REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. Q-951

TESTING, WATER SAMPLE

Due Date: 09/11/2020, Time: 3:00 PM

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Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within as little as 48 hours prior to bid opening. It is the potential vendor’s responsibility to frequently visit the Purchasing web site (www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing) to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

BIDDER CHECK LIST

____ Have you signed your bid?
____ Have you signed the Procurement Affidavit?
____ Have you filled out all applicable forms?
____ Have you returned the original? (and required duplicate copies when required?)
____ Have you signed and returned amendments?
____ Have you included the bid bond, if required?
____ Have you completed, signed and included all required MBE/WBE forms and documents? (if applicable)
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
General Instructions for Solicitations

1. Instructions, Forms and Specifications

1.1 All bids/proposals are to be submitted on and in accordance with the forms provided by the Purchasing Division. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope/carton or electronically as specified in the General Conditions. All bids must be clearly identified with the SOLICITATION NUMBER and the DUE DATE and TIME for mailed and/or hand-delivered submittals and SOLICITATION NUMBER for electronic submittals. Bid times are either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, whichever prevails. Late bids will not be considered.

1.2 Responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an executed Procurement Affidavit, as provided by the Purchasing Division. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations.

1.3 Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within hours prior to bid opening. All bidders are responsible for frequently visiting the Purchasing web site to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

1.4 Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Purchasing Division. The County assumes no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions. All official correspondence in regard to this solicitation must be directed to, and will be issued by, the Purchasing Division.

1.5 Bidders finding any discrepancy in or omission from the specifications, in doubt as to meaning, or asserting that the specifications are discriminatory, shall notify the Purchasing Division in writing at once, but in no case later than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening of bids. Exceptions stated do not obligate the County to change the specifications. The Purchasing Division will notify all bidders in writing, by amendment duly issued, of any substantive revisions to specifications or instructions.

1.6 Unless a written exception detailing non-conformance to specifications is noted on the bid, any part number, product number, catalog number, etc., noted on the bid will be considered in full compliance with the specifications.

1.7 Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder’s acceptance of these General Instructions and the terms and conditions of the solicitation. Submission of a bid evidences bidder’s representation and warranty that the person submitting the bid response is authorized to act for and bind the contractor.

1.8 All original and duplicate bids/proposals and other attachments, related documents and correspondence, including all follow-up documents and correspondence, shall be typed or written in English. All prices/percentages and/or other monetary figures shall be in United States dollars.

1.9 Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals should be accompanied by an electronic version (Compact Disc) of the bid proposal in PDF format. It shall be the bidder’s responsibility to verify that the electronic version is complete. The electronic version of the non-successful proposal response will be the only version retained by Baltimore County. The Compact Disc must be labeled with the bid number, the bid title, and the bidder’s name submitting the response. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. This does not apply to Requests for Quotation.

1.10 Issuing Officer: The sole point of contact for the County for purposes of this solicitation is the Buyer, listed on the cover page; questions regarding any aspect of the competitive process must be directed to the Buyer, in writing.

2. Award of Solicitations

2.1 Any award pursuant to Requests for Quotation and Requests for Bid is made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following the public opening of bids under Section 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

2.2 Awards on Requests for Quotations and Requests for Bid will be made within sixty (60) days after bid opening unless otherwise indicated in this solicitation. No bidder will be allowed to withdraw a bid during that period.

2.3 The successful bidder may be required to give security or bond, as stated in the bid document, for performance of the contract.

2.4 When there is a conflict between the unit price or percentage and the extension, the unit price or percentage will prevail as the amount of the bid.

2.5 Cash discounts will be considered in determining awards. However, cash discount offers must allow not less than 30 days to be considered in bid evaluation. A
bid offering a cash discount in a period of less than 30 days will be evaluated as a bid without a discount offer; however, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County shall make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept any payment terms with a period of less than 30 days.

2.6 Invoices against resulting order(s) must be submitted, in duplicate, to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204-4665. Invoices must show the vendor's Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number, as appropriate, and order number and line number(s) that correspond with resulting order(s).

2.7 The County will not pay interest charges or other penalties for invoice payments.

2.8 Prices quoted shall be exclusive of all non-applicable Federal and Maryland State taxes. Tax exemption certificate will be furnished if required.

2.9 The County reserves the right to consider making payments via electronic funds transfers (EFT) on contracts for which this payment vehicle may be appropriate.

3. Reservations

3.1 The County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids received, and to make a whole award, multiple awards, a partial award, or no award, to best serve the public interest.

3.2 The County may waive formalities in bids as the interests of the County may require.

3.3 The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities by approximately twenty (20) percent to be purchased at the prices bid.

