

BID INFORMATION MEMORANDUM
Fixed Price Competitive Bid Solicitation
Remediation To Closure
Schuyler's Citgo
11 Main Street
Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania 16350
PADEP Facility ID #62-11857; USTIF Claim #2009-0095(S)

PAUSTIF understands and appreciates the effort necessary to prepare a well-conceived response to a bid solicitation. As a courtesy, the following summary information is being provided to the bidders who submitted bids in response to the solicitation listed above.

Number of firms attending pre-bid meeting: 5
Number of bids received: 2

List of firms submitting bids (alphabetical order): CORE Environmental Services, Inc.
Letterle & Associates, LLC

This was a bid to result scope of work (SOW) bid; therefore, the bidders technical approach was the most heavily weighted evaluation criterion. The range in base bid cost associated with the two bids received was \$243,882.11 to \$341,626.83. Based on the numerical scoring, one of the two bids was determined to meet the "Reasonable and Necessary" criteria established by the Regulations and was deemed acceptable by the evaluation committee for PAUSTIF funding. The claimant reviewed and selected the acceptable bid.

The selected bidder was Letterle & Associates, LLC with a base bid of \$341,626.83.

The attached sheet lists some general comments regarding the evaluation of the two bids received for this solicitation. These comments are intended to provide general information that may assist in preparing bids in response to future solicitations.

GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING EVALUATED BIDS

- Bids that did not include enough “original” (i.e., not copied verbatim from the RFB) language conveying bidder’s thought such that the understanding of site conditions, conceptual site model, closure approach, and approach to addressing the scope of work could be evaluated were regarded less favorably. Since bidders are not prequalified, the content of the bid response must equip the evaluation committee and Claimant to make a thorough and complete review of the bid and bidder.
- Bids included a scope of work for additional site characterization activities; however, it remained unclear how the data would be used in the design of the remedial approach.
- Some bids remedial system design included off-site properties across Harmon Street and included a portion of this work in the fixed price, contrary to the RFB instructions. Some bids also proposed T&M billing for some off-site remedial infrastructure construction (i.e. trenching, piping, etc.).
- Some bids provided inadequate information and/or lacked sufficient clarity on the proposed remedial system. For example, some bids did not: (a) sufficiently describe the remedial system / components or provide construction details / schematics for the remedial system; or (b) adequately design air sparge screen intervals to avoid screens only partially submerged beneath the water table certain times of the year; or (c) describe adequate site O&M visits (e.g., only twice per quarter and relying heavily on remote telemetry to monitor/make system adjustments); or (d) sufficiently describe installation of electrical supply equipment; or (e) describe how any recovered groundwater would be removed/disposed; or (f) describe how any unforeseen system shutdowns would be addressed; or (g) sufficiently describe soil vapor sampling during the first two quarters of O&M.
- Some bids lack clarity on whether the pre-remedial quarterly groundwater sampling events would be performed until remedial system was installed and operational; and whether the off-site private water wells would be sampled during attainment activities.
- Some bids lack sufficient clarity regarding demonstration of soil attainment. For example, the approximate area for demonstrating soil attainment may not have been adequately identified; the soil attainment sampling depth interval proposed in some bids did not appear to adequately address the depth interval of known unsaturated and periodically saturated soil impacts; and the total number of attainment samples may not be adequate to address the area for demonstrating soil attainment.