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To: Interested Parties

**WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (WVDP) PHASE 1B – DRAFT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Department of Energy (DOE) is releasing the Draft Request for Proposal (RFP), Solicitation No. 89303323REM000116, pertaining to the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Phase 1B procurement, for review. The purpose of the Draft RFP is to solicit questions and comments from all interested parties, and to assist DOE in developing a Final RFP for this procurement.

DOE IS NOT REQUESTING PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME, AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP. DOE WILL NOT EVALUATE ANY PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP. PROPOSALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL RFP, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED TO BE ISSUED NO SOONER THAN DECEMBER 2023.

DOE hereby invites all interested parties to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP and the accompanying procurement website (<https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/wvdpphase1b/>) in their entirety, and to submit comments in writing to the following email address: [wvdpphase1b@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:wvdpphase1b@emcbc.doe.gov). During the development of the Final RFP, DOE will consider the comments received from interested parties in response to the Draft RFP.

Consistent with the Environmental Management (EM) End State Contracting Model (ESCM), the WVDP Phase 1B Draft RFP contemplates an Indefinite-Delivery Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) contract under which Cost-Reimbursement (CR) and/or Fixed-Price (FP) Task Orders may be issued. The Contract ordering period will be 10 years and will initially include a 120-day Contract Transition Task Order followed by a 180-day Implementation Period Task Order, which precedes the remaining performance period. The Contract is estimated to be worth up to \$3.0 billion and the performance of Task Orders issued before the end of the Contract ordering period shall not exceed five years beyond the end of the Contract 10-year ordering period. The EM ESCM employs a two-step process using a competitive, qualifications-based RFP for selection of the Offeror representing the best value to the Government, and subsequent post-award negotiations of discrete scopes of work through effective partnering on a Task Order-basis. EM is pursuing a streamlined selection process under this ESCM whereby a best value selection process will include three technical

factors (Key Personnel, Past Performance, and Management Approach), along with a cost and fee/profit factor that includes contract transition costs, key personnel costs, fully burdened labor rates, and fee/profit. In particular, DOE is seeking feedback from interested parties on the following:

1. Are the Section H clauses within the *Contractor Human Resources Management (CHRM) Clause* section clear? If not, what is unclear and/or how can these clauses be improved?
2. Are there any additional specific technical or programmatic documents and/or information that you think would be helpful and should be posted to the EMCBC Acquisition website's Documents Library in order to assist in preparation of proposals?
3. Does your company have any input regarding the level of detail requested within each Evaluation Factor and/or the relative importance of the Evaluation Factors that DOE should consider in making this contractor selection?
4. DOE is planning to utilize virtual means to conduct individual oral interviews with the two required key personnel positions of Program Manager and Decontamination & Decommissioning Manager as well as the team interview. Are there any specific suggestions for DOE to consider in an effort to improve utilization of virtual oral interviews?
5. Are the instructions within Section L.15 *DOE-L-2010 Proposal Preparation Instructions, Volume II – Past Performance* and Attachment L-3 *Past Performance Reference Information Form*, as well as the Evaluation Factor at Section M.3 *DOE-M-2008 Evaluation Factor – Past Performance* clear? If not, what is unclear and/or how can these portions of the Draft RFP be improved?
6. Are the instructions within Section L.17 *Proposal Preparation Instructions, Volume III – Cost and Fee/Profit Proposal*, and the Attachment L-6 *Cost and Fee/Profit Elements Workbook* clear and consistent with each other?
7. Is any additional information needed for Attachment L-7 *Contract Transition Task Order* in order to submit a quality proposal?
8. Does the Draft RFP contain any potential restrictive barriers to competition? Do barriers exist (DOE imposed or otherwise) that would hinder your firm from participating in this acquisition? Which, if any, of the requirements contained in the Draft RFP do you believe are unnecessary or represent barriers to successful contract performance?
9. DOE is envisioning a 45-day proposal preparation period once the Final RFP is released. Is there any feedback regarding this timeframe?
10. Foreign Ownership Control or Influence is a very important aspect of the procurement process and can be very time consuming. It is imperative that Offerors submit complete packages and subsequent timely responses to DOE for any clarification questions asked during the procurement process. There is currently guidance on the

EMCBC procurement [website](#) with general FOCI information and DOE has updated the Section L provisions related to FOCI requirements to provide clarity.

DOE is considering requesting mitigation documents, such as Board Resolutions or Special Security Agreements, as part of the proposal submittal, as needed. To assist Offerors, DOE intends to add definitions and possible mitigation tools (templates) to the EMCBC procurement website. Please provide any input on the impacts of this change.

11. Do you have any additional suggestions?

Interested parties will have until October 2, 2023, to submit written comments regarding the Draft RFP. All comments shall be submitted in the Microsoft Excel format provided on the procurement website, separated by Draft RFP section. Please do not make any changes to the Microsoft Excel formatting with the exception of adding rows as needed, and please do not submit marketing materials. DOE will not respond to or post on the procurement website any questions or comments pertaining to the Draft RFP; however, DOE will consider comments when preparing the Final RFP. Interested parties will be given the opportunity to submit questions and comments in writing for DOE response once the Final RFP is issued.

The goal of the ESCM and the WVDP Phase 1B master IDIQ Contract is to achieve completion of the mission at the WVDP Site by successfully completing the environmental cleanup at the best value to the U.S. taxpayer. The Contractor will be required to perform work under this master IDIQ Contract in accordance with applicable statutes. It is DOE's expectation and a fundamental premise of the ESCM that DOE will partner with the Contractor after award to openly negotiate Task Orders that provide the most reduction of environmental risk and EM financial liability to efficiently advance and ultimately complete the WVDP Phase 1B mission at the WVDP Site.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

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Industry Comment Matrix