

QUESTIONS & RESPONSES #02**CONTRACT NUMBER: PA000000317****RFP/RFQ TITLE: Industrial Waterway and Watershed****Contaminant Source Tracing 2025****CONTACT: Michelle Walker, Procurement Analyst****EMAIL: procurement@portoftacoma.com****PHONE NUMBER: 253-888-4744****QUESTIONS DUE DATE: May 6, 2025 @ 2:00 PM (PDT)****Q&A ISSUE DATE: May 13, 2025**

#	Question	Answer	Question #	Responsible for Answer	Date Received
1	11. Insurance - Assumption of Risk (Original) b) The Consultant and its subconsultants shall indemnify, defend (the defense obligation shall not apply to professional liability claims), and hold harmless the Port of Tacoma and the Northwest Seaport Alliance and their respective appointed and elective officers and employees ("Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all suits, claims, actions, losses, costs, penalties and damages of whatever kind and nature, including reasonable attorney fees and costs by reason of any and all claims and demands on the Indemnified Parties arising from the negligent acts, errors, or omissions by the Consultant in the performance of the Services. 11. Insurance - Assumption of Risk (Exceptions/Clarifications) b) The Consultant and its subconsultants shall indemnify, defend (the defense obligation shall not apply to professional liability claims), and hold harmless the Port of Tacoma and the Northwest Seaport Alliance and their respective appointed and elective officers and employees ("Indemnified Parties") from and against suits, claims, actions, losses, costs, penalties and damages, including reasonable attorney fees and costs by reason of claims and demands on the Indemnified Parties arising from the negligent acts, errors, or omissions by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.		Q-003007	Sara	05/01/25
2	13. Time (Original) Time is of the essence in the performance of the Services. 13. Time (Exceptions/Clarifications) Time is of the essence in the performance of the Services. Consultant will not be liable for delays outside of its reasonable control.		Q-003007	Legal	05/01/25
3	Could the PORT confirm that proposed staff rates are not requested in the submitted proposal?	See Addendum 1	Q-003011	Rob	05/05/25
4	Under Section C. Scope of Services, can you clarify what services are sought or desired under "9. Community engagement support services as requested."?	We expect participation in UW led symposiums, quarterly meetings, and supporting community communications. UW will be leading these efforts.	Q-003011	Rob	05/05/25
5	Under Section C. Scope of Services, is "10. Legal support services as requested." meant to reference technical support for litigation? If not, can you clarify the services sought or desired in this descriptor?	correct - technical support for potential litigation, if needed.	Q-003011	Rob	05/05/25
6	Are we limited to providing three recent contract/project examples? Or is it a minimum requirement?	minimum.	Q-003011	Rob	05/05/25
7	Under 2. Project Approach Narrative, section b), can you clarify what is meant by "General information for supporting the PORT with an overall approach to architectural services at the PORT."?	"architectural services" should have been deleted and replaced with "contaminant source tracing services".	Q-003011	Rob	05/05/25
8	Regarding the page margins, does that include headers and footers?	No	Q-003018	Kristen	05/12/25
9	Can we include hyperlinks within the proposal?	No	Q-003018	Kristen	05/12/25
10	The second bullet under Item b under Project Approach Narrative (Page 6 of proposal) requests information on the overall approach to "architectural services". Is this a typo? Seems like this might be "archeological services" or some other service?	"architectural services" should have been deleted and replaced with "contaminant source tracing services".	Q-003018	Rob	
11	Is or will the Port be coordinating with the City of Tacoma on this source tracing work?	Yes	Q-003018	Rob	
12	Has the Port already obtained and/or compiled some of the existing watershed and/or waterway data? If so, what format is in the data in (e.g., database)?	We don't have a database. Data will need to be compiled from various sources on a needed basis	Q-003018	Rob	
13	Does the Port anticipate potential evaluation of groundwater sources under this contract?	Unlikely	Q-003018	Rob	
14	The RFP specifies that compensation will be determined through negotiation of rates and fees prior to contract execution and also references submission of proposals to include compensation in a separate attachment. Can the Port please clarify whether it anticipates proposers to submit a detailed rate sheet or fee schedule as an attachment to the proposal at the time of submission? If so, would submission of this rate sheet satisfy the requirement for addressing compensation in the proposal?	See Addendum 1	Q-003017	Rob	