

Q.1: For the scenario budgets we are assuming the analyte list will be limited to PCE, TCE and breakdown products to vinyl chloride. If that is inaccurate, please advise.

A.1: Yes, for the budget scenarios, please assume that the analyte list is limited to PCE, TCE, and breakdown products to vinyl chloride.

Q.2: At project sites in socially vulnerable neighborhoods use of the buddy-system may be needed to ensure the safety of field personnel as well as the protection of company vehicles and equipment. Will the EPA grant provide funding to cover the costs associated with extra staff for worker safety and equipment security? This would mean that up to 4 field staff would be included in the overall project costs as opposed to just two. In lieu of budget shortfalls for site security, would the WDNR or the EPA provide oversight security/support?

A.2: The DNR will review and can approve a project budget that includes reasonable costs to address staff safety and protection of vehicles and equipment on a project. The level of security and staffing that is appropriate for a project will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Q.3: How many projects does DNR anticipate per year?

A.3: While the specific number of projects per year is unknown, the following information may help consultants gauge the anticipated amount of work during the 5-year grant period.

Three properties in northern Milwaukee have been identified as priority sites for VI Assessment. These three properties are still subject to EPA approval and receipt of access agreements; however, it is anticipated that these three priority sites will be the focus of the VI Assessment work. As funds remain, VI Assessments may be completed on other eligible properties; up to three additional project sites are anticipated. Locations for additional sites are potentially outside of Milwaukee and based on site eligibility.

Q.4: How will DNR determine if a project is funded through the VI Assessment program (EPA funded) versus VIZC program and will one program take priority over the other?

A.4: Projects funded through the VI Assessment program must meet EPA's eligibility requirements including meeting the definition of a brownfield. Currently, there are three properties in northern Milwaukee that are anticipated to be the focus of the VI Assessment work. The VIZC is anticipated to be used to fund vapor investigations at properties that are not eligible to use EPA funds, if there are not sufficient EPA funds remaining and/or if timing or other site-specific factors make VIZC a preferred option for the investigation. The VI Assessment program cannot be used to fund vapor mitigation; therefore, VIZC will be used to fund any mitigation work, including properties identified as needing mitigation under the VI Assessment program.

Q.5: Would DNR secure consultant proposals for the same vapor assessment site through both the VIZC and VI Assessment programs?

A.5: No

Q.6: For securing access from owners, what level of effort is anticipated in instances where the consultant is expected to identify the owner? Is an in-person meeting with the homeowner anticipated?

A.6: The DNR will work with the Department of Health Services (DHS), local health department and local redevelopment authorities to perform initial proactive outreach and education to the

neighborhoods of interest. The DNR will provide optional template access request letters and share any contact information that the DNR has for property owner(s) with the consultant. The consultant will be responsible for determining/verifying the current owner(s), mailing letters and conducting any other direct communications with property owners to coordinate access. If the consultant is not successful in obtaining access after three reasonable attempts, the DNR will assist in additional communications, which may include an in-person meeting with the homeowner; the DHS and/or local health may be involved as well.

For purposes of budgeting in the Cost Proposal, please assume that property owner information is publicly available online and that access is achieved after mailing one letter and one follow-up phone call with the property owner.

Q.7: Will the consultant be paid for communications and scope development for each project?

A.7: Yes, the DNR will reimburse the consultant for reasonable costs to develop the scope of work and communicate with the DNR project manager for each project.

Q.8: Can you confirm that only one consultant will be selected for this project?

A.8: Yes, only one consultant is anticipated to be selected for the VI Assessment work.

Q.9: The USEPA terms appear to apply chiefly to the contract between USEPA and grant recipient. Can you highlight which of the terms and conditions specifically apply to the selected consultant's work?

A.9: The DNR manages the terms and conditions as the recipient of the cooperative agreement. However, there are provisions in the terms and conditions that contractors receiving funds under the cooperative agreement must also abide by. DNR may discontinue work with a selected consultant if that consultant makes meeting the cooperative agreement terms and conditions difficult (e.g., substantial progress). DNR encourages proposers to fully read the terms and conditions.

Q.10: Cost Proposal Scenario 1 – Does obtaining access to install samples within the right-of-way include permit fees? If so, what would the permit fees be?

A.10: Assume no permit fees are required for work in the right-of-way.

Q.11: Cost Proposal Scenario 2 – Does the WDNR/EPA have established rates through Beacon? If so, what are the established rates?

A.11: No, the DNR does not have established rates with Beacon.

Q.12: Cost Proposal Scenario 2 – Should Beacon sewer gas samplers or Summa canisters be used for the sewer gas sampling?

A.12: Assume Summa cannisters are used for the sewer gas sampling.

Q.13: Will VI assessments include residential as well as commercial and industrial properties?

A.13: Yes

Q.14: Will Site Eligibility Determinations (SEDs) be prepared and submitted to EPA by the WDNR?

A.14: Yes, the DNR will prepare and submit site eligibility determinations.

Q.15: Access Agreements – will the consultant be responsible for any and all communication with property owners during coordination of site access; OR will the DNR be involved in sending out correspondence etc.

A.15: The DNR will work with the DHS, local health department and local redevelopment authorities to perform initial proactive outreach and education to the neighborhoods of interest. The DNR will provide optional template access request letters and share any contact information that the DNR has for property owner(s) with the consultant. The consultant will be responsible for determining/verifying the current owner(s), mailing letters and conducting any other direct communications with property owners to coordinate access. If the consultant is not successful in obtaining access after three reasonable attempts, the DNR will assist in additional communications, which may include an in-person meeting with the homeowner; the DHS and/or local health may be involved as well.

Q.16: Is it the DNR's intent that the vapor mitigation planning activities identified in Section 2.3E would be conducted under this contract, but the implementation potentially be conducted under the VIZC contract?

A.16: Yes, *designing and planning* for vapor mitigation can be completed using VI Assessment funds but *implementation* of vapor mitigation cannot be completed using VI Assessment funds. The VIZC is a possible option to fund vapor mitigation at properties identified as needing mitigation under the VI Assessment program.

Q.17: For the Cost Proposal, are labor rate tables and unit rates for equipment part of the 4 page limit? Or can they be included as an attachment and excluded from the page limit?

A.17: The DNR understands that a firm's standard rate tables may not fit into the format prescribed in the RFQ. Therefore, the DNR will allow respondents to include the firm's rate tables as attachments to the Cost Proposal, and these will not be restricted to the page limit or format requirements outlined in the RFQ. The page limit and format requirements for presenting the example budgets remain as stated in the RFQ.