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Thank you for your questions, so you can fully understand what we are looking for. Please find my responses below and let me know if you have any further questions.

1. Wastewater (non-potable) analytical methods: The State of Maryland does not operate a laboratory accreditation program for wastewater/non-potable methods, and the wastewater analyses under the facility's Maryland NPDES permit are governed by 40 CFR Part 136 approved methods. Could the Government clarify the acceptable laboratory credential for these wastewater methods — specifically, whether the Government requires NELAP accreditation (held through any state's accrediting authority), or whether use of 40 CFR Part 136-approved methods without third-party accreditation is acceptable?

Yes, all samples analyzed must be conducted by a third-party accredited laboratory. It could be DOD ELAP or NELAC/NELAP, so we know the laboratory can demonstrate competency and document conformance to the international standard ISO/IEC 17025. . For more information, please browse this website: https://www.denix.osd.mil/edqw/accreditation/home/. We are also required to participate in a DMR-QA Study, so it is essential that the laboratories we use can meet these standards through their proficiency testing (PT) performance which is required by the EPA. https://www.epa.gov/compliance/discharge-monitoring-report-quality-assurance-study-program

2. Gross beta radiological analysis: Could the Government confirm the required accreditation for the laboratory performing the gross beta analysis (for example, NELAC / Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B) accreditation), and confirm that the performing laboratory's certificate must be submitted with the quote?

Yes, all samples analyzed must be conducted by a third-party accredited laboratory. It could be DOD ELAP or NELAC/NELAP, so we know the laboratory can demonstrate competency and document conformance to the international standard ISO/IEC 17025. The laboratory's current accreditation certificate (DoD ELAP or NELAP) must be included with the quote to verify compliance. Because our work is highly visible to the public, we need full confidence that the data provided represents the highest quality available. For more information, please browse this website: https://www.denix.osd.mil/edqw/accreditation/home/

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Good Morning,

I hope all is well. Please see the attached RFI submitted yesterday.

If you can have these questions answered by COB today so I can distribute them accordingly, it would be greatly appreciated.

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V/r

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Good morning,

The RFI submissions are due by 6/30, so you are fine. I will send these over to the

customer to provide answers and clarity.

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing regarding Solicitation W91QV126QA051, Water and Wastewater Sampling and Analytical Services at Fort Detrick. Singh Operational Services (SOS) intends to submit a quote as the prime offeror.

I recognize the formal question period closed on June 19, and I apologize for raising this afterward. If the Government is able to provide clarification, it would help us submit a fully compliant and responsive quote on the laboratory credential requirements:

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We want to ensure our submission meets the pass/fail requirements exactly as the Government intends. If it is not possible to provide clarification at this stage, we understand, and we will proceed based on the solicitation as written.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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