3.4 The County reserves the right to award solicitations or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or in such combination as to best serve the public interest.

3.5 The County may waive minor differences, irregularities, and technicalities in the specifications, provided they neither violate the specifications intent, materially affect the operation for which the items or services are being purchased, nor increase estimated maintenance and repair costs to the County.

3.6 At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection and photocopying, by the County, its employees or agents, of all records, information and documentation of the Contractor related to the subject matter of this contract, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits.

3.7 Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions of the contract, in the event the County is temporarily or permanently prevented, restricted or delayed in the performance of any or all of the duties and obligations imposed upon or assumed by it thereunder, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland or the Baltimore County Council, by a court of competent jurisdiction or by administrative delay not due to the fault of the County (and its members and agents) shall not be liable directly or indirectly for any claims caused to or suffered by the Contractor or any other person in connection with or as a result of such prevention, restriction or delay.

3.8 The County further reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of bidders to furnish the required services, and bidders shall furnish all such information for this purpose as the County may request. The County also reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder who is not currently in a position to perform the contract, or who has previously failed to perform similar contracts properly, or in a manner acceptable to the County, all of which shall be in the County’s sole discretion.

4. Delivery

4.1 Bidders shall guarantee delivery of materials in accordance with the delivery schedule stated in specifications. All items shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination/Inside Delivery, unless otherwise indicated, with delivery costs and charges included in the bid price.

4.2 The County reserves the right to charge the Contractor or vendor for each day the materials, supplies, or services are not delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule. The sum established by the specifications may be invoked at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent, said sum to be considered not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, and deducted from final payment, or otherwise, charged to the Contractor or vendor. This remedy is not exclusive but shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the County. These liquidated damages shall be in addition to any and all actual damages incurred directly or indirectly by the County, its agents, assigns, and contractors.

4.3 All bidders and vendors are to ensure that packaging materials used for this requirement are not made of non-recyclable Styrofoam (Polystyrene). Additionally, any materials used in packing to cushion,
protect and ship are to be made of recycled, recyclable or biodegradable materials.

5. Competition

5.1 The name of any manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number mentioned in the specifications is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type, and for no other purpose unless otherwise stated in the solicitation.

5.2 A bidder may offer a price on only one unit per line item. Even though two or more units may meet the specification, bidders must determine for themselves which to offer. Submission by a bidder of prices for more than one unit shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the bid for that specific item.

5.3 Bids which show omission, irregularity, alteration of forms or additions not called for, as well as conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced, may be rejected.

5.4 All bids must be accompanied by such descriptive literature as may be called for by the specifications or proposal.

5.5 If products to be provided to the County contain any substances that could be hazardous or injurious to a person's health, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) must be provided to the Purchasing Division. This applies also to any product used by a Contractor when providing a service to the County.

5.6 Specifications are based on County needs and uses, estimated costs of operations and maintenance, and other significant and/or limiting factors to meet County requirements, and to ensure consistency with County policies. Minimum specifications, and maximum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive bidders.

5.7 Unless multiple or alternate bids are requested in the solicitation, these bids may not be accepted. However, if a bidder clearly indicates a base bid, it shall be considered for award as though it were the only bid submitted by the bidder.

6. Terminations

6.1 Termination for Convenience: The County may terminate a contract, in whole or in part, without cause, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor. In the event of termination, without cause, the County shall advise the Contractor in writing of the termination date and of work to be performed during the final days prior to contract termination. The Contractor shall be paid for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice of termination. The Contractor will not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits, which have not been earned up to the date of termination. Payments to be provided on a lump sum basis shall be prorated by the County based on the services rendered or goods delivered up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice.

6.2 Termination for Default:

6.2.1 In addition to other available rights and remedies, the County shall have the right upon the happening of any default, without providing notice to the Contractor: 1) To terminate a contract immediately, in whole or in part; 2) To suspend the contractor's authority to receive any undisbursed funds; and/or 3) To proceed at any time or from time to time to protect and enforce all rights and remedies available to the County, by suit or any other appropriate proceedings, whether for specific performance or any covenant, term or condition set forth in the contract, or for damages or other relief, or proceed to take any action authorized or permitted under applicable law or regulations.

6.2.2 Upon termination of a contract for default, the County may elect to pay the Contractor for services provided or goods delivered up to the date of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the default, all as determined by the County in its sole discretion. If the damages exceed the undisbursed sums available for compensation, the County shall not be obligated to make any further disbursements hereunder.

6.3 Funding Out: If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support contract continuation in any fiscal year, the County shall have the right to terminate the contract without prior notice to the Contractor and without any obligation or penalty.

