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**Solicitation Information  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**ADDENDUM # 2**

**RFQ# 7596675**

**TITLE: Water Treatment**

**Submission Deadline is:**

**Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:30 am (EST)**

**Note to vendors:**

**Attached includes:**

- **Questions received with answers. No more questions will be answered.**
- **Sign-in sheet from mandatory pre-bid held on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**

**Max Righter  
Buyer II**

*Interested parties should monitor this website, on a regular basis, for any additional information that may be posted*



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## Questions Received

### Solicitation #7596675

### Water Treatment

1. It states on page III that each bid proposal must be submitted in different binders? Are you referring to (1) original binder and (1) copy binder?

*Answer: The terms and conditions reads "Each bid proposal must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the bidder's name and address and the specific "Solicitation Number, "Solicitation Title," and the "Bid Proposal Submission Deadline" marked in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope." Binders are not required.*

2. The spec calls for Legionella CDC Elite lab for testing. The Metro Group Inc is a CDC Elite Lab. Are we allowed to test in-house or do we need to send it out to an independent lab? This will add unnecessary cost to the bid.

*Answer: It must be sent to an Independent laboratory. This is specified in Paragraph 26 of the RFP.*

3. As discussed, no bidder, other than Barclay can provide Inhibitor N or Air Con CXT 400. It will be impossible for any other company to provide Barclay products which means Barclay wins. I think that we all accept the chemical test parameters listed in the bid. In reality, we (Metro) ships the most concentrated products available because it makes no sense to ship water. Will you please remove the Barclay products and leave the test parameters in place to make this fair?

*Answer: I will remove Barclay and replace it with the requirements of Tower inhibitor: 20-30% active phosphate polymer blend. Closed loop inhibitor 1. 5-10% tolytriazole. Closed loop inhibitor 2. 20-30% nitrite, 10% molybdate.*

*Tower biocide 1. 4-7% stabilized bromine 2. 1.5% isothiazolinone.*

*Tower Lay Up Inhibitor, 30-40% sodium nitrite w/azole and perborate.*

*All Non-Barclay products must submit an SDS sheet with their bid package.*

*All products delivered by the 2-man bulk team (as specified in paragraph 23) must have a Lot number this is standard for ISO 9000 certification. All products must have a COA (Certificate of Analysis). I will take random samples of the bulk deliveries as the DOC was shipped products that were far from meeting the industry standards in the past.*

4. Are you adamant about continuous low-level halogenations? This may enhance corrosion rates.

*Answer: Yes, I am adamant. This is the Best Practice for control of bio-slime in piping, and a bio load in bulk water. The corrosion will be controlled by your products.*

5. We are required to supply and install the chemical feed equipment. Will the DOC supply any need wiring that would require a licensed electrician? If ¾" pipe connections (with shutoff valves) are required, will The DOC provide a pipe fitter for this work? (see note)

*Answer: The DOC has a full staff of electricians and plumbers.*

6. Page 5, item 19 says that water meters are not in this agreement. Page 3, item 9 says water meters shall be Walchem WFM Series. Are we providing impulse water meters? If they are to be installed on the tower water makeup, will the DOC provide installation by a RI licensed plumber? (see note)



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**Answer: Yes, The Walchem WFM Series water meters will be installed on the cooling tower makeup and blowdown of each cooling tower. The RI DOC has two (2) licensed plumbers on staff.**

7. **Note: Terms and Conditions Page II of IV. License Requirements (Copy of License/Permit not Required).** As a person who holds a number of licenses, I can tell you that plumbing, and wiring does require a permit for the specific work to be performed unless the facility has some type of maintenance permit that would be issued to the facility plumber, electrician or pipe fitter. In the case of a facility maintenance permit, the work would be done by the facilities licensed staff.

**Answer: This is a standard form clause in the terms and conditions, stating that the vendor will be responsible for the proper licensing and permitting for all work completed under this contract.**

8. I realize that at times you will be requested to send an RFQ, that contains chemicals or equipment that is proprietary to a single vendor. I can certainly understand when a facility operation manager would like to use chemicals or equipment that they are familiar with.  
Asking the vendors that were present at the meeting today to supply Barclays Chemistry is almost unheard of. If we want to ensure that the water treatment chemicals that we are quoting meets there specifications chemical limits within the treated water should be specified.  
On page 4 of the requirements paragraph14. "All chemicals shall be the type that are available commercially, and for use in this type of application. We would suggest, respectively, that Mr. Brendan Handfield remove these elements written in to paragraph 26. Testing parameters from the bid specifications.

**Answer: See my answer for question 3 in regard to products. The rest of the equipment is not proprietary. We will remove "No Substitutes from paragraph 26"**



**"MANDATORY" PRE-BID CONFERENCE SIGN IN SHEET**

Mandatory Pre-bid Conference: Any vendor who intends to submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation must have its representative attend this mandatory prebid conference, sign, and complete all required information on this Sign-In Sheet. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the rejection of any bid proposal.

**BID NUMBER:** 7596675  
**BID TITLE:** Water Treatment  
**PRE-BID DATE AND TIME:** Friday September 21st, 2018 at 10:00 am

**Purchasing Representative:** Max Righter  
**Mandatory Pre-bid START TIME:** 10:03  
**Mandatory Pre-bid END TIME:** 11:45

COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	CONTACT E-MAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
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3 Chem Agave	Michael Brown	Michael Brown	55 Chapel ST.	Michael.Brown@chemagave.com	3392314859
4 Bancmary	ED Norem c2004	Ed Norem	1 Capital Hill Rm. R1	max.righter@purchasing.gov	401 574 9174
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