

**Request for Expression of Interest:
Shelter At Home - Repair Services for Disaster Grants
111PUR-16003**

Addendum 4: Additional Response to Questions 15-150

Response to Questions (GOHSEP's response to each question follows the question):

- 15. Central hvac unit repair what is to be repaired, the sizes, motors and fans vary depending on unit?**

The extent of repair is as necessary to return the unit to safe operation.

- 16. What is to be replaced with central hvac replacement? Again the sizes vary along with prices depending on the size.**

The extent of replacement is as necessary to return the residence to a functioning shelter.

- 17. On Pg. 15, Mold Remediation: Will a final mold clearance be required by the contractor?**

Yes, the contractor will need to certify a clean residence in accordance with industry standards.

- 18. On Pg. 15, Hazardous Material Identification: Will the Program provide the contractor an Asbestos Survey or Lead Based Paint Risk Assessment prior to construction?**

No, program includes single family, owner occupied residences and as such, Asbestos Surveys and Lead Based Paint Risk Assessments are not available.

- 19. On Pg. 18, line 7: Who is responsible use for providing the electronic tablets? -Contractor or Program Manager?**

The contractor is responsible for providing the electronic tablets as necessary

- 20. On Pg. 21, Reference #12: Could you provide more description?**

All demolished debris and contents not salvageable by the owner shall be removed to the street right of way based on a unit of measure of Cubic Yard.

- 21. How many days are allowed for construction? (pg. 2 of The Program Guidance specifies completion within 60 days of Right of Entry being signed but pg. 35 of the contract has a fillable line for construction duration)**

In that the number of residences is unknown, the overall contract time is not yet determined.

- 22. Are there any liquidated damages? (pg. 35 of the contract has a fillable line for penalty amount)**

This will be negotiated with successful respondent during contract negotiations, in consultation with the State's program management contract.

- 23. Can the electrician and plumber and HVAC self-certify?**

Certifications shall be provided by licensed contractors.

- 24. Do they (electrician/plumber/HVAC) have to pull permits?**

All requirements of the Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) must be met.

- 25. Do we need building permits to start these jobs?**

All requirements of the Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) must be met.

- 26. For clarification purposes, you need (8) copies of the technical portion and only (2) copies of the costs response which should be separate from the technical response and labeled as Attachment 1,—is this correct?**

Correct. See, page 4, IV, Expression of Interest Response Instructions.

- 27. As far as the redacted copy of the entire proposal, what all needs to be redacted?**

This is at the proposer's discretion. If a response contains confidential information or proprietary information that respondent wants to avoid disclosing under the Public Records Act, a redacted version is required. Respondent should also comply with the other directives on page 4.

- 28. The document states we must sign and submit a certification statement shown in Attachment III, I don't see attachment III—should this be attachment IV?**

Yes. The Certification Statement is Attachment IV.

- 29. On Attachment 1 Cost Response; Ref. No. 5, Ref. No. 6 and Ref. No. 7 reference "Highest Quantity times Unit Price" in the Unit Price Extension column, can you please define Highest Quantity? Is this a Cap Rate Price?**

The term "highest" is an error. Remove "Highest".

- 30. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 11 Dehumidifier (500 Square Feet), the unit of measure is "each", Is "each" referencing 500 square feet? i.e. 1500 sf house would be 3 units of measure?**

Equipment necessary in order to dehumidify 500 square foot

- 31. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 25 Central HVAC Unit Replacement, the unit of measure is “each”, does “each” reflect 1 ton?**

Yes, the unit of measure of “each” references 1 ton.

- 32. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 43 Handicapped Ramp, Replace, the unit of measure is “each”, does “each” reflect linear feet?**

The unit of measure should be changed to “linear feet”.

- 33. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 51 Water Supply, Decontaminate, Water well testing and decontamination?**

If the residence is serviced by private water well, any necessary decontamination is required.

- 34. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No.12 Interior Debris, Remove to Street Right of Way, the unit of measure is “each”, is this a flat fee to remove all interior debris?**

All demolished debris and contents not salvageable by the owner shall be removed to the street right of way based on a unit of measure of Cubic Yard.

