4. RFI RESPONSES:

Question #	Reference			Question	Government Response
	Page	Section	Paragraph		
1	3	V-101	Note 2	Please provide survey data, in XYZ format, for the survey conducted in November 2023. Also confirm that this survey is the most recent conditional survey.	November 2023 is the most current bathymetric survey available. XYZ file to be provided.
2	4/375	01 11 00	1.2.1B	The dredge quantity table provided on drawing sheet V-002 states material from area RB-A 7/8 shall be disposed at Whites Basin. Conversely specification section 01 11 00, para. 1.2.1B states RB-A 7/8 material shall be disposed at Biles Island. Please clarify where material from RB-A 7/8 shall be disposed.	All Material from Area RB-A 7/8 shall be disposed of at Biles Island.
3				Is the Contractor responsible for tipping fees at Biles Island and/or Whites Basin? If so, please provide contact information for representatives of these two facilities so the tipping fees can be obtained.	Yes. Contractor shall be responsible for all disposal-related fees. Copies of the acceptance letters from Weeks and Waste Management are included in Specs Appendix "B". Contact information is shown in the letters.
4	65/375	01 45 00	1.6.1.2	Section 01 45 00, para. 1.6.1.2, requires the project QC manager to be a registered professional engineer. This is an uncommon certification for QC managers on dredge projects. Will the Government consider waiving the PE requirement for the QC manager?	Yes. The requirement that the QC Manger be a licensed professional engineer can be waived for this dredging project. The QC Manager must be an individual with a minimum of 5 Years combined experience in the following positions: Project Superintendent, QC Manager, Project Manager, Project Engineer or Construction Manager on similar-sized and type construction Contracts which included the major trades that are part of this Contract. The individual must be familiar with the requirements of EM 385-1-1 and have experience in the areas of hazard identification, safety compliance, and sustainability.
5	71/375	01 45 00	1.6.5.2	Section 01 45 00, para 1.6.5.2, requires a project Fire Protection QC Specialist. Will the Government consider eliminating this requirement for this project as this is uncommon for dredging projects?	Yes. A Fire Protection Quality Control Specialist (FPQC) shall not be required for this dredging project.

6				Please confirm payment acceptance surveys are to be performed by a third-party licensed surveyor, subcontracted by the Contractor, and that the Government will not be performing the payment surveys?	The contractor shall hire an independent third-party surveying firm to perform the filed surveying for the pre and post dredge surveys. The government shall process the field survey data and perform the pay volume calculations. See Specifications section: SECTION 35 20 23 paragraphs 3.3 and 3.3.1.
7				The USACE dredge permit provided in Appendix B authorizes work under the NWP through March 14, 2026. Will an updated permit letter be issued prior to NTP and will the permit conditions remain the same?	A new permit has been applied for and will be furnished to the contractor along with the Notice To Proceed. Dredging work cannot commence until the new dredging permit has been issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.
8				The USACE dredge permit provided in Appendix B states Whites Basins is permitted to accept material up to June 20, 2025. Please confirm that USACE has extended the use of Whites Basin beyond this date and provide the new expiration date?	June 20, 2025, was the expiration date of the old permit for Whites Basin. This permit has since been renewed and will be reflected in the new dredging permit once obtained.
9				Could NAVFAC provide the PADEP permit & right of entry for the dredged material to be placed at Biles Island?	PADEP correspondence is contained within Appendix "B" beginning on Page 20. Acceptance letters from Weeks and Waste Management are also included in Specs Appendix "B" beginning on page 16.
10				Please confirm the contractor is responsible for carrying tipping fees in their bid.	Yes. Contractor shall be responsible for all disposal-related fees.
11				Could NAVFAC provide the most recent .xyz files for this project?	Yes
12				When does NAVFAC intend to issue NTP for this project.	NTP will be issued once the new dredging permit is acquired. The new permit was applied for in May 2026. It is estimated to be issued within the next 3 - 4 months.
13				Due to the high levels of PFOS and TCLP, please confirm that NAVFAC will be the Generator of Material for this project.	Yes. NAVFAC will remain as the generator.
14				In the event dredged material is rejected by the identified disposal sites due to contamination or other material characteristics that predate this solicitation, please clarify the Government's expectations regarding	In the event dredged material is rejected by the identified disposal sites due to contamination or other material characteristics that predate this solicitation,

