



Date: February 2, 2022  
To: All Vendors  
Subject: Addendum #3

**REFERENCE: P012-22 Analytical Laboratory Services**

This Addendum forms part of the contract and clarifies, corrects or modifies original proposal document.

**Question 1:** Is this RFP for outsourcing of potential samples in support of the BPUB internal laboratory? If so, are the test quantities presented in the bid table reflective of actual sample historically subbed out?

**Answer 1:** Yes, BPUB outsources samples where BPUB is not NELAC certified or cannot perform the samples in-house. Yes, tables reflect historical data.

**Question 2:** Can you provide the name of the lab currently providing the services? Wasn't this recently bid in July/Aug. 2021? If so, why is it being rebid so early into the 2 year contract?

**Answer 2:** The current laboratory providing services is Ana-Lab Corporation. The previous request for proposals was not awarded.

**Question 3:** Submittal requirements: Page 11- Vendor awarded must maintain a local business office inside the city limits of Brownsville, Texas. What are city limits for Brownsville- where can I find that information? We have a Local service center in Harlingen and our testing lab is in Houston. Is that going to be ok?

**Answer 3:** The Brownsville city limits can be found at the following website: <https://www.brownsvilletx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/825/2020-Extraterritorial-Jurisdiction-PDF?bidId=> A local service center is preferred; however, the samples must meet the holding time requirements per parameter.

**Question 4:** Is it a prerequisite that these sample coolers have to be shipped directly from the Plants to the testing lab via FEDEX or UPS?

**Answer 4:** Sample coolers can be shipped via any reputable carrier.

**Question 5:** Can we assign our lab representative from the Harlingen service center to pick up the cooler from the designated location and ship it to Houston?

**Answer 5:** Yes, the awarded laboratory can pick up the cooler and ship to their location.

**Question 6:** Do we need to include a Flash drive along with bid submittal documents?

**Answer 6:** No, a flash drive is not required.

**Question 7:** What was the Laboratory spend last year for outsourcing lab services? Who was the supplier?

**Answer 7:** Last year's annual budget amount for the laboratory services was \$160,000. Ana-Lab is the current laboratory services provider.

**Question 8:** Is BPUB personnel to collect the samples and for the bidding Lab to pick up and carry them to their lab?

**Answer 8:** Yes, BPUB personnel will collect the samples and the awarded laboratory will pick them up and carry them to their lab.

**Question 9:** Provide the addresses of the different locations to estimate the mileage.

**Answer 9:** The following are the addresses where samples are picked up:

Robindale Wastewater Treatment Plant: 3208 Robindale Road

Pretreatment: 3208 Robindale Road

Water Treatment Plant #1: 94 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street & Power Plant Drive

Water Treatment Plant #2/Environmental: 1255 Robinhood Drive

Southmost Regional Water Authority: 1255 FM 511

Power Plant: 94 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Resaca Maintenance: 1125 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Wastewater Sludge Disposal Site: 9000 Ruben M. Torres Blvd.

South Wastewater Treatment Plant: 2800 East University Blvd.

**Question 10:** Do you have the previous bid and can BPUB share a copy (public record)?

**Answer 10:** This information can be obtained through an open records request.

The signature of the company agent, for the acknowledgement of this addendum, shall be required. Complete and return via email to [dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com](mailto:dsolitaire@brownsville-pub.com)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of this addendum.

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any further questions about the proposal, please call (956) 983-6366.

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