- 35. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 31, Ref. No. 32, Ref No. 33 Cabinet, Interior, Remove and Re-install, Sink, Bathroom, Re-Install, and Sink, Kitchen, Re-install, are we to re-install wet damaged cabinets in the kitchen and bathroom?**

Wet, damaged cabinets shall not be re-installed. Installation of new base cabinets is to only be provided as necessary for one lavatory and one kitchen sink.

- 36. Is Certified Payroll required?**

No. See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 8.

- 37. In reference to “REDACTED COPY”, if our entire Response is considered Private, Personal, Proprietary and Confidential, are we to print that information on every page of the response of the Submittal?**

No proposal is to be marked private, personal, or proprietary in its entirety. As a public RFEI, the responses will be deemed subject to the Public Records Act. Specific pages of the proposal may be marked as confidential or proprietary, if respondent believes they fall within the exceptions to the Public Records Act. See page 4, IV and La. R.S. 44:1 et seq for more information.

- 38. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 17, Electrical Main Panel, Clean and Repair: Define extent of repair**

The extent of repair is as necessary to return the unit to safe operation.

- 39. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 22 Electrical Disconnect Box, Clean and Repair: Define extent of repair**

The extent of repair is as necessary to return the unit to safe operation.

- 40. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 24 Central HVAC Unit Repair: Define extent of repair**

The extent of repair is as necessary to return the unit to safe operation.

- 41. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 36 Water Heater, Inspect and test, return to service: define return to service**

Return to service means safe, proper operation, unit still functional.

- 42. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 37 Water Heater, Inspect and Test, Repair: To what extent do we repair?**

The extent of repair is as necessary to return the unit to safe operation.

- 43. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 47 Access Porch, Replace Define replace. Is this a linear foot price?**

The unit of measure should be changed to "square foot".

- 44. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 52 Septic Drain Field, Replace: Unit of measure is each, should it be size? What type of septic drain?**

Unit of measure is "each" and is to be considered for an average single family residence

- 45. On Attachment 1 Cost Response: Ref. No. 57 Window Unit: How many BTU'S?**

The unit should be sized as a nominal 8,000 BTU.

- 46. The Sample Contract Section V.F requires Contractor to provide Builder's Risk Insurance for the Task Order. BR Insurance will only cover the costs of the work performed under this contract and will not cover the costs associated with damage to the existing structure. Please confirm that exiting structure and work that is to remain is not to be covered in Contractor's BR Policy and shall be covered by existing Homeowner Policy for each residence.**

The State does not intend the Builder's Risk policy to cover pre-existing damage to the residence. The State cannot address what insurance each homeowner may or may not have.

47. **Attachment III – Insurance Requirements call for Professional Liability. This work does not include Design Services, therefore please clarify the need for Professional Liability Insurance. If intent is to cover completed work, then Completed Operations coverage would be applicable as opposed to Professional Liability Coverage**

Professional Liability will not be required. See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 3.

48. **Attachment III – Insurance Requirements call for Cyber Liability – This insurance is not commonplace in Construction Contracts. Please clarify/confirm the need for this insurance coverage.**

Contractor may have access to confidential homeowner information on occasion. Cyber liability coverage can be addressed during contract negotiation with successful respondents.

49. **Unit prices are based on scope of work items. How will contractor be reimbursed / paid for General Conditions items not included in unit prices such as supervision, project management, computers/tablets, trucks, fuel, small tools, expendables....?**

Contractor unit pricing is to be inclusive of all expenses the contractor may bear. “The proposed rates shall be inclusive of all materials, labor, fees, permits, overtime, travel, expenses, fuel or any other cost to provide the service. No additional cost will be paid by the State. See, p. 8, Cost Information.

50. **For unit price #'s 1, 2, &3 please confirm that each means for each house/residence.**

“Each” refers to each house/residence.

51. **For unit price # 12 - Interior Debris, Remove to Street Right of Way. We assume that this unit price is based on per Residence. Please confirm that all debris is to be brought to curb and will be hauled off by others (i.e. cost for haul off not included in this Contract)**

This contractor will only remove debris to the street right of way and will be hauled off by others.

52. **For unit price #'s 14 and 15 – Replace electrical receptacles and switches. Electrical subcontractor needs a minimum quantity to base price upon other than per 1 receptacle. For example if scope of work is limited to replacing minimal number of outlets in a residence then the unit price per outlet would be much higher due to costs associated with travel to residence and labor efficiency to perform multiple replacements in one location rather than few replacements over several residences.**

In accordance with the scope of work, each residence shall have at least 6 working receptacles.

