

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

For

**As-Needed Hazardous Materials Testing and Abatement
Services**



**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon
Road Azusa, CA 91702**

Interested entities may view the RFQ – Bid No. 2025-003 on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) website at <https://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/>.

In the opinion of the LCWA, this RFQ is complete and without need of explanation. However, any and all technical questions should be directed to Amanda Chan, RMC Budgets and Administration Officer, at achan@rmc.ca.gov

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline to the staff listed below:

Submittal Deadline: **Friday, March 20, 2026 at 5:00pm**

Please submit Statements of Qualifications electronically to:

RMC General Inbox at info@rmc.ca.gov
CC: Amanda Chan at achan@rmc.ca.gov

Section 1: Introduction and Overview:

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified firms to provide on-call hazardous materials testing, assessment, and abatement-related services in support of the [Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project \(SLCWRP\)](#), located in the city of Seal Beach, California adjacent to the intersection of [1st Street and Pacific Coast Highway](#).

The SLCWRP is a large-scale wetlands restoration and public access project currently under construction. Due to the historic industrial use of portions of the project site, there is a potential that hazardous materials, including but not limited to asbestos-containing materials and other regulated substances, may be encountered during ground disturbing activities.

The LCWA intends to use this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to establish a pool of pre-qualified consultants (Qualified Consultant Pool) capable of providing on-call hazardous materials testing, assessment, and related regulatory compliance services in support of the SLCWRP.

Selection into the Qualified Consultant Pool shall be based solely on qualifications, experience, demonstrated regulatory expertise, and the criteria provided in this RFQ. No cost or fee information will be evaluated as part of this RFQ. Selection into the Qualified Consultant Pool does not guarantee the award of work.

On-Call and Task-Order Contracting Approach:

Firms selected for inclusion in the Qualified Consultant Pool may be awarded task orders on an as-needed basis during the term of the project. Task order proposals may be solicited from the Qualified Consultant Pool when hazardous materials are suspected or encountered during construction or when related regulatory services are required.

The LCWA may, at its sole discretion request written scope-specific proposals, including cost proposals, from all firms or a subset of firms within the Qualified Consultant Pool, and evaluate those proposals based on responsiveness, availability, schedule, and cost.

The LCWA will determine the number, timing, and scope of task orders based on project needs, regulatory requirements, and available funding.

Because all firms in the Qualified Consultant Pool will have been determined to be qualified through this RFQ process, the LCWA may award individual task orders to the firm submitting the lowest responsive and responsible cost proposal, provided the proposal meets all scope, schedule, and regulatory requirements. The LCWA reserves the right to consider factors other than cost when awarding a task order, including but not limited to:

- Demonstrated ability to meet emergency or expedited response timelines.
- Availability of appropriately certified personnel.
- Regulatory compliance considerations, including SCAQMD requirements.

The LCWA does not guarantee the number or value of task orders that will be issued. Task orders will be issued only if and when services are required, and only to the extent authorized by the LCWA. The LCWA reserves the right to:

- Establish one or more Qualified Consultant Pools

- Award task orders to one or more firms
- Decline to award a task order if no proposal is deemed responsive or responsible
- Modify the task order solicitation process as project conditions warrant

About the LCWA:

The LCWA is a joint powers authority of San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), City of Long Beach (LBC) and City of Seal Beach (SBC) whose mission is to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation. The LCWA currently has acquired approximately 243 acres of an estimated 500 acres of wetland area and has created the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program designed to promote community involvement focused on environmental education, maintenance, restoration and monitoring of the wetlands.

Section 2: Proposed Scope of Services

The purpose of this RFQ is to identify firms with demonstrated expertise in:

- Hazardous materials investigation and testing
- Asbestos/Hazardous Materials identification and abatement support
- Compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regulations, including Rule 1403 and Procedure 5
- Coordination with active construction operations on public works projects

Potential Scope of Services:

A. Hazardous Materials Assessment and Testing

- Field investigation and sampling of suspect materials encountered during construction
- Laboratory analysis of samples for asbestos and other regulated hazardous substances, as applicable
- Preparation of written analytical reports and findings suitable for regulatory and construction use
- Immediate notification to LCWA, project team, and contractor when regulated or hazardous materials are identified

B. Asbestos-Related Services

- Identification and characterization of asbestos containing materials
- Development of abatement recommendations and work plans, if required
- Air monitoring, clearance testing, and documentation associated with asbestos disturbance or removal
- Coordination with construction contractors to minimize schedule impacts