7. Hold Harmless – Indemnification

7.1 The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be incurred or made against the County, its employees, agents or officials resulting from any act or omission committed in the performance of the duties imposed by and performed under the terms of the contract. The Contractor shall not be responsible for acts of gross negligence or willful misconduct committed by the County.

7.2 The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and
officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney’s fees and court costs which may be made against the County, its employees, agents or officials by any third party arising from the alleged violation of any third party’s trade secrets, proprietary information, trademark, copyright, patent rights, or intellectual property rights in connection with the contract.

7.3 Unless notified in writing by the County to the contrary, the Contractor shall provide defense for the County, its employees, agents and officials in accordance with this Article and in doing so the Contractor shall allow the County to participate in said defense of the County, its employees, agents and officials, to the extent and as may be required by the County and the Contractor shall cooperate with the County in all aspects in connection therewith. All filings, actions, settlements, and pleadings shall be provided to the County for comment and review prior to filing or entering thereof. No filing, action, settlement or pleading shall be filed or entered without the prior consent and approval of the County.

8. Minority/Women’s Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Notice: Baltimore County is seeking Minority, Woman and Small Businesses to bid on current solicitations as a prime or subcontractor. In accordance with the Executive Order 2017-003 dated July 27, 2017, “an overall goal of 15% of the cumulative total of all discretionary dollars spent in a fiscal year of County procurements is to be awarded to and/or performed by MBE and WBE firms.” Refer to the section entitled Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise Requirements (MBE/WBE) for the current required goal. MBE/WBE’s and Small Businesses are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

9. Authority

9.1 In case of disputes as to whether an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Purchasing Agent or authorized representative shall be final and binding on both parties. The Purchasing Agent may request the recommendation in writing of the head of the using agency, the Standards and Specifications Committee, or other objective sources.

9.2 Bidders desiring to appeal a decision of the Purchasing Division must deliver written protests to the Purchasing Division within 10 days of notification of award. The Purchasing Agent or designee will review the protested decision, examine any additional information provided by the bidder and respond in writing within 10 working days of receipt of written protests.

9.3 Instructions, Specifications, and Proposals are issued, and all bids, quotations, orders, and purchases are made pursuant to and subject to the provisions of the Baltimore County Charter, and Article 10, Title 2 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, and regulations and policies established or prescribed by the Purchasing Division.

10. HIPAA: The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and shall execute a Business Associate Agreement as may be required by the County.

11. Reports: When required, reports prepared for Baltimore County should be printed on recycled and recyclable paper printed on both sides per Section 10-2-312 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

12. Terms of Contract

12.1 Any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be by and between the successful bidder and the County, and shall contain and incorporate, but may not be limited to, all terms and conditions of the solicitation, any amendments or changes thereto. Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the Contractor’s acceptance of the terms and conditions therein.

12.2 The provisions of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be governed by the laws and regulations of Maryland and Baltimore County.

12.3 Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder shall be brought only in the courts of Maryland, and the Contractor hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction. To the extent that the County is a party to any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder, such an action shall be brought only in a court of competent jurisdiction in the courts of the State of Maryland.

13. Severability: If any provisions in the contract are declared by a court or other lawful authority to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

14. Counterparts: The contract may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

15. Survival: The provisions of paragraphs 1.7 (Representations and Warranties), 4.2 (Damages), 7 (Indemnification), and 10 (HIPAA) shall survive delivery of commodities and/or performance of services.
16. No Waiver, Etc.: No failure or delay by the County to insist upon the strict performance of any term, condition or covenant of the contract, or to exercise any right, power, or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such term, condition, or covenant or of any such breach, or preclude the County from exercising any such right, power, or remedy at any later time or times.

17. Maryland Registration / Qualification Requirements:

17.1 Baltimore County verifies the company’s status with SDAT and may require the successful bidder to submit a Good Standing Certificate (also known as a “Certificate of Status”) issued by the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation’s (“SDAT”) Charter Division, and the State of Organization.

17.2 For information on registering to do business in the State of Maryland or to download SDAT related forms visit the Maryland Department of State Department of Assessments & Taxation at [http://www.dat.state.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dat.state.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/default.aspx). If you need additional assistance call (410) 767-1184.

17.3 Baltimore County requires the successful bidder to be in “good standing” (also known as Certificate of Status) with the State in which it is organized, and in the State of Maryland, under certain circumstances. Baltimore County verifies the successful bidder’s status with SDAT. Non-compliance to this section may result in a delay in contract award or rejection of a bid.

18. Eligibility of Candidates for Employment:

18.1 The E-Verify program is an internet-based employment verification system that allows employers to verify employee status against Federal Social Security and immigration databases.