- 53. Unit Price #43 – Handicap Ramp Replace. Please provide length and height for estimating purposes.**

The unit of measure shall be changed to “linear feet”.

- 54. Unit Price # 45 – Window, Glass Replace – Provide size of window for estimating purposes. Single glass or insulated glass?**

Type of replacement is to be single glazed based on a unit of square feet.

- 55. Unit Price # 46 – Window, Replace – Provide size and type of window**

Replacement windows are to be single hung, single glazed, vinyl and based on a unit of square feet.

- 56. Unit Price # 47 – Access Porch, Replace. Provide description of construction and size of porch to replace.**

Contractor to provide minimal construction to provide safe access to the residence based on a unit of square feet.

- 57. Unit Price # 49 – Water Well Surface Pump Replace – Provide size of pump. Assume that electrical will remain existing and not be replaced as part of this unit price.**

Size is to be suitable for minimal use as a shelter. Any electrical repairs shall be as required.

- 58. Unit Price # 51 – Water Supply, Decontaminate – Provide additional details as to the scope of work in this unit price.**

If the residence is serviced by private water well, any necessary decontamination is required.

- 59. Unit Price # 52 – Septic Drain Field, Replace - Provide additional details as to the scope of work in this unit price.**

Unit of measure is “each” and is to be considered for an average single family residence.

- 60. Unit Price # 53 – Sewer Line, Auger - Provide additional details as to the scope of work in this unit price.**

Auger to provide function and the unit of measure is linear foot.

- 61. Unit Price # 54 – Sewage Ejector Pump, Replace - Provide size of pump. Assume that electrical will remain existing and not be replaced as part of this unit price.**

Size is to be suitable for minimal use as a shelter. Any electrical repairs shall be as required.

- 62. Unit Price # 57 – Window Unit – Assume that this is intended to be a Window Mounted HVAC Unit – Please confirm. If intended to be Window Mounted HVAC Unit – provide size. Also confirm that power requirements for window unit are not included in this unit price and are either existing or included in other unit price.**

Yes, it is intended to be a window mounted 8,000 BTU unit utilizing existing electrical circuits.

- 63. Provide estimated number of homes anticipated to be awarded to each Contractor as the basis for unit cost pricing.**

It is not possible to determine an approximate number of homes to be awarded to each contractor.

- 64. Is each home going to be issued as a separate Task Order or will multiple properties be included in a task order?**

It is anticipated that multiple properties will be assigned in a task order.

- 65. Sample Contract Paragraph II.C provides for liquidated damages for failure to complete task order in the agreed upon prescribed time. Please provide figure for liquidated damages.**

This will be negotiated with successful respondent during contract negotiations, in consultation with the State's program management contract.

- 66. Are sales taxes to be figured into unit prices and if so please clarify which parish to use as basis for sales tax percentage.**

If respondent wants to be reimbursed for sales taxes, then he should include this cost in his unit pricing. Unit prices must be all inclusive. See, Question 50. Respondent must determine where his purchases of materials will be made and the applicable sales tax.

- 67. Due to requirements within the RFEI, the costs for IT Equipment/Support, Insurance, Bonding, Field Offices, etc will be significant. Will the State consider additional line items for mobilization and demobilization?**

No.

- 68. The current price listing is limited to specific construction tasks. Will the State consider additional line items for project management/oversight per house?**

No. A project management contractor is being engaged through a separate contract. Project management is not within the scope of this RFEI.

- 69. Due to past experiences with similar programs, scope assessments and/or scope verifications are normally performed by the Contractor. Will the State consider an additional line item for the creation and/or verification of each scope assessment performed by the Contractor?**

No. See, Question 68, above.

- 70. As this will be a high visibility and high volume rapid repair program, some may view it as an opportunity for class action cases/settlements. The current indemnity language is one sided in favor of the State. So long as Contractor performs in accordance with SAH Program requirements, will the State please consider mutual indemnification language to protect and defend Contractors?**

This can be discussed with successful respondents during contract negotiations.