C. SCAQMD Procedure 5 and Regulatory Compliance

- Preparation and implementation of work in accordance with SCAQMD Rule 1403 and

Procedure 5 requirements, as applicable

- Preparation of regulatory notifications, filings, and documentation related to asbestos disturbance or removal
- Interface with SCAQMD and other regulatory agencies, as required

D. Abatement Support (If Required)

- Oversight or performance of hazardous materials abatement activities, including asbestos removal, when necessary
- Verification of contractor compliance with applicable safety and regulatory requirements
- Post-abatement clearance testing and reporting

E. Construction Coordination and Emergency Response

- Rapid mobilization in response to unanticipated discoveries during construction
- Coordination with LCWA, the construction manager, and contractor to maintain project compliance and safety
- Documentation suitable for inclusion in the project's administrative record

Supplemental Consultant Services may be required/requested at LCWA's discretion, upon prior written authorization by Executive Officer and will be based on the consultant's fee schedule.

Section 3: Minimum Requirements

Entities (individuals or firms) interested in providing professional services for this project shall submit the following information in 8.5" x 11" format (12-point Arial font), one-inch (1") margins with each of the numbered sections below addressed and collated in a separate tab. The Statement of Qualifications should include a table of contents with use of tabs or some type of divider system to clearly separate out the different parts of the SOQ.

SOQ's shall provide straightforward and concise descriptions of Consultant's ability to satisfy the requirements of this RFQ. Consultants shall ensure that their written responses completely and accurately indicate how they meet each criterion listed in Section 5: Selection Criteria. All documents contained in the SOQ shall have original (handwritten or digital) signatures and shall be signed by a person authorized to bind the proposing Contractor. SOQ's not including the proper required attachments or original signatures shall be deemed non-responsive. A non-responsive SOQ is one that does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements.

Submit one (1) set of the following, as a complete Statement of Qualifications:

1. Letter of Interest that includes the Federal Identification Number (if applicable) of the firm as well as the person authorized to negotiate and sign all agreements.
 - a) A completed W9 should be submitted with an original signature. The current version of the form is available [here](#).
2. Executive Summary (2 pages maximum).

3. A resume of the consultant(s) and for any proposed sub-contractors. The resume should include key individual's proposed project assignment and responsibilities, their specific professional experience related to this RFQ, and their current work assignment(s) and projected completion dates.
4. Written statement of consultant(s) qualifications that is responsive to the selection criteria below (Section 5). Consultants shall respond in writing indicating how they believe their qualifications fulfill the requirements of these criteria. Consultants must respond to each numbered criterion with complete and organized responses.
5. Additional Required Documents:
 - a) Current Statement of Information (can be obtained on the California Secretary of State's [website](#)). If operating under a fictitious business name, provide all supporting documentation (i.e., fictitious business name statement certified by the appropriate county clerk).
 - b) If applicable, proof of current certification from the DGS Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS). This information can be obtained [here](#).
 - c) The Bidder's Declaration Form (GSPD-05-105, which can be found [here](#)). This form documents subcontracted services.
 - d) If Applicable, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Declarations Form (STD 843). This can be found [here](#). This form documents compliance with requirements set forth in the Military and Veterans Code and is required to be completed for each Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.
 - e) Completed and signed California Civil Rights Laws Attachment (DGS OLS04), available [here](#).
 - f) Darfur Contracting Act Certification (DGS PD 1) form found [here](#).
 - g) Iran Contracting Act Verification Form found [here](#).
 - h) Conflict of Interest Disclosure identifying any potential conflicts of interest that the Contractor and subcontractors may have
 - i) Certificate of Insurance

The LCWA encourages Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises to apply. If you feel you (if an individual), your company or your subcontractor qualifies as either, you may go [here](#) for more information or call OSDS at (916) 375-4940 for further information.

Section 4: Submission Information and Deadline

The electronic submission of a single unprotected (i.e., not password protected) PDF file of the SOQ is required. The electronic submittal will be accepted until **5:00pm on Friday, March 20, 2026**.

The Proposal shall be submitted to the RMC's General Inbox, info@rmc.ca.gov with carbon copy to Amanda Chan, RMC Contracts and Budgets Analyst achan@rmc.ca.gov.

Hard copies of the proposal are NOT required. Facsimiles or Proposals submitted/passed through to other LCWA personnel, or personnel of related agencies, will not be accepted.

Questions regarding this RFP are welcome and shall be made in writing to Amanda Chan at the email above no later than **5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2026**. In the interest of fairness to all potential contractors, the LCWA will not respond to individual requests for information regarding the RFP. Responses to all questions will be posted on the LCWA's website by **5:00 pm Wednesday, March 11, 2026**. Note that the LCWA's responses to questions and requests for clarifications will be shared with other potential respondents through e-mail and the LCWA website. It is recommended that potential respondents inform LCWA of their intent or interest in responding to this RFQ. Such notification will allow for any supplemental information regarding this solicitation to be provided, including addenda and responses to questions.

