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Solicitations Request: DOH01HP Vector Control Services

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Zoonotic Disease Program, is seeking one or more contractors to provide vector control in response to a mosquito-borne outbreak of Zika virus. The contractor(s) must be able to provide services throughout Ohio and begin the process for deployment to the impacted area within two (2) hours of notification. ODH may award contracts to one or more contractors.

There are three scenarios in which the contractor(s) must be available to respond: 1. limited, local transmission; 2. widespread transmission, and 3. Vector control support.

Limited, Local Transmission

In limited, local transmission, the contractor(s) will be responsible for controlling Zika-carrying mosquitoes within a 75-acre area until the mosquito population is sufficiently reduced to break mosquito-borne transmission. The contractor(s) will employ all control methods in accordance with the following:

1. Control activities must be coordinated with the Ohio Department of Health;
2. Conduct larviciding of all water-holding containers or pools within the identified area that cannot be dumped, covered, discarded, or otherwise modified; contractor(s) must use a CDC-recommended larvicide that provides **at least** 30 days of residual control; larviciding must be completed within two (2) days and be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications;
3. Conduct residual barrier application within the entire area; application must employ a CDC-recommended product and provide **at least** 30 days of residual control; applications must be completed within 2 days and be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications;
4. Conduct breeding-source reduction within the entire identified area; this must be completed within 2 days;
5. Conduct uniform spraying of the entire area; the contractor(s) must use a CDC-recommended product and apply it in accordance with the most recent, evidence-based best practices, i.e. at dusk or dawn, in two spraying intervals one hour apart, using half the maximum allowable product in each interval, in accordance with the manufacturer specifications; spraying must be done **at least** three (3) times per week and focus on quickly and safely reducing adult populations; the first instance of spraying must occur no later than twelve (12) hours after arriving on site;
 - a. If the contractor(s) perform truck-mounted spraying, they must use a product that includes a flushing agent; other types of application do not require a flushing agent;
6. Without delaying adulticiding activities, initiate/maintain adult sampling to estimate adult mosquito abundance and evaluate effectiveness of insecticide treatments;
7. Provide real-time reporting of planned activities and outcomes of conducted activities to the ODH Public Health Entomologist or other expert identified by the agency, in order to integrate with and inform other incident-response efforts.

ODH is seeking an all-inclusive estimate of the cost to perform all the duties detailed in limited, local transmission to control mosquitoes until the mosquito population is sufficiently reduced to break mosquito-borne transmission. The

estimate must include all costs to perform this work, including control costs, administrative costs, labor costs, travel costs, and any other associated costs. Applicants may respond with two figures: one for rural locations and one for urban/suburban locations.

Widespread Transmission

In widespread transmission, the contractor(s) will perform all of the functions identified for limited, local transmission, as well as expanded activities paid at a per-unit cost. The same expectations and stipulations within the 75-acre area apply to activities beyond the 75-acre area.

ODH is seeking a per-unit cost of the following activities:

1. Larviciding, at the cost per acre;
2. Residual barrier application, at the cost per square foot;
3. Breeding source reduction, at the cost per street address;
4. Adult spraying, at the cost per linear mile;
5. Surveillance, at the cost per trap;

Vector Control Support

Local jurisdictions may be able to provide some, but not all, needed vector control. In these situations, the contractor(s) will be asked to augment existing capabilities to ensure comprehensive vector control. The same expectations and stipulations described in limited, local transmission apply to these activities as well.

ODH is seeking a cost for mobilization to an incident site. The cost should be for deployment only to any site in Ohio; it should not account for the cost of services provided.

General Terms

The contractor(s) awarded to provide these services shall agree to remain available from May 15th or date of an executed contract (whichever is later), through October 31, 2016, to respond to mosquito-borne transmission in any jurisdiction that does not have the capacity to provide adequate control themselves or has not made other arrangements for such control. The selected contractor(s) will provide a 24-hour contact number and be able to perform necessary and sufficient control measures to any such jurisdiction in the state.

For limited, local transmission, the contractor(s) will be paid the flat fee identified by the contractor(s) in their bid(s).

For widespread transmission, the contractor(s) will be paid their flat fee for limited, local transmission **plus** their per unit reimbursement rate(s) for any activities performed outside the identified, 75-acre area.

For vector control support, the contractor(s) will be paid their mobilization fee **plus** their per unit reimbursement rate(s) for any activities performed.

When Quotes May Be Delivered: The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) must receive quotes no later than 3:30 p.m. on June 17, 2016. Quotes received after 3:30 p.m. will not be opened.

Where Quotes Must Be Delivered: ODH is requesting that contractors interested in providing these services please respond with a bid detailing their costs, as requested in this letter. The response must be accompanied by a completed

Vector Control Contractor Response Form; a blank form is included on the next page. Please send bids for consideration to the following address:

Ohio Department of Health
Procurement Services
Attn: Carol Cook
35 East Chestnut Street, 4th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Quotes are a Public Record: Once quotes have been reviewed they will be forwarded to the ODH Project Manager to begin evaluation and award process. After quotes are opened they are public records as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 and are subject to all laws appurtenant thereto. Contractor may request that certain information such as trade secrets or proprietary data, be designated as confidential and not considered as public records. Pricing is not considered as confidential. The decision as to whether or no such trade secrets or proprietary data shall be disclosed shall rest solely with ODH.

Withdrawal of Quote Prior to Scheduled Opening: A contractor may withdraw a Quote by written request any time after ODH receives the quote and before scheduled opening.

Withdrawal of Quote After Scheduled Opening: A contractor may by written request withdraw its quote after scheduled opening if there is reasonable proof that an inadvertent mistake was made and the correction cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Correction of Quote before Scheduled Opening: If a contractor withdraws its quote and resubmits it with revisions, the revisions should be clearly identified and initialed by the Contractor. Any corrections must be completed off the premises.

