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TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS UNDER THE DIGESTER UPGRADE PROJECT, PHASE 3 DESIGN
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Subject: QUESTION RESPONSES

Notice is hereby given of the following questions received and answers provided for the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Digester Upgrade Project, Phase 3 Design Request for Proposals (RFP):

1. Has someone in your group already contacted the Dystor representative about the new Dystor covers for Digester Nos. 3 and 4?

Response: No, not for this project. The Dystor representative has been contacted regarding the dual membrane cover on Digester No. 2, which will be replaced soon as part of a separate project.

2. If Digester Nos. 3 and 4 get the membrane covers, the top mounted draft tube mixers installed in the Phase 1 and 2 projects cannot be used. For Digester Nos. 3 and 4, will external pump mixing systems be acceptable while Digester No. 2 gets the top mounted draft tube mixers like Phase 1 and 2?

Response: Draft tube mixers will not be used in the future for Digester Nos. 2, 3, and 4. External pump mixing is slated to be installed as part of the Digester Upgrade Project, Phase 4. Phase 3 will only include the piping necessary to accommodate external pump mixing.

3. Please send me any internal District reports or results memos regarding the waste receiving facility testing that have been done to reduce the grit problems.

Response: We do not have any memos ready for distribution regarding these issues.

4. Does the scope of work requested need to be included in the five page limit allotted for the project approach, or can it be attached as an appendix? Ref. p. 27.

Response: The scope of work can be attached as an appendix.

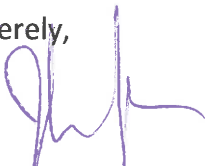
5. For the P-025 forms, does the consultant need to provide a fee in addition to hours estimated?

Response: Proposers can provide an estimated fee with the understanding that, if selected, the fee will potentially be revised during negotiation of the contract. For more information about filling out the Contract Equity Program (CEP) forms, proposers are encouraged to contact our CEP office at **510-287-0114**.

6. At the meeting yesterday, the group was informed that the District decided not to implement the recommendation to lower the operating water surface level by nine feet to reduce the seismic demands. Did we catch that correctly? Can you please confirm that the seismic retrofit performance criteria still is Life Safety and Collapse Prevention and that additional retrofits, other than the one stated in the RFP (internal curb), may be required.

Response: Correct, the District has decided not to implement the recommendation to lower the operating water level within the digesters to nine feet below the top of the wall, due to incompatibility with process requirements. For the purposes of developing the proposal and developing an estimated fee for the design, the proposer can assume that the internal curb retrofit is the extent of the retrofits required. However, proposers are encouraged to describe any potential risks and mitigations that they identify regarding the ability to meet the Life Safety and Collapse Prevention retrofit performance criteria.

Sincerely,



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