

Q.1: Under section 2.2 Scopes of work item C. This paragraph states that when vapors are found to pose an acute risk in occupied buildings, a consultant may be requested to provide rapid response measures within 24 hours of DNR request to mitigate vapor risk. Rapid response is most likely to include the deployment of air purification units. Does WDNR provide these air purification units or will the WDNR require the selected consultants to purchase these in case they may be needed? Appreciate more definition as different types and styles of building may require more or less units. Do you have specifications as to the exact type of machine to be used if the consultant is to purchase these? How will there be a determination of how many will be sufficient?

A.1: The DNR does not own and will not provide air purification units. It is expected that the consultant will supply/provide air purification units for use primarily in a residential situation. At a minimum, a consultant would be expected to have access to one air purification unit suitable for TCE vapors posing an acute risk in a single-family home. The consultant would need to have the air purification unit maintained and ready to deploy in the specified time frame. If additional units are determined to be needed based on site-specific conditions, these could be purchased and put into use following deployment of the first unit.

Q.2: What level of responsibility does the consultant have to follow up on deployment for maintaining and monitoring that [air purification units] are being used and have not been unplugged or other unforeseen circumstances such as a power outage?

A.2: The consultant is responsible for deployment, verification (indoor air) testing and providing the occupant/owner with information on who to contact if the air purification is not working.

Q.3: If any site presents a conflict of interest, are we contractually bound to move forward - or is there an option of declining the site assignment? Please provide more information about how this scenario would be handled.

A.3: If a VIZC contractor is unable to perform the work requested by the DNR for a particular project, the firm can decline the opportunity and will not be required to establish a purchase order with the DNR for the project. After receiving a request from the DNR, the selected consultant must notify the DNR in writing within 3 business days (or within 4 hours on the same business day for requests for Vapor Mitigation Rapid Response) and provide reason why they cannot complete the work. The DNR will then request another VIZC contractor provide the DNR with a proposal for the work.

Q.4: 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.4: Yes, for the budget scenarios, please assume that the analyte list is limited to PCE, TCE and breakdown products to vinyl chloride.

Q.5: For Section 7, Scenario 3 of the VIZC RFQ, the first bullet point in the scope of work says "Seal and properly vent the basement sump and seal several cracks in basement floor." - by "vent the basement sump" do you mean "install a SSDS suction point through the sealed cover of the sump"?

A.5: Yes

Q.6: How much funding does DNR have for the VIZC work?

A.6: The DNR anticipates up to \$500,000 may be available to fund VIZC in the first fiscal year. The annual funding will vary in subsequent years.

Q.7: How many VIZC projects does DNR anticipate per year?

A.7: In the first fiscal year DNR anticipates six to ten projects will be completed using the VIZC. The number of projects completed in the following years will depend on available funds and need.

Q.8: Is there a region of the state where DNR anticipates more of the projects will be?

A.8: Most of the VIZC work is anticipated to occur in the Northeast and Southeast DNR regions, but work in all parts of the state is possible.

Q.9: 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.9: 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.10: Will only one consultant be selected per zone?

A.10: No, there may be more than one contractor selected for a zone.

Q.11: Assuming multiple consultants are approved under VIZC, does DNR anticipate requesting multiple bids per project and, if so, what criteria will be used to select the winning bid?

A.11: No, the DNR does not anticipate requesting multiple bids per project. Selected contractors will be held to the rates presented in the Cost Proposal for the duration of the contract unless changes are requested and approved by the DNR, as outlined in Section 4 of the RFQ.

Q.12: 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 home owner anticipated?

A.12: 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 Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and/or local health may be involved as well.

For purposes of budgeting in the Cost Proposal, please assume that property owner's contact 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.13: Will the consultant be paid for communications and scope development for each project?

A.13: 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.14: A QAPP is referenced under Section 6.2 Award Criteria, but is not mentioned elsewhere in the RFQ. What information is required for the QAPP?

A.14: The reference to an EPA-approved QAPP in Section 6.2 is an error. An EPA-approved QAPP is not part of the award criteria for VIZC.

Q.15: If we do not want to submit a proposal to do the rapid response work, are we ineligible to go after the mitigation portion of the RFQ?

A.15: Consultants that are able to provide rapid response as part of mitigation services will receive preference in the selection process for the VIZC; however, a lack of rapid response services does not remove the firm from potential eligibility for a contract.

Q.16: 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.16: 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.17: Vapor Mitigation Rapid Response/SSDS Installation Contractors – does DNR have pre-negotiated state contractors for provision of air purification units/SSDS installers OR are these anticipated to be subcontracted through the consultants.

A.17: These are expected to be subcontracted and/or provided by the consultant.

Q.18: VIZC Contractor to provide a proposal within 20 hours of receiving a request for vapor mitigation rapid response: does this include providing proposals and/or potentially conducting mitigation activities during evening/weekend/holiday hours (i.e., working on a true emergency response basis)

A.18: This can be interpreted as the next business day, and not a requirement to conduct work on weekends or holidays.

Q.19: 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.19: 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.