

# Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East

## Request for Qualifications for Geotechnical Engineering and Testing Services for the SLFPA-E

### Addendum No. 1 June 3, 2019 Questions / Answers

- Q: We are submitting on the GEO and Testing RFQ but have a question regarding DBE participation. I know it is encouraged, but is there a percentage requirement or goal?
- A: DBE participation is encouraged however the percentage of participation is left up to the consultant firm / team.
- Q: Can a prime geotechnical firm submitting SOQ to SLFPA-E for geotechnical services also be a subcontractor for another firm's SOQ submittal?
- A: No. A firm submitting as the Prime consultant cannot submit on another team as a sub-consultant on the same RFQ.
- Q: Under the scope of services, subcontracting can be 49% or less, or 51% of the work should be performed by the prime consultant. On projects that require extensive field work, this requirement could preclude firms that subcontract drilling services. Is the intent of SLFPA-E to limit this contract only to firms that offer in-house drilling capabilities?
- A: The intent of the requirement for subcontracting 49% or less, is to ensure that the largest percent of the work/responsibility remain with the prime contractor. This was not intended to exclude firms without in-house drilling capabilities.
- Q: Can certified laboratories outside of the State of Louisiana be used to perform laboratory services?
- A: Yes, as long as the laboratories have and maintain the proper certifications, and industry standards are implemented for the handling, preservation, and transport of samples including chain of custody protocols.

- Q: In terms of the “Past Performance” ranking criteria, does this apply only to SLFPA-E projects by the prime contractor, or can the experience of the firm’s employees on previous flood control projects in southeast Louisiana be considered?
- A: **Project experience of the firm’s employees in Southeast Louisiana will be considered along with the Past Performance of the firm, or prime and sub-consultant team on similar contracts.**

**END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1**