

**LDEQ ANSWERS TO PROPOSERS QUESTIONS  
RFP No. 2013-03-3501  
“Radiological Analysis and Consulting Services”**

LDEQ’s answers to the following questions are intended to provide information to potential proposers questions to RFP No. 2013-03-3501.

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and answers that may potentially result in the disclosure of information from proposals of competing bidders will not be published.

**Question 1: RFP Section 1.9 Trial Period** - If multiple facilities are proposed to conduct the analysis for one Proposer, is each facility subject to the trial period requirements?

**LDEQ’s answer:** Yes, each facility is subject to the trial period requirements. The trial period shall be waived if the facility is currently LELAP accredited for the test(s) and can provide proof of accreditation as stated in RFP Part III, Section 3.2.3 Scope of Services.

**Question 2: RFP Section 1.10 Resources** - Are variances from any preparation or analysis method reference or specified equipment defined in the LDEQ SOPs allowed?

**LDEQ’s answer:** Any method variations shall meet the Minimum Detectable Activity (MDA) Values per Attachment 1, Statement of Work Section 2.4 and Exhibit 1. Method or equipment deviations, variances, or modifications shall be described in proposals for Department review and consideration and shall be used only with prior written approval by the Department. Alternate methods shall be indicated in Attachment 2, Schedule of Prices in the column provided for that purpose.

**Question 3: SOW Section 2.6 Sample Pickup and Transport** – Is sample shipment via Federal Express an option if the subcontractor account number is provided in lieu of sample pick-up at each location?

**LDEQ’s answer:** Yes, sample shipment via Federal Express is acceptable, with exceptions to be made by the Department. Certain situations may require expedited shipment and handling which the Contractor shall be responsible for all charges. In the case of a radiological incident, the Contractor shall provide a local courier service to expedite the turnaround time and volume of samples collected. If a major incident were to occur, the Department shall need same day turnaround and could not lose a day in transit.