18.2 Baltimore County encourages employers to utilize the E-verify program, or an equivalent system, as a means to help employers determine the eligibility of new hires.

19. Warranty:

19.1. Contractor warrants for one year from acceptance, or for such longer period otherwise expressly stated in the attached solicitation, all goods, services, and construction provided. This includes a warranty against any and all defects. The contractor must correct any and all defects in material and/or workmanship that may appear during the warranty period, even if discovered after the end of the warranty period, by repairing any such defect, (or replacing with new items or new materials, if necessary), at no cost to the County and to the County’s satisfaction.

19.2. Should a manufacturer’s or service provider’s warranty exceed the requirements stated above, that warranty will be the primary one used in the case of defect. Copies of manufacturer’s or service provider’s warranties must be provided upon request.

19.3. All warranties must be in effect from the date of acceptance by the County of the goods, services, or construction.

19.4. The contractor warrants that all work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike manner, and the contractor must observe and comply with all Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances and regulations in providing the goods, and performing the services or construction.

20. American Manufactured Goods Required for Public Works:

20.1 The Contractor shall comply with Section 14-416 of the Maryland State Finance and Procurement Article which requires a contractor or subcontractor to use or supply American Manufactured goods in the performance of a contract for (a) constructing or maintaining a public work; or (b) buying or manufacturing machinery or equipment that is to be installed at a public work site, as the same may be amended from time to time.

20.2 This section does not apply: (a) if Baltimore County determines that: (i) the price of the American manufactured goods exceeds the price of a similar manufactured good that is not manufactured in the United States by an unreasonable amount; (ii) the item or a similar item is not manufactured or available for purchase in the United States in reasonably available quantities; (iii) the quality of the item or a similar item manufactured in the United States is substantially less than the quality of a comparably priced, similar, and available item that is not manufactured in the United States; or (iv) the procurement of a manufactured good would be inconsistent with the public interest; or (b) to emergency life safety and property safety goods.

20.3 The Contractor shall certify to Baltimore County whether the offered goods and/or services are provided in the United States.
First Source Hiring Agreement Overview

What is First Source Hiring?

Baltimore County’s First Source Hiring Agreement requires that developers, contractors, and employers utilize good faith efforts toward employing economically disadvantaged Baltimore County residents in newly created positions on applicable projects. These efforts are supported by Baltimore County’s workforce development system, a partnered network of business and economic development professionals, education and training providers, and human service agencies working together systematically to provide a ready supply of qualified workers to employers with hiring needs. The intent of First Source is to connect these individuals with new jobs that are generated by the County’s investment in contracts or public works; or by business activity that requires approval by the County’s Department of Economic and Workforce Development.

The goals of the First Source Hiring Agreement are to:

- Increase awareness of the resources, services and potential benefits available to help Baltimore County employers meet their workforce needs; and,
- Give economically disadvantaged individuals the first opportunity to apply for new jobs in Baltimore County.

Which businesses can participate in First Source Hiring?

1. Businesses who have leases with the County or on County property; or,
2. Businesses with County contracts for goods, services, and grants in excess of $100,000 which are projected to create new jobs/positions to fulfill contract terms

How can first source help your business?

Baltimore County Department of Economic & Workforce Development’s (DEWD’s) Business Services Team can help coordinate recruitment services with our workforce partners in collaboration with our three Baltimore County Career Center locations to assist with finding pre-screened, qualified candidates.

Available services may include but are not limited to:

- Posting and promotion of employment opportunities through our network of service providers
- Access to diverse talent pools from within Baltimore County’s workforce system
- Access to Baltimore County Career Centers for coordinated recruitment/interviewing activities
- Referral of pre-screened, qualified candidates for employer consideration
- Assistance with using the Maryland Workforce Exchange - a statewide job database and candidate matching platform
- Information on earning tax credits and other employer benefits for new hires (if applicable)
- Workforce and Business Services staff to assist you throughout your recruitment efforts
I’d like to participate in First Source Hiring…Where do I start?

**Step #1:** Register your business with the [Maryland Workforce Exchange](https://www.mwe.md.gov). This is an online database to track First Source Hiring job opportunities. As an employer, the Maryland Workforce Exchange can help you promote job openings, search for qualified candidates and share placement information.

**Step #2:** Businesses or non-profits who receive a non-construction or professional services contract from Baltimore County over $100,000 are required to project the number of job openings they expect during the contract period. After registering your business with [Maryland Workforce Exchange](https://www.mwe.md.gov), complete the First Source Hiring Description Form and email it to the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development (DEWD) at [firstsourcehire@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:firstsourcehire@baltimorecountymd.gov). If you have any questions about registering with MWE or completing the form, contact our office at 410-887-8000.

