



**Invitation to Bid (ITB) #2501
Laboratory Services
Addendum #1 and Acknowledgement**

To: Prospective Bidders
From: Kristen Desper, Augusta Water
Date: August 12, 2024

Questions from Bidders:

1. Can the lab just submit pricing for the DW section and not the other sections?
Response: Yes, a lab can submit pricing for just the DW section and not the other sections. Note: While a lab does not have to bid on all the groups, we do expect the bidding lab to be able to provide test results for all the parameters within a group. The bidding lab may outsource parameters to a third-party lab, if needed, but all correspondence, test results, billing, etc. will be done between Augusta Water and the primary lab.
2. Regarding sampling and pick-up and/or shipping: Is there a sampling schedule or an estimated number of sample pick-ups that would be needed on an annual basis, monthly basis, or weekly basis?
Response: Sampling and pick-up and/or shipping schedules depend on the bid groups. For example, if a lab bids on the entire contract, the lab should plan for one, occasionally two, shipments a week. Estimated shipment schedules on other common bid groups are as follows: Labs bidding solely on the Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (Group 6) or solely on the Biosolids groups (Groups 8 and 9) should plan for one or two shipments a year; bids on the Drinking Water groups (Groups 1-5) should plan for 12 shipments a year; bids on the Wastewater, Stormwater and Pretreatment group (Group 7) should plan for one, occasionally two, shipments a week.
3. If there isn't a sampling/pick-up schedule, how much notice would the laboratory be given that a sample pick up is required, or in the instance of shipping, when they would be shipped or when shipping containers would be needed?
Response: Augusta Water will contact the lab several weeks in advance of non-routine sampling to request sample bottles and/or shipping containers. A few days prior to sampling/shipping, Augusta Water will contact the lab and confirm that the lab is able to accept the samples at that time and arrange shipment details.

4. Would all samples be picked up at one location or multiple locations in the Verona area?

Response: Samples are shipped from one location, our lab located at 887 Sangers Lane, Staunton VA.

5. Regarding Attachment A: May the QLs (if differing from what is listed), methods used for each test, and notating if the test will be subcontracted, be listed in Attachment A or would a separate spreadsheet with these details be appropriate?

Response: The required information can be listed in Attachment A or in a separate spreadsheet.

6. Would you like it noted if a courier service would be utilized for shipment?

Response: Bidder can note if a courier or delivery service will be utilized.

7. What tests are required for the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET)?

Response: Acute and Chronic. The required acute tests are a 48-Hour Static Acute using Ceriodaphnia dubia, and a 48-Hour Static Acute test using Pimephales promelas. The required chronic tests are a Chronic 3-Brood Static Renewal Survival and Reproduction Test using Ceriodaphnia dubia and a Chronic 7-Day Static Renewal Survival and Growth Test using Pimephales promelas.

8. Wastewater, Stormwater and Pretreatment: Unit Cost - to include both Total and Dissolved for the metals indicated. Just wanted to confirm both will be required.

Response: Yes, lab needs to be able to provide Total and Dissolved results for the metals indicated on the bid sheet. Bidder can submit a separate spreadsheet with the required information, if needed (see question 5).

Please print all pages of this addendum and sign and date the acknowledgement below indicating that you have received the responses to the questions above and include it with your submittal for your bid to be considered.

I acknowledge receipt of this Document and the Addendum Changes:

Contractor's Signature

Date

Printed Name