- 71. Section VII mentions the scope for Mold remediation will be determined by the Program Manager. It also has specific language requiring any such work performed by the Contractor to be affirmed as “clean” per industry standards. Will the Program Manager be responsible for confirming the Mold remediation work meets the definition of “clean”? Will State and Program Manager indemnify Contractor for this work?**

The contractor will confirm the property is clean in accordance with industry standards. The State and Program Manager will not indemnify the Contractor.

- 72. The State allows for monthly invoices and will make reasonable efforts to pay within 30 days. Does the State consider this Program to be a “pay when paid” with respect to sub-contractor payments? Or will Contractor be required to fund sub-contractors and suppliers for an extended period of time?**

The Shelter at Home Program is not a “pay when paid” program.

- 73. Due to past experiences, Contractors must have significant working capital to fund a program of this size. What level of working capital reserves are required for a Contractor to demonstrate adequate financial capacity to participate in this Program?**

In determining a contractor’s responsibility, evidence of the ability to obtain the performance and payment bond should be indicia of a contractor’s capacity to perform the contract. See also Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 2.

- 74. What is the bonding capacity required for P&P Bond? Is a Bid Bond also required?**

A bid bond is not required. A performance and payment bond in the amount of \$750,000.00 is required. The State reserves the right to increase the amount of the performance and payment bond. The amount of the performance and payment bond required does not constitute a guarantee of a minimum contract price.

- 75. For homes covered for builder's risk flood exposure by the NFIP, the RFEI calls for the contractor to be responsible for the \$5,000 deductible. Considering this alone represents 33% of the \$15K per home maximum, will the State consider removing this requirement of Contractors? To that end, will State consider removing all insurance required of Contractor with the exception Builders Risk?**

The State will remove Professional Liability coverage. Cyber liability will be negotiated with successful respondent during contract negotiations. With regard to flood insurance requirements, see Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 11.

- 76. How will prior damage assessments be determined as it relates to necessary coverage amounts and what the individual carriers, including NFIP, are contractually responsible for covering?**

The damage assessments are to be conducted by the Program Manager and are not within with the scope of service of this contract.

- 77. Professional Liability coverage will be carried by any professional consultants used as a part of our team. Will their insurance be acceptable to meet this requirement?**

Yes. See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 3.

- 78. Cyber Liability coverage is not a normal coverage in this industry? Is there an ability to waive that requirement?**

This can be discussed with successful respondents during contract negotiations.

- 79. For coverages not evidenced by our current insurance package, but ultimately required by the final versions of this RFEI, can those coverages be purchased upon contract award?**

Respondents should provide evidence of the ability to obtain the performance and payment bond by 10 a.m. CT, Monday, August 29, 2016. Proof of other coverage can be provided by successful respondents upon contract award.

- 80. Has there been consideration to creating a CCIP/OCIP insurance program to provide the required coverages? In light of the rapid progression of this work relative to the small per home price, economies of scale could be achieved.**

No.

81. **Cost line item #4 – This line item asks for a unit price to remove floor covering. It states that water absorbing (i.e. carpet/pad) be removed, and other floors that remain usable be left in place. Can we add an additional line item for removal of vinyl/tile floors also?**

No, a single line item for flooring material is deemed sufficient.

82. **Cost line item #9 – This line item deals with wall insulation. Shall we assume R13 wall insulation?**

Yes, R-13 shall be provided as a minimum.

83. **Cost line item #10 – This line item deals with floor insulation. Shall we assume R38 floor insulation?**

No, the minimum shall be R-19

84. **Cost line item #12 – This line item deals with interior debris removal. The unit of measure is “each”. Can it be changed to cubic yards?**

Yes, all demolished debris and contents not salvageable by the owner shall be removed to the street right of way based on a unit of measure of Cubic Yard.

85. **Cost line item #13 – What exactly is this Clean and Sanitize line item for? Can the unit of measure be changed to square foot?**

Clean and sanitize as needed by industry standards for specific construction components not removed to provide for safe return to the home.

86. **Cost line item #23 – This line item deals with testing of the central HVAC unit. Is this a duplication of Cost item #3? If not, please clarify the distinction.**

Item number 3 is for an entire system, while number 23 is for an HVAC unit.

87. **Cost line item #25 – This line item deals with the replacement of the central HVAC unit. The unit of measure is “Each”. Can the unit of measure be changed to “tonnage”? Is there a specific brand and/or SEER rating required?**

The unit of measure is each, represented by one ton. The minimum SEER should be 12.

