



By my signature below I accept that I have reviewed and acknowledge any addendums that have been issued for this solicitation.

ADDENDUM NUMBER: 3

**Please complete the following information:**

RESPONDENT (Company Name) \_\_\_\_\_

RFP Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THIS SIGNATURE PAGE MUST BE SIGNED WITH AN ORIGINAL HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE EXECUTED IN INK AND RETURNED WITH YOUR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR YOUR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED!**

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\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



## Mountain Home Air Force Base Sustainable Water Supply Project Design-Build-Operates Services Request for Qualifications Addendum No. 3-Answers to Questions on the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)

**Question 8:** The RFQ provides forms F3 and F4 for signature by the Insurance Company and Surety respectively. While we foresee no major issues with the proposed insurance or bonding requirements, there are some minor technical revisions required and mechanical issues with the proposed wording of the forms which does not allow either entity to sign the forms as presented. We would like to propose alternate language for these forms, and request the proposed language be acceptable as submission in lieu prescribed language in Forms F3 and F4:

*Form F3:* "As the insurance broker, we have been requested to provide you with this letter with respect to the insurance requirements in Attachment E of RFQ #2018-001.

We confirm the financial capacity of the proponent is such that insurers are willing to issue insurance if a services agreement is awarded to \_\_\_\_\_."

*Form F4:* "This letter is to advise you that \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of obtaining customary Performance and Payment Bonds for single projects of \$\_\_\_\_\_ with an aggregate program of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

This letter should not be construed as an agreement to provide surety credit for any particular project, but is offered as an indication of our experience and confidence in this firm. The decision to provide bonding is subject to review of the final contract terms and conditions, acceptable bond forms, confirmation of adequate financing, as well as other underwriting conditions that may exist at the time such bonds are requested.

This letter does not constitute an assumption of liability. Any request for bonds in this case and in other cases is a matter solely between \_\_\_\_\_ and its sureties, and they assume no liability to you or any third party if for any reason they do not execute said bonds."

**Answer 8:** See RFQ Addendum 4 issued simultaneously. The IWRB is providing Forms F3 and F4 in Attachment F as sample letters. Your insurance and bonding submittals need to be on the insurance company or surety's letterhead, and your insurance company and surety can create their own letters as long as the letters document your ability to show sufficient insurance and bonding coverage.

**Question 9:** Because the complete contract terms and conditions are not available at this RFQ stage of procurement, the bonding company would prefer to slightly change the verbiage on Form F4. Suggested addition is shown in italics: "...We hereby certify that, subject to our review of the terms in the term sheet *and contract documents*, we intend to issue ..."

**Answer 9:** See Answer 8 above.

**Question 10:** Forms F3 and F4 provide the language you have requested from the bonding and insurance companies. It states that the insurance company and the surety firm have read both the SOQ and the RFQ. Would IWRB consider revising that language to state RFQ only? The final SOQ will not contain any information pertinent to them that they did not see in Forms F3 and F4 and it would alleviate unnecessary review by their firms.

**Answer 10:** See Answer 8 above.

**Question 11:** Is the intent to take the existing groundwater wells out of operation after the surface water treatment plant is operational?

**Answer 11:** The intent is that the existing groundwater wells will remain in service, but that they will not be relied on for day-to-day supply. It is the IWRB's current understanding that the wells will be disconnected (physical separation) from the distribution system and kept operational for backup emergency reconnection and supply. The operations and maintenance of the wells is not intended to be part of this procurement or the resulting contract.

**Question 12:** We understand the Facility Plan is currently being developed by Brown and Caldwell. To assist us in developing our approach in the SOQ, can you clarify if the Facility Plan will cover the following items?

- Potential water quality impacts of blending groundwater wells and surface water?
- Evaluation of potential issues in the distribution system related to corrosion, lead, and copper concentrations by switching water sources?
- An operational plan describing what roles and responsibilities MHAFB will have related to water system operation?

**Answer 12:** The Facility Plan is being developed as follows:

- The Facility Plan does not address potential water quality impacts of blending groundwater wells and surface water. See Answer 11 above.
- A detailed evaluation of potential distribution system corrosion issues is not included in the Facility Plan. However, mitigation of potential changes in raw water chemistry will be addressed via treatment provisions included in the Facility Plan and RFP requirements. These provisions may include the capability to raise finished water pH and alkalinity to mitigate potential corrosion concerns. In addition, raw water quality characterization data may provide insights regarding the need for additional mitigation which will be dependent on the selected treatment methodology.
- The Facility Plan does include an operational plan describing what roles and responsibilities MHAFB will have related to water system operation.

**Question 13:** Will Brown and Caldwell be completing the Technical, Financial, Management Report and the setup of the public water system for the state? Or will that be part of the Contractor's scope of work?

**Answer 13:** Brown and Caldwell will be completing the Technical, Financial, Management Report and assisting with the setup of the public water system utility for the IWRB. The DBO Contractor may be required to include follow-on scope for this effort, especially as related to its final design solution and proposed operating parameters.