Correction after Scheduled Opening: ODH may permit a contractor alleging an inadvertent error to correct its quote after opening, only if the mistake and the correction are clearly evident from the quote and correction does not affect the amount of the quote or otherwise give the Contractor an unfair competitive advantage

Quotes are Firm for 90 Days: Unless stated otherwise, once opened all quotes are irrevocable for ninety (90) days. Beyond ninety (90) days, the contractor will have the option to honor their quote or make a written request to withdraw their quote from consideration.

Contractor May Request Clarification: If a contractor discovers an inconsistency, error or omission in this RFQ, the Contractor should request clarification from ODH Office of Procurement Services. Such clarification may be made only through the internet where the solicitation is posted. No other form of clarification is acceptable. Failure of contractor to comply may result in the Contractor being deemed not responsive.

ODH Modifications to the RFQ: When it is necessary to modify an RFQ, ODH does so by written addendum only.

Rejected Quotes: ODH may reject any quote in whole or in part, if any of the following circumstances are true:

1. Quotes are not in compliance with the requirements stated in the RFQ.
2. The price is excessive in comparison with market conditions or with the available funds of the Agency.
3. ODH determines that awarding any item is not in the best interest of the Agency.

Quote Preparation: ODH assumes no responsibility for costs incurred by the Contractor prior to the award of the Contract resulting from this RFQ.

Unit Costs: Contractors shall not insert a unit cost of more than two (2) digits to the right of the decimal point. Digits beyond the two (2) will be dropped and not used in the evaluation of the quote.

Responsive Contractor: A contractor is responsive if its quote responds to the RFQ completely and contains no irregularities or deviations from the RFQ that would affect the quote or otherwise give the Contractor an unfair advantage.

Responsible Contractor: ODH will determine if a contractor is responsible using the following factors:

1. Experience of the contractor.
2. Contractor's financial condition.
3. Contractor's conduct and performance on previous contracts.
4. Contractor's facilities.
5. Contractor's management skills.
6. Contractor's ability to execute the contract properly.
7. Review of Federal and State debarment lists.

Estimated Usage: Unless otherwise stated, the usage indicated for each item(s) are to be considered as estimates only and should be considered as information relative to potential purchases that may be made from the contract. ODH makes no representation or guarantee as to the actual amount of the items(s) to be purchased.

Information Requested: ODH may request additional information to evaluate a contractor's responsiveness to the RFQ or to evaluate a contractor's responsibility. If a contractor does not provide the requested information, it may adversely impact ODH evaluation of the Contractor's responsiveness or responsibility.

Samples: ODH may require contractors to provide samples or examples of work, at the Contractor's expense. Samples must be clearly identified by the Contractor, the RFQ number, and the item the sample represents. ODH will return samples that are not destroyed in testing, at the Contractor's expense, upon the Contractor's timely request. ODH may keep the samples of the Contractor awarded the contract until the completion of the contract.

ODH Withdrawal of the RFQ: ODH reserves the right to withdraw the RFQ at any time prior to the award the contract.

Quotation Evaluation: The ODH Project Manager will evaluate the quotes received and determine the quote that fulfills the project in the best interests of ODH.

Contract Negotiation: It is at the discretion of DOH whether to permit negotiations. A contractor must not submit a quote assuming that there will be an opportunity to negotiate any aspects of the RFQ. When it has been determined that it is in the Agency's best interest to conduct negotiations, ODH may request a submission of a best and final quotation.

Contract Contents: If this RFQ results in a Contract award, the Contract will consist of this RFQ, along with attachments, addenda, purchase orders, change orders, and terms and conditions. ODH reserves the right to award multiple contracts under this RFQ.

Contract Award: ODH plans to award the Contract based on the quote that is in the best interests of the Agency.

Thank you for considering the opportunity to provide vector control services. We look forward to the potential partnership with your company.

Vector Control Contractor Response Form

Company/Organization name:	
Company/Organization street address:	
Company/Organization city:	Company/Organization zip code:
Company/Organization web address:	
Company/Organization State of Ohio vendor number (if applicable):	
Primary point of contact (POC):	
POC phone number:	POC email:
Regions in Ohio to which you are willing to respond (Check all that apply): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Region 1, Northwest (<i>Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, & Wood</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 2, Northeast (<i>Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake & Lorain</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 3, West Central (<i>Champaign, Clark, Darke, Green, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, & Shelby</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 4, Central (<i>Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hardin, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, Union & Wyandot</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 5, Northeast Central (<i>Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas & Wayne</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 6, Southwest (<i>Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland & Warren</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 7, Southeast Central (<i>Athens, Galia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto & Vinton</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Region 8, Southeast (<i>Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry & Washington</i>) 	
Number of staff able to provide services:	Estimated time to be on site: <i>Attach a separate sheet if times vary by region</i>
Name, credentials, experience and qualifications of staff providing vector control: <i>Attach in a separate sheet.</i>	
Credentials, qualifications, and experience of additional staff involved in service delivery <i>Attach in a separate sheet.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge and understand the work that must be performed, and I have no outstanding questions.	
<input type="checkbox"/> If selected for this contract, I am willing to provide an emergency point of contact and their contact information. The emergency POC will be reachable 24/7 at the contact information provided.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I acknowledge that this is a contingent contract that will only be executed in the event that there is mosquito-borne transmission of Zika virus in Ohio and the local jurisdiction is unable to conduct or arrange vector control. In the absence of such an occurrence and subsequent mobilization by the Ohio Department of Health, I further acknowledge that there will be no payment of monies to me by ODH.	
Name of authorized signatory:	
Signature: _____	Date: _____