				contractor responsibility. How should bidders account for the potential cost and schedule impacts associated with securing, permitting, and utilizing alternative disposal locations not identified in the contract?	NAVFAC will pursue approval(s) for alternative disposal site(s). The contractor shall coordinate contract modifications, if necessary, with the construction manager and the contracting official.
15				The contract specifies a minimum dredging production rate of 5,000 CY per day and also requires completion of all work within 270 calendar days from the lead time event. The minimum production rate would support completion in substantially less than the full contract duration. For the purposes of Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) compliance and preferential scheduling under 15 C.F.R. Part 700, which of these requirements does the Government intend constitute the prioritized "delivery requirement": (a) the minimum 5,000 CY per day production rate, (b) the 270-day contract completion period, or (c) both?	270-day completion time shall govern.
16				Has the Government confirmed that the anticipated dredged material meets the acceptance criteria for each proposed disposal site?	Yes. See Specifications - Appendix "B" for associated acceptance letters and state approvals.
17				Should bidders assume that all dredged material will be suitable for disposal at the listed sites without requiring treatment or alternative disposal?	Yes.
18				Will the Government retain title to and control over the dredged material at all times (including during dredging, transport, staging, and placement at the DMCF)?	Yes. NAVFAC will remain as the generator.
19				Please confirm that 24/7 operation will require at least one Level 1 SSHO on each shift.	Yes.
20				Please provide a Davis Bacon rate for divers.	If a classification is missing from the Wage Determination, the DOL conformance process shall be followed after contract award with the Administering Contracting Officer to request the additional classification.
21				The solicitation states that "One of the following two disposal sites are proposed to be utilized.." and lists the Weeks Marine Whites Rehandling	**PENDING RESPONSE**

				Basin and the Waste Management Corporation Biles Island disposal facility; but mentions that Areas RB-A, RB-C AND RB-D can be disposed of at Whites Basin or Biles Island, and that Area RB-A 7/8 must be disposed of at Biles Island, which implies that two sites must be utilized. The plans contradict this, noting on page V-002 that all project material can be disposed at Whites Basin, but only dredge Area A (excluding borings 7 and 8) and the access channel can be disposed at Biles Island. Please advise which is correct.	
22				Please provide permits showing sediments are authorized for disposal Whites Basin and Biles Island.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
23				Please advise if there is a port security barrier and if it will remain open 24 hours a day during dredging operations.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
24				There are numerous QC Specialists listed in the matrix with missing data for area of responsibility and frequency required on site. Please advise which is applicable.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
25				Please advise if the Underwater QC Team is applicable to this contract.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
26				Please advise if the Fire Protection QC Specialist is applicable to this contract.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
27				Regarding the 15 KV Power Line – will the power line be de-energized during the locate? If de-energized, will the power line remain de-energized during the dredging project? Will the owner pulse the power line so that the dive team can locate it?	**PENDING RESPONSE**
28				Please advise if the government will provide a waterside laydown space for offloading debris	**PENDING RESPONSE**
29				Please advise if the government will provide dockage for mooring barges and tugs during the project.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
30				Can the government provide the last date these dig areas were dredged? Can the government provide disposal tickets of debris from previous dredging episodes in these dig areas? If expected debris is anticipated to be excessive, will the government consider increasing the line item for disposal of debris?	**PENDING RESPONSE**

31				Can the government provide disposal (tipping) fees for the Weeks Marine Whites Rehandling Basin and the Waste Management Corporation Biles Island disposal facility, or points of contact to obtain information on these fees, if any?	**PENDING RESPONSE**
32				Please provide current bathymetric survey data of Whites Basin as well as max disposal elevations.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
33				Please provide additional details on the storm sewer outfall (drawings, photos, height above/below waterline) so that the contract can accurately price an appropriate size turbidity curtain.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
34				Please provide current bathymetric survey data of the channel and approach near Biles Island	**PENDING RESPONSE**
35				Appendix A - Sediment Data - of the Specification includes an August 2025 report titled "Evaluation of Dredged Material" prepared by EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PCB. Please provide "Appendix B - Field Logbooks" and "Appendix C - Core Logs and Photographs" of this report.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
36				Please provide the most recent geotechnical investigation and relevant historical investigations, including boring logs, completed within the Philadelphia Navy Yard Reserve Basin.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
37				Can the government provide more details on the 15kv power line regarding size, estimated depth below mudline, locating equipment, etc. Any additional information is important to costing the locate should any jetting or excavating equipment be required to properly locate the power line.	**PENDING RESPONSE**
38				Please confirm that the Government will displace all vessels in the digging area as needed in a timely manner.	**PENDING RESPONSE**

(End Summary of Changes)