



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION

**INVITATION TO BID # 32701-13269
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR OAK RIDGE LAB SERVICES**

DATE: 4/12/2024

ITB # 32701-13269 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this ITB.

Any restatement of ITB text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the ITB document.

ITB SECTION	PAGE #	QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
		1. Are we required to bid all tests and matrices?	Bidders are required to provide a bid for all tests within a group, but not all groups. For example, you may bid on only Line #1, but if you do then you will need to be able to provide all tests on the Line 1 Bid Spreadsheet.
		2. Can we propose alternate methods?	No.
		3. Does TN DEC want one response that includes line item #1 (General Analytical Testing) and line item #2 (Aquatic Toxicity Testing)	Bidders may bid on either Line # 1 or Line #2, they may also bid on both lines.
		4. Why is a radioactive materials license required for General Analytical Testing?	Some samples may come from locations within the Oak Ridge Reservation that may be impacted with radiological constituents.
		5. Is there historical radioactivity data from previous sampling events?	Yes.
		6. Are General Analytical Testing samples expected to have radioactivity above background?	Potentially depending on sampling event and location. Samples are coming from Oak Ridge Reservation DOE complex and depending on environmental media may have impacts from radiological constituents.

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		7. Are Aquatic Toxicity Testing samples expected to have radioactivity above background?	Aquatic Toxicity testing has not identified radioactivity above background to date.
		8. Please confirm that RML is required for the lab performing the general analytical testing.	Rad lab licensing is required for group 1 constituents.
		9. Will screening data be available ahead of receipt in order to verify samples do not exceed the license limits of the host lab?	No however- The majority of samples are collected from non rad controlled areas and while low level contamination is identified in some samples there is not any anticipation that samples would exceed license limits. Any samples collected from controlled areas would be identified and communicated prior to sample submittal.
		10. If samples are determined to be non-radioactive, may the host lab subcontract samples within our network to a lab that does not carry a radiological license?	At this time requirement is that all analysis be performed at RAD licensed lab. Please bid accordingly.
		11. RFP says DOE accreditation is not required. What are the accreditation requirements? For example, is NELAP required? Do you need TN cert?	Labs should be certified to meet the requirements associated with EPA analytical methods where appropriate for the analysis being conducted.

2. **ITB Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this ITB not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.