

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT NO. RFP 17-04

GEOLOGY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT – PETROLEUM ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO. 1

Date: August 19, 2016

To: Prospective Respondents

From: Procurement Operations Department, Houston Community College

Subject: Questions and Answers Responses

1. Will offered equipment with lower ranges/different material type be disqualified from consideration? Core Lab can offer several versions of the equipment you have listed and since approximately 80% of the evaluation criteria is "price proposal" we would like to offer our most cost effective solution while still providing state of the art teaching instruments that meet your testing and teaching requirements. Please confirm how critical it is to match **all** specifications listed on "reference equipment" (CoreTest models). Thank you in advance.

Answer: HCC, is accepting proposal responses for all alternate makes and models of similar equipment that the specifications are equivalent, or greater than what is published. (as per the language below stated on Page No. 3 of 38)

HCC IS ACCEPTING PROPOSALSS FOR SIMILAR CORETEST SYSTEMS GEOLOGICAL LABORATORY PETROLUEM TESTING EQUIPMENT PROVIDING COMPARABLE FEATURES TO BE USED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CAMPUS.

Bidder must include detailed product description, specification cut sheets, warranty and maintenance and table comparing features for any equivalent equipment proposed in response to this solicitation.

HCC reserves the right to request additional information on any equivalent equipment proposed in response to this solicitation.

2. Specifically, can we offer a different type of core holder as an option? Core Lab has a design that will reduce costs and provide a more user friendly alternative. Core Lab Instruments strives to provide the most accurate, reliable and **safe** equipment in the industry today (especially for students) so all pressure vessels are designed with a 4 to 1 safety factor and some are simply better for student use so we want to offer the best rated model based on University experiences.

Answer: Yes, if the core holder can be adapted on non- Core Lab equipment.

3. If awarded the contract, is there a deadline for complete delivery? If so, when is the deadline?

Answer: The Contractor is responsible for providing the final delivery dates, as per Sub-Section No. 3, Page 11 of 38 states below;

Delivery Date:

Estimated Delivery (Calendar Days) to HCC's Northeast Campus: _____

When issued, "Questions & Answers" shall automatically become a part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Questions & Answers. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Questions & Answers are collaboratively from both the Procurement Operations and the applicable HCC Department(s). It is the responsibility of the bidder/respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders/respondents shall be deemed to have received all Questions & Answers and to have incorporated them into this solicitation and resulting proposal response.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Questions & Answers associated with this solicitation.

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