88. **Cost Item # 27 - Is this for metal ducts only? As it's more cost effective to remove and replace flex ducts, can we add an additional line item for this specific task?**

The intention is to clean metal ducts only. An additional line item will not be included for flex ducts.

89. **Cost line item #36 AND #37 – These line items both deal with inspecting/testing/repairing the water heater, just worded slightly different. Are these duplications? If not, please clarify the distinction.**

Number 36 deals with undamaged, and number 37 deals with minor repairs as necessary.

90. **Cost line item #38 – This line item deals with inspecting/testing/replacing the water heater (40 gallon max). How does this line item differ from line items #36 and #37?**

Number 36 deals with undamaged, and number 37 deals with minor repairs as necessary. Number 38 deals with replacement.

91. **Cost line item #43 – The unit of measure is “Each”. Handicap Ramps can vary in length depending on the height of the home(s). Could we change this unit of measure to linear foot?**

The unit of measure shall be changed to “linear foot”.

92. **Cost line item #45 – This line item deals with window glass replacement. The unit of measure is “Each”. Window glass replacement will vary in size depending on the overall size of the window(s). Could we change this unit of measure to be by square foot?**

Type of replacement is to be single glazed based on a unit of square feet.

93. **Cost line item #46 – This line item deals with window replacement. The unit of measure is “Each”. Window replacement will vary in size depending on the overall size of the window(s). Could we change this unit of measure to be by square foot?**

Replacement windows are to be single hung, single glazed, vinyl and based on a unit of square feet.

94. **Cost line item #47 – This line item deals with access porch replacement. The unit of measure is “Each”. These will vary in size per home. Could we change the unit of measure to be by square footage?**

Yes, unit of measure is square foot.

95. **Cost line item #53 – This line item deals with sewer line trenching. The unit of measure is “Each”. Could we change this unit of measure to be by linear foot?**

Yes, the unit of measure is changed to linear foot.

96. **Cost line item #57 – This line item deals with a window unit. Please clarify what size window unit you expect to capture in this line item.**

The minimum size is 8,000 BTU.

97. **Regarding gas lines and houses that previously had gas service. Staying with gas will make a difference in pricing the water heater and range replacements. If a home previously had gas service will the appliances (water heater and range) stay gas, or will they be changed to electric?**

The type of utility service will remain the same.

98. **Section B - Will any portion of the materials or labor be considered tax exempt?**

No.

99. **Section B - Any waiver of building permit requirements for this emergency Program?**

All requirements of the Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) must be met.

100. **Section C – Please clarify the proposed per diem penalty amount.**

This will be discussed with successful respondents during contract negotiations.

101. **Section B – Termination provision should include a notice and opportunity to cure in favor of Contractor. Recommend 14 days advance notice and opportunity prior to termination becoming effective.**

This may be negotiated with successful respondents if a contract is awarded.

102. **Regarding Indemnities. Contractor should not be expected to indemnify the State and the homeowners for this type of emergency response project. Contractor should receive protections from the State in connection with this Program, not the other way around.**

This question does not require a response.

103. **For bonding purposes, do you have an estimate of the anticipated dollar value of the contract?**

No. Multiple contracts will be awarded and work will be task order based.

104. **Description of Program Page 3 states “...the State reserves the right to adjust workloads among the contractors on a weekly basis depending on performance, until all properties enlisted in the program are complete.” Confirm specific contract terms will be mutually agreed to address the States concern regarding this matter. Maintaining proper management and labor when estimated revenues are changing on a “weekly basis” will be extremely difficult to manage without knowing specific durations / timelines for scope increase and decrease.**

This will be discussed with successful respondents during contact negotiations.

- 105. Description of Program Page 3 states “...Assignments of work orders will be made by the Program Management Contractor to various contracts...”. Please outline how the contractor selection process will be handled when issuing assignments? Will it be simply preference or will there be some sort of review criteria and selection board?**

The process will be determined by the State’s contracted Program Manager in conjunction with the State. It is anticipated that work would be allocated based on geography, as multiple parishes are impacted, and the contractor’s ability to quickly mobilize and complete work.

- 106. How will State and FEMA financial auditing be conducted?**

Auditing will be conducted in accordance with State and Federal law.

- 107. Will certified payroll be required, although unit price driven?**

No. See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 8.

