

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

## RFI-DPS015

Ohio Emergency Management Agency Water Contingency

STATE OF OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

General Services Division, Office of Procurement Services

4200 Surface Rd.

Columbus, OH 43228

RESPONSE DEADLINE: RFI responses are due prior to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 16, 2015

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Request for Information (RFI)  
Department of Administrative Services  
Office of Procurement Services

Title: Water Contingency Plan

**Statement of Need:** The Department of Administrative Services, on behalf of DPS and Ohio Emergency Management Agency, is publishing this Request for Information (RFI) to obtain information from contractors on availability of water, bulk water hauling, or any other information/ideas pertinent to water supplies in emergency situations.

The information provided herein is for information only. No solicitation document exists at this time. Issuance of this notice does not constitute any obligation on the part of the State of Ohio to procure these items or to issue a solicitation. In addition, the State of Ohio is under no obligation to pay for information submitted in response to this RFI, and responses to this notice cannot be accepted as offers. The contents herein are subject to change without notice. Any information that the vendor considers proprietary should be clearly marked as such.

**Background:** Incidents will occur in the State with or without warning, under a myriad of circumstances. Any incident may reduce or remove the ability for local government and/or private utilities' to provide potable water to the citizens of Ohio. In some cases, transportation to impacted areas may be disrupted due to physical damage. The State of Ohio is developing a comprehensive strategy to respond on short notice and expedite fulfillment of water needs during any emergency. Historically, 16.9 oz. bottled water, gallon jugs, bulk potable water and hauling of bulk water has been used to address the need. DAS is seeking information regarding vendor capabilities to support emergency response and steady state operations for the provision of potable water. For drinking water purposes, a planning factor of one gallon per person, per day is utilized. If water is needed for sanitary purposes, a factor of three gallons per person per day will be used.

**Objective:** The primary objective of this RFI is to determine the ability of vendors to provide the water and water hauling required to support emergency response operations for a population of 50,000 persons at any location throughout Ohio and for the duration of an incident lasting up to two weeks.

**Information Requested:** The vendor should:

- Describe ability to provide water in different forms (containerized and/or bulk)
- Describe ability to provide water as requested while supplementing, not supplanting the commercial availability of water.
- Describe transportation capabilities for the water (containerized and/or bulk)
- Describe any vendor managed inventory for containerized water
- Describe any ability for just in time request with understanding of cost plus premium agreement.
- Identify the logistical or informational support that would be required in order to respond quickly.
- Identify capability to support an incident during non-business hours
- Identify capability to maintain 24/7 operational partnership throughout Ohio during an incident
- Identify ability to respond to a resource request within a short time (1hr, 2hr, 3hr, 24hr, etc.)
- Identify any partnership capabilities with other agencies/organizations (non-profit, private, and other) to support incident response.