



# Request for Proposals 2021-032

## **WRF Laboratory Services**

## ADDENDUM No. 1

#### **ISSUE DATE:** February 18, 2021

Responding Offerors on this project are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be made a part of the above named RFP document.

The following items add to, modify, and/or clarify the RFP documents and shall have the full force and effect of the original Documents. This Addendum shall be acknowledged by the Offeror in the RFP document.

#### **Question/Answer Section**

1. Could you please give me the required method codes for Organics and Pesticides testing listed?

Answer: The methods are, EPA method 608, EPA method 624 and EPA method 625.

2. Which lab currently has the contract and what is the pricing?

Answer: The County has an Interlocal Agreement with Charlotte Water not to exceed \$250,000 annually.

3. What portion of the contract will be awarded to a commercial lab?

Answer: The entire contract.

4. Are there plans to use a commercial laboratory outside of Charlotte Water?

Answer: This solicitation will determine award.

5. Page 6 of the RFP states, "the County will supply the cooler and cooler must be returned, by the selected laboratory, the next sampling day by the selected laboratory. May the lab also supply the coolers? Our lab supplies bottles in coolers for a full bottleware lab kit.

Answer: That would be acceptable.

6. Page 6 states : "The 12 Mile Creek WRF Effluent Temperature, DO, pH, Fecal, Priority pollutant sample's, low level mercury (influent and effluent), Creek above, Creek Below, and Creek Below 2 samples shall be collected at their respective sites by the selected laboratory in accordance with Local, State and Federal regulation." Just want to confirm this is correct because the table of the 12 Mile Creek on page 21 says operator collects LL Hg. Seems this may be a typo and just want to verify all samples lab is to collect.

Answer: The lab will be required to sample the LL Hg, not the operator.

7. Is the lab required to provide all of their own field testing instruments?

Answer: Yes

8. Under Section 7.1 Terms and Conditions, page 13: Is the contract an initial two (2) years with a one year renewal every (3) years? To clarify, could contract be held for up to (5) years?

Answer: Upon budget appropriation, the initial contract will be for a term of 2 years. After the initial term, the County has discretion to renew, on an annual basis, for up to 3 years. The additional 3 years in not guaranteed.

9. If you do not award the contract/RFP to one lab, does the lab have the option to adjust pricing since price was based on volume of samples?

Answer: The contract will be awarded to one lab.

End of Addendum No. 1