**Step #3:** Once you are registered in MWE and Baltimore County receives your First Source Hiring Description Form via email, you will be contacted by a member of the Business Development Team to assist with recruitment for your open positions.

**Helpful Tips:**
Businesses that qualify are asked to post their openings with Baltimore County’s First Source Hiring network of service providers, and offer the County the first opportunity to refer qualified candidates to those positions. While the agreement does not require an employer to hire a specific candidate, it does ask that employers make a good faith effort to hire referrals from the County’s workforce development system. We ask that employers would report basic information for any new hires by entering the placement data in the Maryland Workforce Exchange, or by completing an Employment Verification and Employer Survey Form (see FORM 2 attached) or via email at the completion of your recruitment activities.

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### Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification

(Substitute for IRS Form W-9)

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM

**Baltimore County, Maryland**
Office of Budget and Finance
400 Washington Avenue, Room 148
Towson, Maryland 21204

Certification of TIN and business name are required for all successful bidders prior to issuing a contract or purchase order. Completion of **SIDE 1** of this form is necessary to meet IRS regulations. All MBE/WBE vendors should also complete **SIDE 2**. For questions, call 410-887-3587.

**SIDE 1**

List your legal business name below, as shown on your income tax return. Sole proprietors should list their individual name as noted on your social security card. You may enter a business name on line 2. Other entities must list your business name as shown on Federal tax documents. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies** (LLC) that are owned by an individual, the owner’s name must be listed in the Name line (1) and the business name can be listed on the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies** that are corporations, partnerships, etc., enter the business name on Name line (1).

1. Name (as shown on your income tax return)

2. Business name, if different from above

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**Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). Note, this is the TIN shown on your federal tax documents.

Social security number -- -- OR Employer iden --

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM BACK-UP WITHHOLDING

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE TAX-EXEMPT, EXPLAIN:

**Filing Status (Ownership) (LLC is not acceptable)**

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**CERTIFICATION:**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

**Signature of U.S. Person**

Date
### MBE / WBE Certification

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### Incorporation

Incorporation State: __________________________ OR Date Business Started _______ / _______ / _______

### Signature

I certify that the information shown on this registration is true and correct. I will advise the Purchasing Division immediately, in writing, of any change affecting this data.

Signature: __________________________ Title: __________________________ Date: __________________________
GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE.

1.1 It is the intention of these specifications that the vendor hereunder shall furnish and Baltimore County shall purchase water sample testing services covered by this contract which the County may require during the period of time specified. The quantities shown are approximate and are for the purpose of bid evaluation.

1.2 The County reserves the right to order services that may be required during the said period, and it also reserves the right not to order services bid upon by the vendor, if it is found that such services are not required by the County during the period covered by this contract.

2. TERM OF CONTRACT.

2.1 The term of this contract shall be for one (1) year. Baltimore County reserves the right to renew this contract for one (1) additional one-year period under the same terms and conditions. Baltimore County will automatically renew this contract on each option year unless notice is given to the vendor that the contract is not renewed.

2.2 If price adjustments are requested pursuant to the terms of the contract, the vendor must notify the Baltimore County Purchasing Division ninety (90) days prior to the current terms expiration date.

3. PRICES. Prices quoted must remain firm for the period covered by this contract, unless price escalation is herein specified. Prices quoted shall include delivery costs and charges.

4. ESCALATION.

4.1 All prices offered herein shall be firm against any increase for one (1) year from the effective date of the contract. Prior to commencement of subsequent renewal terms, the County may entertain a request for escalation in accordance with the current Consumer Price Index at the time of the request or up to a maximum 5% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower.

4.2 For purposes of this section, “Consumer Price Index” shall mean the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers-United States Average-All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

4.3 Baltimore County reserves the right to accept or reject the request for a price increase within fourteen (14) days. If the price increase is approved, the price will remain firm for the renewal term in which it was requested.

5. AUDITS. At any time during the normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit the inspection by the County, its employees or agents, all records, information and documentation of the vendor related to the subject matter of this contract, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll and financial audits.

6. METHOD OF AWARD. Award will be made on a total lump sum basis. In accordance with Sec. 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, past performance of bidders in furnishing goods and services to Baltimore County will be considered in determining the award.
7. **DELIVERY ORDERS.**

7.1 Delivery orders will be issued from time to time by the Purchasing Agent for such quantities as to satisfy requirements of Baltimore County. Specific quantities and delivery information will be indicated on delivery orders. Each delivery order will refer to the Master Agreement number.

