RFP Questions and Answers

Emergency Restoration, Mitigation and Remediation Services

Question 1: Industrial Hygienist (IH) Scope and Responsibility

Question: Who is responsible for hiring the third-party Industrial Hygienist (IH) for testing and clearance? Please clarify the Contractor's responsibilities and how IH services are addressed in the RFP.

Response: The restoration services provider is responsible for retaining a qualified third-party Industrial Hygienist (IH) to perform required testing and clearance services, in coordination with and subject to the District's prior approval. IH services are considered specialty services that may be necessary to perform the work and should be included by the Contractor as appropriate based on the nature and scope of the restoration services required.

Question 2: Exhibit B – General Services Agreement

Question: Exhibit B is identified in the Table of Contents as the General Services Agreement, but the document provided contains the Insurance Requirements. Will a separate General Services Agreement be available before the proposal deadline, and when will contract terms be negotiated?

Response: A separate General Services Agreement will be provided at a later date. The agreement will need to be reviewed, negotiated as necessary, and executed before commencement of any work.

Question 3: Pricing Forms

Question: Must proposers complete the pricing forms provided in the RFP, or may they submit their own Schedule of Fees? May an additional rate sheet be attached for items not listed on the forms?

Response: Proposals shall be submitted using the pricing form provided in the RFP, with all applicable fields completed. Additional rate sheets may be attached only when necessary to identify rates not listed on the form.

Question 4: Prevailing Wage Adjustments to Xactimate Pricing

Question: If an assignment is subject to applicable prevailing wage requirements, will adjustments to Xactimate labor pricing be considered work not reasonably captured within the applicable Xactimate line item and eligible for separate billing?

Response: The District does not currently anticipate that routine assignments under this RFP will be subject to prevailing-wage requirements. However, if there such an assignment, the adjustments may be considered only when the District identifies an assignment, or a portion of an assignment, as subject to applicable prevailing wage requirements and approves the pricing methodology in writing.

Question 5: Prior Authorization for Prevailing Wage Adjustments

Question: May contractors apply prevailing wage adjustments without obtaining case-by-case preauthorization from the assigned Claims Adjuster?

Response: No. A Contractor may not apply a unilateral, automatic, or after-the-fact prevailing-wage adjustment. Any change in labor classification, prevailing-wage rate, scope, or pricing methodology will require prior written District approval.

Question 6: Modified Xactimate Price List

Question: Does the District anticipate providing a modified Xactimate price list or another approved method to account for prevailing wage requirements?

Response: The District does not currently anticipate issuing a modified Xactimate price list. If an assignment is determined to be subject to applicable prevailing-wage requirements, the District may approve an alternative pricing methodology in writing.

Question 7: Prevailing Wage Applicability

Question: Is this bid and the resulting contract subject to prevailing wage requirements?

Response: The District does not currently anticipate that all routine assignments under this RFP will constitute public work or be subject to prevailing-wage requirements. Accordingly, the RFP and resulting on-call agreements are not being treated as categorically subject to prevailing wage for every assignment.

Question 8: Invoicing and Time-and-Material Pricing

Question: Will invoicing be based on time and materials (T&M)?

Response: Not exclusively. The general pricing basis will be Xactimate pricing applicable to the project location, agreed-upon unit pricing, or another pricing method approved by the District in advance.