



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK: BRACKISH GROUNDWATER DESALINATION PROGRAM

Solicitation Number: B-12-001-DD

Job Nos.: 12-8607 and 12-8609

Addendum #4

This addendum modifies the answer to question # 28 noted in addendum #3 as follows:

Original Questions and answer:

- 18 Addendum 2 pg. 2 says “CMAR shall designate a Plant Operator with no less than an “A” Water Operator License and will maintain the highest level of licensing as required by TCEQ for membrane plant operations.” Please clarify if SAWS will require this person to have an “A” license in Texas or will SAWS accept an operator with A license status in another state? If not, will SAWS accept an out of state A license individual who will get licensed in Texas by time the commissioning phase of the project begins?**

Again, the vast majority of CMAR firms do not have licensed operators on staff. There are very few privatized plant operations companies in the US, and even fewer that have TCEQ-certified “A” licensed membrane operators in Texas. Most of these licensed individuals work directly for municipalities and water districts. Furthermore, it doesn’t make business sense for a private water operations company to operate a plant on a short-term basis without the option to a longer term contract. Therefore, SAWS is severely limiting competition among CMAR firms by keeping this requirement in the RFQ. We suggest SAWS remove the requirement for the CMAR to provide a plant operator, and hire this individual(s) under a separate solicitation.

The Respondent must indicate the current licensure of the designated Plant Operator and show they will obtain an "A" Water Operator License from the State of Texas by the beginning of the Start-up, Testing, and Commissioning activities. SAWS will be operating the Brackish Groundwater Desalination Plant by its own forces upon completion of construction of the Program.

Revised answer to question # 18 above as part of this addendum:

*The Respondent must indicate the current licensure of the designated Plant Operator and show they **currently retain** an "A" Water Operator License from the State of Texas. SAWS will be operating the Brackish Groundwater Desalination Plant by its own forces upon completion of construction of the Program.*

End of addendum #4