7.2 Delivery orders issued within the term of this contract, even if not completed within the term of this contract, shall continue to be bound by the terms and conditions herein.

8. **COOPERATIVE PURCHASE.**

8.1 The County reserves the right to extend all of the terms, conditions, specifications, and unit or other prices of any contract resulting from this bid to any and all public bodies, subdivisions, school districts, community colleges, colleges, and universities including non-public schools. This is conditioned upon mutual agreement of all parties pursuant to special requirements which may be appended thereto. The supplier/contractor agrees to notify the issuing body of those entities that wish to use any contract resulting from this bid and will also provide usage information, which may be requested.

8.2 The County assumes no authority, liability or obligation, on behalf of any other public or non-public entity that may use any contract resulting from this bid. All purchases and payment transactions will be made directly between the contractor and the requesting entity. Any exceptions to this requirement must be specifically noted in the bid/proposal response.

9. **MULTI-AGENCY PROCUREMENT.** Baltimore County reserves the right to extend the terms and conditions of this contract to any and all other County agencies requiring these services. A delivery order will be issued against the original Master Agreement confirming the contracting pricing and giving quantity and delivery requirements.

10. **REFERENCES, PERMITS, LICENSES.**

10.1 References must be submitted with the bid response. Bidders must submit two (2) references (names of contact persons, email address and phone numbers) of similar size and scope contracts during the past two (2) years.

10.2 With regard to this contract, the Baltimore County Engineering and Regulation Division Laboratory Supervisor (BCERDLS), or their designated representative will determine acceptability of all work and/or services performed. If the work and/or services are not acceptable, the vendor will be called in to review and correct all problem areas without additional cost to the County. Upon notification by the BCERDLS, or their designated representative, the Vendor will correct the deficiency in accordance with a schedule jointly agreed upon.

10.3 Permits, licenses, and taxes shall be the responsibility of the Vendor at no additional cost to the County.

10.3.1 All permits, licenses, certifications must be kept current during the entirety of this contract.

10.4 The Vendor shall provide professional, complete test analysis in accordance with these specifications and all applicable national and local standards and methods. Any additional code requirements requested by Baltimore County shall be noted within. In cases of conflict between requirements, that requirement which is in compliance with all applicable codes and which is also, in the opinion of Baltimore County, more advantageous to Baltimore County, shall govern.

10.5 Bidders must provide, with their bid response, a copy of their certification and license to do business in the State of Maryland.
10.6 On occasion, it may be necessary for testing to be completed within a 24 hour time period. To accommodate this need, the successful vendor’s laboratory shall provide walk-in access for dropping off samples for testing.

10.6.1 The successful contractor’s laboratory shall be located within a 15 miles radius of the Baltimore County Utilities location at 4419 Bucks Schoolhouse Road, Fullerton, MD 21237 for ease of dropping off the samples.

10.6.2 The use of a Courier or similar service to transport samples for testing in lieu of being within the required radius for walk-in access to drop off samples is not acceptable.

11. **GUARANTEE, RETENTION REQUIREMENT.**

11.1 All test results/reports must be certified in accordance with all applicable EPA Test Methods, most current version.

11.2 Laboratory reports and records must be retained in accordance with Sec. 26.08.05.05 of the Code of Maryland Regulations.

12. **INVOICE PROCEDURES.**

12.1 Work tickets must accompany each invoice detailing the date of service and type of test provided. Invoices must be legibly prepared showing the full description and price of services performed. Authorization to pay invoices will be given by the using agency prior to payment of invoices.

12.2 Invoices must be submitted in duplicate to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, MD 21204 or disbursement@baltimorecountymd.gov

12.3 Charges for late payment of invoices is prohibited.

13. **INQUIRIES.** Any inquiries relative to this Bid should be directed to Christine Carpenter, the Buyer, at 410-887-3361 or ccarpenter@baltimorecountymd.gov.

14. **UTILIZATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY’S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

14.1 Baltimore County’s First Source Hiring Agreement requires that developers, contractors, and employers utilize good faith efforts toward employing economically disadvantaged Baltimore County residents in newly created positions on applicable projects. These efforts are supported by Baltimore County’s workforce development system, a partnered network of business and economic development professionals, education and training providers, and human service agencies working together systematically to provide a ready supply of qualified workers to employers with hiring needs.

