



City of Milton-Freewater Request for Qualifications

2025 City of Milton-Freewater PFAS Feasibility Study

Contract No: 320

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Questions and Answers #1

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RFP Title:	2025 City of Milton-Freewater PFAS Feasibility Study
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Received questions and answers (as of September 4, 2025 at 1:00 pm):

Question: Page 8, Instruction 5. The Form of Proposal instruction states the proposal “shall be made on the forms furnished herewith” which consist of three pages that ask for the consultant’s price to complete the work. There is no space on the forms to provide information on the proposing firm’s qualifications, while Instruction 7 on page 9 says the City will make the award based in part on the experience and ability of the Bidders.

Is the bidder expected to provide qualifications as part of the proposal and if so, are there limitations on pages for those qualifications?

If firm qualifications are not needed as part of the proposal, is price the sole consideration for the proposals?

Answer: Yes, bidders are expected to provide information about the firm’s qualifications. There will be a limit of 15 pages for qualifications (including any cover letters, resumes, past project history, etc.). Fifteen pages means 15 sides of paper (i.e., 15 pages in a PDF or 15 single-sided pieces of paper). Price is not the sole consideration for the proposals. The evaluation criteria will consider both technical factors included in the additional information provided by respondents and the lump sum price.

Question: The Instructions to Bidders reference plans and specifications more than once but none were provided with the RFP. Are there plans and specifications for this RFP?

Answer: No, there are no plans and specifications except to meet OHA, EPA, and other requirements for PFAS sampling and treatment alternatives.

Question: There are results of two rounds of PFAS testing for EP-B on the OHA website in 2021 and 2023. Are those the only PFAS tests taken to date from City water sources?

Answer: No, the City was notified of additional test results in July 2025. EP-B had detections for PFOS (7 ppt) and PFHxS (3.2 ppt) for samples collected on May 6, 2025.

Question: Page 12, Release. This paragraph indicates that retainage will be withheld for this project. Withholding retainage on engineering services projects is not typical. Is this paragraph about withholding retainage correct?

Answer: The language in the RFP is generic and there will not be retainage for professional consulting services, such as engineering services.

Question: Page 15, Feasibility Study Elements. Are the shipping and lab costs to analyze the PFAS samples as part of the testing program part of the consultant's lump sum cost for this project, or will the City pay for them separately?

Answer: The cost for collecting, shipping, and analyzing the PFAS samples should be included in the consultant's lump sum cost.

Question: Are you looking for firms to only complete pages 14-16 of the RFP packet or should we include additional materials (i.e. resumes, project experience, etc.) and/or specific documentation in our submittal?

Answer: Firms are expected to provide additional information, with a page limit of 15 pages. Fifteen pages means 15 sides of paper (i.e., 15 pages in a PDF or 15 single-sided pieces of paper).