Section 5: Selection Criteria

SOQ's will be evaluated by a panel appointed by the LCWA. SOQ's that are determined to be responsive to the mandatory requirements as indicated shall be evaluated for inclusion in the Qualified Consultant Pool.

Responding firms must demonstrate:

1. At least five (5) years of experience providing hazardous materials testing and asbestos-related services on active construction sites.
2. Experience with public agency projects in California.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of SCAQMD Rule 1403 and Procedure 5.
4. Appropriate licenses, certifications, and accreditations required under federal, state, and local law for hazardous materials testing, handling, and abatement.
5. Ability to mobilize quickly in response to construction discoveries.

Upon receipt of these documents from an interested firm the LCWA may at its discretion request additional information and may conduct discussions with responding firms.

Firms selected for the Qualified Consultant Pool may be asked to submit additional information regarding their financial history and contract performance, including whether the firm has ever been:

- a. A defendant in any litigation alleging that the firm had defaulted in its performance of its obligations under a consulting or other agreement; or
- b. Found to be in default of a performance bond; or
- c. The subject of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings.

The LCWA reserves the right to terminate the selection proceedings at any time.

Section 6: General Information

1. All responses become the properties of the LCWA upon receipt and will not be returned to the respondents. Costs incurred for developing SOQ's and in anticipation of award are entirely the responsibility of the Respondent and shall not be charged to the LCWA or its JPA partners.
2. All SOQ responses shall remain undisclosed until a Qualified Consultant Pool is identified or, if all responses are rejected, after rejection of all such responses; following that date, all responses shall be regarded as public records under the California Public Records Act (GC 6250 et seq) and subject to review by the public.
3. A response may be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete, or if it contains any alterations of form or other irregularities of any kind. LCWA may waive an immaterial deviation in a Response. LCWA's waiver of an immaterial deviation shall in no way modify the RFQ document or excuse the Respondent from full compliance with all requirements if awarded a task order.
4. Respondent may withdraw its response by submitting a written withdrawal request to LCWA, signed by its authorized agent. Respondent may thereafter submit a modified/new Response prior to the Submission Deadline. Response modifications offered in any other manner, oral or written, shall not be considered.
5. Contractor agrees that the awarding department, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. Contractor agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Contractor agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Contractor agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement (GC § 8546.7, PCC § 10115 et seq., CCR Title 2, §1896). Contractor shall comply with the above and be aware of the penalties for violations of fraud and for obstruction of investigation as set forth in PCC § 10115.10.

A Pre-Award audit may also be performed by the LCWA, the Department of General Services, or their designated representative.

6. Prevailing Wages: Pursuant to [Labor Code Section § 1774](#), the Contractor and any subcontractors, regardless of tier, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing wage rates to all workers employed in the execution of the Contract.

Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Department of General Services, which shall be made available to all interested parties.

Additionally, these prevailing wage rates are available on the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) website [here](#). For more information, visit the Prevailing Wage Requirements page of the DIR [here](#).

7. Notification of the Right to Protest:

Should a respondent claim the LCWA failed to follow the procedures specified in either subdivision (b) or (c) of PCC § 10344, protestant must submit the initial protest letter and a detailed, written statement of protest, including the RFQ title/number, and LCWA contact information, to both of the following:

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Attn: Executive Officer
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road Azusa, CA 91702

8. LCWA does not guarantee, either expressly or by implication, that any work or services will be required under any contract issued as a result of this RFQ.

9. Budget Contingency Clause: It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years, and/or funding sources covered under any Agreements resulting from this RFP does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, the Agreements shall be of no further force and effect. In this event, the LCWA or its JPA partners shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under the Agreements and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of the Agreements.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the option to either cancel the Agreements with no liability occurring to the State or offer an agreement amendment to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount. This RFQ's resulting Agreements shall be contingent upon approval of the Department of General Services (DGS), State Controller's Office, State Treasurer's Office, and/or any other entity required to approve the agreements.

10. All documents submitted in response to this RFQ will become the property of the LCWA and will be regarded as public records under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) and subject to review by the public. Copies of the bid packages may be returned only at the bidder's expense unless such expense is waived by the LCWA.

11. All notices, clarifications, and addenda to this RFQ shall be posted on the LCWA website. It is the proposing Contractor's responsibility to monitor the website for all information regarding this RFQ. LCWA is not responsible for sending individual notification(s) of changes or updates. It is the sole responsibility of the proposing Contractors to remain apprised of changes to this RFQ.

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