

CLARIFYING Response #1

2027 Water Quality Laboratory Analysis & Testing Specification

10/7/26

This Clarifying Response NO. 1 consists of 2 pages (8 - 8.5" x 11"). It is the responsibility of the Proposer to assure and guarantee that the proposer has received the response in its entirety, and that they accept all conditions contained herein.

Question #1: Who is the incumbent laboratory?

Answer #1: This is the first year the District has formally requested proposals for water quality testing. So there is no previous laboratory, the District has previously used different labs.

Question #2: Can you provide current pricing for this contract?

Answer #2: Please see question #1, since this is the first year we do not have previous contract pricing.

Question #3: Will you allow method substitutions?

Answer #3: The District will allow method substitutions that are state approved and recognized method.

Question #4: Will you allow contract exceptions?

Answer #4: The District has a recognized contract that is generally accepted by district contractors and service providers. Changes can be included in the proposal and will be evaluated.

Questions #5: The question deadline is listed as October 27th with responses by November 4th, but the final proposal is due October 27th. Is there an updated proposal due date?

Answer #5: The final deadline for questions will be October 19th, with responses by October 23rd with the proposals being due on October 27th.

Question #6: Are samples pickups required? If so, do you have preferred dates and times for pickups?

Answer #6: Samples that are included in this proposal will all be shipped to your local.

Question #7: If Needed, where do sample pickups take place?

Answer #7: If samples need to be picked up they will be made available at 11570 Donner Pass Road, Truckee CA.

Question #8: Can you provide more information on the 2-hour immediate alert protocol?

Answer #8: The firm will notify the District and State at the near the same time, within two hours of determining the sample is not passing.

Question #9: What is the distance limit for the Local Business Preference Policy?

Answer #9: The policy states that the contractor/service provider needs to have place of business within the Truckee Donner Public Utility District service area.

Question #10: What day of the week are the Total Coliform/E.Coli samples taken? Is this day of the week flexible? For example, if every Tue now, is every Mon., or every Wed. OK?

Answer #10: The total coliform samples will be removed from this proposal by addendum 1.

Question #11: Are samples for tests other than Coliform / E.Coli, also taken on the same day. In other words, are all samples for all tests taken on the same day of the week?

Answer#11: Please see question 10, all other samples can be mailed/shipped to your facilities. Typically, all samples are collected on Tuesday.

Question #12: Is courier service currently provided for tests listed on 2. Form 300-B: Water Quality Testing Pricing Schedule? Is courier and/or transportation costs included in the analytical test unit price can it be charged separately?

Answer #12: Please see answer to #10, all other samples will be shipped to your facility. Courier service will not be requested at this time.

Question #13: Turnaround Time Commitments – Is 5 WD the requested Std. TAT for ALL tests? Or is it required for specific tests? Can longer TAT be acceptable for tests such as PFAS & Radionuclides, which routinely have longer test procedure times?

Answer #13: The 5-day turnaround time will be held for most test, however if a testing method or routine takes longer extensions can be granted however these will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Question #14: For PFAS, is EPA 537.1 or EPA 533 required, and not both PFAS test methods?

Answer #14: We are required to use either of these methods not both, historically the District has used EPA 533 method.

Question #15: For Title 22 Inorganics & Heavy Metals, please specify the elements/metals in this suite?

Answer #15: The District is currently requesting the following, iron, manganese, arsenic.