



**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE REGIONAL BRACKISH WATER RECLAMATION PROGRAM FEASIBILITY STUDY**

*Updated as of March 21, 2018*

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Below are responses to questions that were asked during the Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 relating to the Regional Brackish Water Reclamation Program Feasibility Study, and during the RFP process. The deadline for questions regarding this RFP was on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 5:00PM PDT.

	<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>RESPONSE</b>
1.	Are there any imposed deadlines WRD is targeting for this work?	No
2.	Is this brackish water plant going to be supplying water to the potable system?	Yes
3.	Have you had discussions with DDW yet?	No
4.	Is the team expected to provide a water rights attorney for this study?	No
5.	Can other stakeholders be brought in?	Yes. Consultant can provide recommendations in the proposal and/or during the work.
6.	Can the consultant come up with additional brine recovery/discharge solutions that were not in the RFP?	Yes
7.	Do you know what the lithium content of the water is?	No
8.	Should the feasibility study be successful and a project(s) be recommended, does WRD intend to pursue design and construction?	Yes
9.	Does WRD think it's appropriate to bring in an equity partner at this stage?	No



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10. Would you be able to share with us a copy of the final Grant application (what is available upon research is the draft version of the application) submitted for this project?	WRD will supply a copy of this document to the selected team. The scope and approach from the grant document have been modified from what was listed in the actual RFP.
11. Are the required exhibits exempt from the page count?	Reference section 6.1 for specifics on the page count.
12. The 5.0 Proposal Content section lists two different Project Team & Qualifications entries, one in 5.5 and the other in 5.10. They are very similar, but not identical. Are both of these sections required, or are they could be consolidated into one section within the format of the proposal?	Reference section 5.5.
13. The RFP Scope of Work refers to “Optional Task 11 – Environmental Documentation” in several locations, however it is not explicitly mentioned in the scope language for Task 11 – Optional Tasks as Proposed by Consultant. Is it WRD’s intent that Environmental Documentation be proposed as an optional task as part of this Feasibility Study if the consultant desires to include such a proposal?	No. Any reference to “Optional Task 11- Environmental Documentation” should be removed. Tasks to be proposed in Task 11-Optional Tasks are completely up to the consultant’s discretion. Consultants are not required to propose any optional tasks.
14. Is it WRD’s intent that a large prime firm can satisfy some or all of the LBE requirement participation goal based on the work to be conducted by individuals from the firm’s local office satisfies the LBE definition provided in section 7.6 of the RFP, (i.e. the firm has a valid physical business address and an established place of business: (1) located within five miles of the District’s service boundary or (2) located within a city that is situated within five miles of the District’s service boundary)? Or is it WRD’s intent that an LBE also be a small business?	As stated in Section 7.6, the District may provide preference of up to 5% of the total evaluation points for consultants with at least 20% participations of a LBE or at least 20% participations of a SBE /or a VBE. The LBE does not have to be an SBE, or vice versa.
15. Is the task chapter delivery schedule firm or is there room for flexibility to ensure adequate stakeholder buy in is achieved?	The final deliverable schedule is firm with WRD wanting to complete this effort within one calendar year or less, with the chapter delivery schedule being more flexible. WRD staff does understand how important stakeholder buy in is for this effort, so if the Consultant has a different approach to the chapter schedule and/or scheduling stakeholder buy in you are free to propose as long as the final deliverables can be reached within one year or less.



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16.	Is there flexibility with the timeframe of the non-critical path tasks as long as the end date is reached?	Yes, please see the response to the previous question.
17.	Was the DDW 97005 permit required for Goldsworthy expansion?	No.
18.	Does the Task 11 – Optional Tasks writeup fall outside the 30-page single-sided proposal limit?	No. Task 11 must fall within the proposal page limit.