The Contractor may use Baltimore County’s Department of Economic and Workforce Development as a “First Source” for training and recruitment of employees. To utilize “First Source” the [Contractor/vendor] may notify the Department of Economic and Workforce Development of employment opportunities to present qualified candidates to the [Contractor/vendor] for consideration. The [Contractor/vendor] may use reasonable efforts to consider qualified Baltimore County residents who are either unemployed or under-employed for all available positions. For additional information call 410-887-8000 or visit: http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/economicdev/business/workforce/recruiting-retention.html
15. **ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL PROCESS.**

15.1 The cost of preparing Bids is the responsibility of Bidders.

15.2 To be considered, Bids shall be received by the bid closing date and time to the following e-mail address: bid@baltimorecountymd.gov. The Bid Number should be referenced in the Subject Line of the e-mail. Bids may not be submitted by any other means. Bids that are mailed or otherwise delivered to the Purchasing Division (including emails which indicate links to locations where the bid may be downloaded) and/or emails sent to any other Baltimore County email address will not be accepted.

14.5.1 **DO NOT CARBON COPY** (cc) the buyer on the bid submission.

15.3 Late Bids will not be considered. Bidders are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last minute to submit bids. The time stated on the auto-receipt (described below) will be definitive of the time of receipt. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted. Bidders are advised that the County cannot receive email attachments greater in size than twenty-five (25) megabytes and this size limitation may be further reduced by requirements of the Bidder’s email provider which are beyond the control of the County. Bidder should consider separating any large bid attachment into multiple parts and emailing each part separately. In such case, Bidder will note that each email is 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. Multiple part bids will not be considered unless all parts are received by the bid closing date and time.

15.4 After submitting a Bid to bid@baltimorecountymd.gov, and upon successful receipt by the County thereof, Bidder will receive an auto-receipt email. This receipt is proof that the bid has been received by the Purchasing Division and should be retained for Bidder’s records. In the case of a bid submitted in multiple parts as described in 15.3, an auto-receipt email will be generated for each part. The County has no obligation to consider any Bid for which an auto-receipt was not generated.

15.5 As with any system, power outages or technology problems may arise that are outside of the County’s control and could affect your submission. The County will not be held accountable for such issues that may delay the transmission of any Bid.

15.6 The County reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in conjunction with Bids.
1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The Vendor will provide water sample testing services, including but not limited to all materials, labor, equipment, containers, supervision, services, disposal charge and incidentals for water sample testing services, in accordance with this specification and scope of work, as requested by the Baltimore County Engineering and Regulation Division Laboratory Supervisor (BCERDLS), or the designated representative.

1.1 All testing performed under this Request for Quotation shall be in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws governing laboratory testing of water samples, and all referenced standards and methods, as per this specification. **The laboratory and staff must be certified and licensed to operate in the State of Maryland, and to perform the services requested. Certifications are required to be submitted with the Bid documentation.**

1.2 Water samples will be collected by Baltimore County Staff and delivered directly to the Vendor’s laboratory.

1.3 The laboratory shall provide all labor, clerical support, furniture, office space utilities, sample containers, applicable preservatives, Chain-of-Custody forms, testing equipment, related supplies and any other related incidentals required to perform the testing services requested. Baltimore County will pick-up the sample containers from the Vendor’s lab.

2. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT.** The Vendor will notify the BCERDLS or the designated representative immediately by telephone of any unexpected emergency, subsurface or latent physical condition found; along with the recommendations for dealing with the matter. Any changes found necessary by the County or the Vendor not covered under the original scope of work or specification shall be jointly agreed upon by the Contractor and the County. Any additional cost on the project must be submitted in writing by the Vendor and an amendment to the purchase order will be issued by the Purchasing Agent cover the change(s) before the work can proceed. **The County assumes no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions.** All official correspondence in regard to the specifications should be directed to, and will be issued by the Purchasing Agent.

3. **ITEMS OF WORK AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.** Items of work include, but are not limited to, labor, clerical support, laboratory facilities, utilities, sample containers, applicable preservatives, Chain-of-Custody forms, laboratory testing equipment, written reports and analyses, related supplies and all items of cost needed to provide water sample testing services; paid per each test, in accordance with these specifications.

4. **WORK PROCEDURES.**

4.1 On an as-needed basis, the BCERDLS or his designated representative, shall contact the Vendor for the performance of a water sample test analysis, in compliance with the appropriate methods or standard, as per these specifications.

4.2 Vendor is to supply the proper containers, preservatives (if applicable), and Chain-of-Custody (COC) forms to Baltimore County in sufficient quantities to satisfy the need of Baltimore County. The initial request will be for four (4) to six (6) sample containers.

