

Q & A
For
To Develop Watershed Plans for the Sub-Watersheds of Chesapeake Bay and Broadkill River
Watersheds
NAT12001-WTRSHDPLAN

Q1.) Is the \$60,000 budget the total budget for all five watersheds?

A: \$60,000 is for all five watersheds within 1 year.

Q2) Would you please clarify DNREC's vision for the "Cooperative Technical Partnership"

A: The "Cooperative Technical Partnership" is that the successful applicant and DNREC will work together to develop the watershed plans.

Q3) It does not appear that a specific proposed scope of work for developing the watershed plans is required as part of the submission information. Is this correct?

A: There is no proposed scope of work because that will be left up to the vendor to decide how they would like to write the watershed plans. The successful applicant will develop the plans and DNREC will provide guidance and any supporting documents that are needed. These plans will be submitted to EPA for approval based on that the A-I criteria is met. Page 15 does show the criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals.

Q4) Have the four sub-watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed been chosen for this RFP, and if so, what are they?

A: The four watersheds are the Upper Chesapeake (Elk,Bohemia,Sassafras), Chester/Choptank, Nanticoke, and Wicomico which will incorporate a small piece of the Pocomoke.

Q5) Do the four sub-watersheds have any pre-existing documents, plans, reports, etc. which can be downloaded for review prior to the proposal due date?

A: Documents that you could view are the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/wa/Pages/Chesapeake_Wip.aspx . You also may use this or find it helpful <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/wa/Pages/WatershedManagementPlans.aspx>

Q6) Can you provide additional details on the type and format of the deliverables you are expecting from the watershed studies?

A: The format is completely at the successful applicants discretion. DNREC is expecting the watershed plans meet EPA's A-I criteria and that EPA will accept the plan.

Q7) Is it expected that field work (stream assessment, water quality sampling) will be required?

A: Many of the resources are already available online. Field work is not expected and water sampling will not be required from the successful applicant. That work has already been completed.

Q8) The watershed plans can be written from any pre-existing documents, plans, reports etc.

A: That is correct that specific documents that have been produced for Delaware watersheds in the past can and should be used. The successful applicant is taking all pre-existing information and putting it into a format that meets EPA's A-I criteria.

Q9) Have public participation efforts been previously planned and implemented that can be reported on or is the contractor expected to plan and implement a public involvement effort as part of this scope of work?

A: Public participation efforts have been previously planned and or implemented. If a watershed does not meet this criteria then that is something that could be written into the plan as being needed for that particular watershed.

Q10) Can you provide more detail on the approval process and does the sub-contractor need to be approved before the submission of this proposal on September 19, 2012?

A: The sub-contractor does not need to be approved before the submission. The Request For Proposal (RFP) states that the subcontractor must be explained in the proposal and subcontractors must be identified by name.