

Notice of Award

Title: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Support

Description: The Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Management - Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) intends to issue three task orders to Industrial Economics, Incorporated (IEc) under the authority of the General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program. The purpose of these task orders is to continue the on-going provision of Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) services in support of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Trustee Council (LANLTC). The place of task order performance is primarily at IEc's location in Cambridge, Massachusetts. DOE originally contracted NRDA support through GSA contract GS10F0224J, task order DE-DT0002152. Subsequently, DOE contracted the services from IEc directly through contract DE-EM0003939 and its associated task orders (DE-DT0010335, DE-DT0011312, DE-DT0011011, DE-DT0011621, and DE-DT0013783). DOE plans to issue three task orders directly to IEc in order to prevent an interruption of NRDA Support Services. These three task orders will be issued against GSA MAS Program contract 47QRAA20D0044 in accordance with the fair opportunity exemption at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(C) – In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures.

The LANLTC members include the following:

- State of New Mexico, acting through the Natural Resources Trustee of the Office of Natural Resources Trustee
- Pueblo de San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Jemez
- Pueblo de Cochiti
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Site
- U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Los Alamos Field Site

The LANLTC has agreed to follow a cooperative NRDA process, as recommended by the Department of the Interior NRDA regulations. NRDA is a four phase, statutory process under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 USC §§ 9601 et seq. and U.S. Department of the Interior NRDA regulations (43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 11). Natural Resource Trustees undertake NRDA's to assess natural resource injuries and service losses that result from the release of hazardous substances and determine appropriate ways of restoring and compensating for damage to the environment. Damages to natural resources are evaluated by identifying the functions provided by the resources, determining the baseline level of the functions provided by the injured resource(s), and quantifying the reduction in service levels because of contamination.

The following is a summary of the work to be accomplished by each task order:

89303423FEM400019 Task Order 1 (TO1) – Administrative Support and Restoration Planning. TO1 consists of administrative support and restoration planning efforts for the LANL NRDA, building on the work completed thus far. TO1 includes the following deliverables: Restoration and Compensation Determination Plan, Report of Assessment, and

Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment. The task order award amount is \$999,948.97. This is an incrementally funded task order. The anticipated award date is not later than 23 September 2023.

89303423FEM400020 Task Order 2 (TO2) – Ecological and Groundwater Assessment.

TO2 encompasses assisting the LANLTC with completing the ecological and the groundwater injury assessments. These assessments require application of extensive knowledge and understanding of the available data and evaluations completed thus far to build upon the work conducted. Several reports will be developed under these assessments, and each will provide information to assist the LANLTC in quantifying injuries and planning restoration. Each draft report will undergo LANLTC and technical peer review as necessary. As part of the review process, IEC will develop detailed comment-response summaries to document each comment and how it was addressed. The process may include iterative reviews and updates to the comment-response matrices, as needed, until the LANLTC is satisfied with how each comment is addressed. Once a vote to finalize has been passed by the LANLTC, the document will be marked final and uploaded to IEC's document sharing site, and supporting documents will be gathered for inclusion in the administrative record. The task order award amount is \$999,987.50. This is an incrementally funded task order. The anticipated award date is not later than 23 September 2023.

89303423FEM400021 Task Order 3 (TO3) – Inventory of Institutional Controls, Cultural Assessment, and Pueblo Lost Services Assessment.

TO3 includes the inventory of institutional controls (IC) assessment activity, narratives of cultural use and perception of natural resources for each Pueblo Trustee, and resource characterization tasks for each Pueblo Trustee. Each of these subtasks will build upon the others to allow for the assessment of lost services specific to each Pueblo Trustee. These reports provide detailed characterizations of available environmental chemical data available for each Pueblo assessment area, comparisons to screening level values, identification of resources associated with elevated levels of contaminants of concern (COCs), an evaluation of data sufficiency for injury quantification, and identification of potential data gaps. The task order award amount is \$999,911.62. This is an incrementally funded task order. The anticipated award date is not later than 23 September 2023.

The period of performance (POP) for each task order is from 24 September 2023 to 23 September 2026. There are no option periods.

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Email your questions to Aaron Romero, Contracting Officer, at aaron.romero@em.doe.gov. No telephone requests will be accepted.

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