4.3 Vendor must maintain a laboratory adequate for the tests required within a 15 mile radius of the Baltimore County laboratory located at 4419 Bucks Schoolhouse Road, Baltimore, MD 21237. At the option of the County, bidders may be required to furnish evidence of sufficient financial responsibility to fulfill this contract, and that they have the necessary equipment, manpower and storage facility to ensure delivery within the parameters of this contract.
4.4 Prior to awarding of this contract, the County reserves the right to inspect the facilities of any responsive bidder. The reputation of bidders regarding adequacy of their resources and facilities and past records of their skillful performance of work of the type and magnitude required herein shall be considered when making the award.

4.5 Routine analysis is to be completed within seven (7) days of receipt of sample, and the report mailed to the Baltimore County lab at the location designated above within five (5) days of the analysis.

4.6 Baltimore County may request emergency analysis in writing, which will reduce the analysis and reporting period to 24 hours from the time the sample is delivered to the Vendor’s lab. A surcharge will be paid on these emergency analyses only if Baltimore County receives the report within the 24-hour time limit, at the address shown in subsection 4.3 above.

4.7 The Vendor’s lab must be certified by the State of Maryland for drinking water analysis for VOC and BNA, and must provide a copy of the State of Maryland certification with their Bid Submittal.

4.8 Laboratory reports on behalf of a public water system requires records for chemistry and radiochemistry to be held for 10 years (40 CFR §141.33) and records for lead and copper shall be held for 12 years (40 CFR §141.91); [http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/26/26.08.05.05.htm](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/26/26.08.05.05.htm)

4.9 The Vendor must include a statement of qualification of the laboratory and the laboratory staff to be utilized in the performance of this contract.

4.10 On rare occasions, services may be requested after hours or on weekends for emergency water sample testing. Contractors must provide laboratory contact information for after-hours or weekend services.

5. **MEASURE AND PAYMENT.**

5.1 Water testing, acid and base/neutral extractable compounds, EPA Method 625.

5.2 Water testing, pesticide and PCBm, EPA Method 608.

5.3 Water testing, SPC/HPC, Standard Method 9215.

5.4 Water testing, total Coliform method SM 9223B or SM 9221B

5.5 Water testing, E. Coli, Standard Method 9223B

5.6 Water testing, CN EPA METHOD 335.4.

5.7 Water testing, fecal coliform, Standard Method 9221 B&E

5.8 Water testing, contingency work, for tests not listed (test cost x multiplier for overhead and profit). On this line item, enter your markup as 1.XX (XX is your markup percentage).

5.9 Water testing, expedite fee for analysis and reports requested and delivered within 24 hours, paid per each. On this line item, enter the added cost for the 24 hour turn around.

6. **POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** If the work to be performed under this contract requires the use of any product which contains any ingredient that could be hazardous or injurious to a person’s health, a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) must be submitted with their bid response. The extent of use of the hazardous material may be a factor in the award of the contract.
7. **CODES AND REGULATIONS.**

7.1 All work must fully conform to the following codes, regulations and standards, latest edition:

7.1.1 All Baltimore County Codes and regulations;

7.1.2 All OSHA and MOSHA requirements;

7.1.3 All MDE and EPA requirements related to the work described in this specification;

7.1.4 All other local, State and/or Federal regulations, standards and methods, latest edition, or as amended by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), applicable to this work.
Baltimore County, Maryland

Request for Quotation No. Q-951

Testing, Water Sample

Due Date: 09/11/2020 Time: 3:00 P.M.

Proposal Signature Cover Page

Submission of a bid/proposal in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder’s acceptance of the terms and conditions therein. This page must be properly signed by an authorized official in the firm who represents and warrants acceptance of all terms and conditions of the request for bid/request for proposal. The person signing the bid/proposal must initial any alterations in figures on this form in ink.

Company Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________

________________________________________
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone: ________________________________ Fax: ________________________________

Signed: __________________________________ __________________________________

Date: ____________________________________

Print Name: ________________________________ Title: ________________________________

Tax ID Number (FIN/SS#) __________________________ Email: __________________________

Is your company a certified Minority Business Enterprise? Bidders must complete the applicable Minority Participation Affidavit attached.

Is your firm in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the employment of illegal aliens? If YES, check here ______

Notice: A notice required to be delivered shall be deemed to have been received when such notice has been sent to the following address and individual:

________________________________________

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F.O.B. Destination (unless otherwise stated herein).

Delivery shall be made within ________ calendar days after receipt of order.

Payment Terms: ____________________________ Cash discounts for less than 30 days will not be considered in determining awards. However, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County should make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept payment terms with a period of less than (30) days.

If your firm is not already receiving email notification of new solicitations and amendments, you may register for email notification on the County’s web site at http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing.
# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. Q-951
TESTING, WATER SAMPLE
Due Date: 09/11/2020, Time: 3:00 P.M.

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