



## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS KARST INVERTEBRATE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

Q-13-008-DS

**ADDENDUM #2 – 3:00 PM (CDT)| May 31, 2013**

This addendum amends the “Respondent Questionnaire” contained in the above RFP.

### CLARIFICATION TO QUESTION 10 ISSUED IN ADDENDUM #1

10. According to the scope of services in the RFQ, the consultant will conduct karst and presence/absence surveys for karst invertebrates, prepare an HCP (including estimate of take), and prepare NEPA documentation (an EA or an EIS). In our experience, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) does not typically allow the same consultant to prepare both the HCP and the NEPA document, as they see this as a conflict of interest. FWS considers the HCP as the Applicant’s document and the NEPA document as FWS’ document. A firm recently (February 2012) prepared both the HCP and EIS for Oncor Electric Delivery Company’s Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for 11 federally listed species in 100 counties in Texas. FWS allowed us to do both because we had been working with the project when it was still a single document as an EIS/HCP. However, in the “lessons learned” debriefing after the project was finished and the ITP activated, FGWS made it very clear to us that the same consultant would not be allowed to prepare both documents in the future.

So [the] question is, will two consultants be selected, one for the HCP and the other for the NEPA document?

A: [REVISED RESPONSE] SAWS may elect to require that one person or persons within Consultant’s organization to prepare and author the NEPA documentation and another person or persons to prepare and author, as necessary, the HCP documentation. Alternately, SAWS may elect to select one respondent to prepare and author the NEPA

documentation, and elect to select another respondent to prepare and author, as necessary, the HCP documentation. Respondents should specify, regarding Project team and resumes, the qualifications of personnel to prepare and author NEPA and/or HCP documents.

No other items, dates, or deadlines for this RFQ are changed.

END ADDENDUM #2