

**LDEQ ANSWERS TO PROPOSER QUESTIONS**  
**RFP No. 2012-06-3501**  
**“Analytical and Consulting Services, Laboratories A and B”**

LDEQ's answers to the following questions are intended to provide information to potential proposers questions to RFP No. 2012-06-3501.

Questions and answers that may potentially result in the disclosure of information from proposals of competing bidders will not be published.

**Question 1:** Can you provide a total expenditure for this contract for 2010 and 2011?

**LDEQ's answer:**

*Combined Expenditures to Laboratory A and Laboratory B for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010): \$523,981.32*

*Combined Expenditures to Laboratory A and Laboratory B for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011): \$449,471.18*

**Question 2:** Can you break out, how much of that work was from the petroleum spill in the gulf?

**LDEQ's answer:** None of the expenditures in the above answer to Question No. 1 were associated with the Mississippi Canyon 252 Oil Spill in the gulf.

**Question 3:** Can you give the number of sample pickups from each location given in the RFP for contract years 2010 and 2011?

**LDEQ's answer:** Sample pickups are on an as needed basis. Typically, every regional office gets approximately 3-5 visits per month, but more if needed. Refer to Attachment 1, Statement of Work, Section 2.6, Sample Pickup and Transport, for regional offices and designated pickup locations

There are typically heavier sample loads in Baton Rouge and New Orleans than the other regions since those are larger Department offices. Baton Rouge and New Orleans may sometimes get approximately 8-10 visits.

**Question 4:** Will LDEQ consider the shipping of samples or do they intend to have a dedicated pickup by laboratory personnel?

**LDEQ's answer:** The Proposer should have either laboratory personnel or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party courier service available for this contract. Shipping samples on a routine basis is not acceptable. For emergencies or case-by case, it might be necessary, but LDEQ shipping samples should not be used as a continual option.