,657.05
Total current charges water			\$ 5,316.09

Q10. Under Preventive Maintenance & Repair Service on page 10 of the solicitation it lists tasks to be performed including the removal and washing/cleaning of fill media, and reinstallation. This task alone could take days but the SOW states cooling tower(s) will not be out of service for more than 4hrs for any service or maintenance fault within a 6mo period. Can you please provide historical data and/or maintenance records that provide guidance on how the maintenance required can be performed in under 4 hours?

***Answer: No maintenance records will be provided. Contractor may need to perform cleaning in phases to stay within the 4hrs of being off line, i.e., clean one tower on Saturday and second tower on Sunday. It is ultimately the contractors responsibility to determine the best way to meet the requirements.***

Q11. Can you please provide the number and manufacture of the cooling towers?

***Answer: Manufacturer – EVAPCO  
Model – USS212-4M24  
Serial # - 17-812588  
Belt # - 6B-148***

Q12. Section 3.3 on page 10 of the solicitation states Technicians shall have NLT 5 years of experience. Can you please clarify what this certification is?

***Answer: Technicians must be able to show evidence of training and/or certification in HVAC and water treatment equivalent to and/or recognized by ASHRA or AWT (Association of Water Technologies)***

Q13. Under repair services on page 12 of the solicitation it states that the successful offeror will be expected while in the performance of the contract to procure and replace major unrepairable items as mentioned above. Does the cost of procuring and installing any or all major items need to be included in our proposal or will procurement of unrepairable items be handled by modifications?

***Answer: The successful offeror will be expected while in the performance of the contract to procure and replace unrepairable items less than \$500 as mentioned above. For those items that exceed \$500 the contractor will provide the government with a cost estimate to include manufacture, make, model, part #, and labor to install the replacement part(s).***

Q14. My question is regarding the highlighted section of this RFQ, which states: Contractor will provide the government anon line Field Test Management Reporting System whereby the COR can review all reports and records associated with the service of the cooling towers. This was highlighted in yellow. In order to make this available to the VA the controller would have to be removed and replaced with another controller that would have communication capabilities. Would the controller be purchased by the VA or would the new controller need to be budgeted into the proposal?

***Answer: It is the contractors responsibility provide all materials, labor, supervision, tools, supplies, transportation, and equipment necessary to perform the services required IAW the SOW..***

Q15. During the site visit the subject was visited multiple times about cost and energy savings. Does the VA want a price on providing equipment and installation of a water softener system which would provide water costs savings and also help with the hard water scale of the tower and fill?

***Answer: No***

Q16. Under section 3.3 of the PWS it states, "Removal and washing/cleaning of fill media, and reinstallation semiannually." In the same section under performance standards it states, "Cooling tower(s) will not be out of service for more than 4hrs for any service or maintenance fault within a 6mo period." This maintenance would typically take a full day, please confirm that the contractor is expected to perform this maintenance in 4 hours or less?

***Answer: (Do you think adding the word simultaneously to the SOW will meet your needs and reduce confusion ie. "Cooling tower(s) will not be simultaneously out of service for more than 4hrs for any service or maintenance fault within a 6mo period.")*** I agree, including the word ‘simultaneously’ should help clarify my intent which is to prevent shutting down the MCP / air handlers for an entire day. This building gets ‘extremely’ hot after just a few hours with the AHUs shut down.

-----***End of Questions***\_\_\_\_\_