- 108. Program states work shall be performed in accordance with prevailing wage. Please provide the prevailing wage rates / determination for this program.**

See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 1.

- 109. Will labor cost justification be required (e.g. submission and acceptance of labor and burden / fringe rates)? If so, please advise what burdens / fringes will be reimbursed?**

See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 1.

- 110. Will this program be tax exempt?**

No.

- 111. Unit Pricing:**

- a) REF NO. 1 - Please indicate the range in property sizes. Confirm inspections will start / stop at utility provider demarcation point**

Property sizes are various sizes and it is not possible to determine the range of sizes assigned to contractors by task order. Inspections will start/stop at the utility provider demarcation point.

- b) REF NO. 2 – Please indicate the range in property sizes. Confirm inspections will start / stop at utility provider demarcation point.**

Property sizes are various sizes and it is not possible to determine the range of sizes assigned to contractors by task order. Inspections will start/stop at the utility provider demarcation point

c) REF NO. 3 – Please indicate the range in property sizes.

Property sizes are various sizes and it is not possible to determine the range of sizes assigned to contractors by task order.

d) REF NO. 4 – Please confirm all flooring types or soft flooring only. (Soft flooring = carpet, vinyl and etc.)

The intent is to remove all “water-absorbing” flooring.

e) REF NO. 9 – Please confirm thickness and R-value assumptions

R-13

f) REF NO. 10 – Please confirm thickness and R-value assumptions

R-19

g) REF NO. 12 – Confirm removal and disposal from right of way is by others.

This contractor will only remove debris to the street right of way and will be hauled off by others.

h) Electrical systems – by modifying electrical systems, will the contractor be forced / responsible to bring properties up to most recent code compliance

Any new work must be in accordance with code. It is not the intent to bring the entire property up to current code.

112. Who approves the work? The Homeowner or the Assessor?

The Project Management vendor and associated inspector will approve the work.

113. In the event the Assessor approves the Work, if the Assessor is unavailable for a period of time due to the volume of homes to inspect, will there be an equitable adjustment in time and funding to compensate Contractor?

This is not anticipated to be an issue. The Program Manager is responsible for managing the workload in a timely manner.

114. Will building permits be required? If so, will fees be waived or will the Contractor be responsible for said permit?

See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 4. Any fees required by governmental entities will be reimbursed to the contractor at actual expense, without markup, upon verified documentation of the expense paid by Contractor.

- 115. For properties with no utilities (electric, gas, water...etc) who will have the responsibility for executing the required notices and permits? If there is no requirement to obtain permits, will Contractor be responsible to coordinate with Utility Companies to turn on power, gas, water...etc? In the event Utility Companies are delayed due to the volume of homes, will the Contractor be compensated for associated delays?**

Yes, the contractor will be responsible to coordinate with the Authority Having Jurisdiction for the restoration of service. The contractor will not be compensated for delays associated with the coordination with the AHJ.

- 116. Will a Use and Occupancy certificate and/or a Mold Certificate be required? Will the Contractor be required to obtain said Use and Occupancy and/or Mold certificate?**

The contractor is responsible for any required Use and Occupancy certificate as required by the AHJ and Mold Certification by industry standards.

- 117. The contract requires Builder's Risk for the "entire work" but the work is as yet, undefined and the full scope is unknown. Please advise if Builder's Risk Insurance can be limited to commercial structures once identified on a case by case basis.**

See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 10.

- 118. The contract requires that "the contractor will be liable for the \$5,000 deductible on the NFIP policy from the Notice to Proceed date through the Notice of Final Acceptance date of the project." Is it the Owner's intention to require Contractor to pay 5,000.00 per house to the NFIP program?**

See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 11.

- 119. Will there be a "final acceptance" requirement through FEMA for each and every single structure receiving services?**

The Program Manager will finally accept the work performed on each structure in accordance with FEMA and State program guidance.

- 120. In the event labor and materials resources in the region become scarce and prices increase, will the State issue a Change Order to address the difference in wages and materials?**

No change orders are anticipated or desired.

- 121. The contract specifies that the Contractor shall pay “all applicable taxes” in the execution of the Work. Is it the State’s intention that the Contractor pay Sales Taxes in the remediation of the damaged homes?**

No. Contractor must provide materials and sales taxes are applicable on those purchases.

- 122. The Contract requires Contractor’s adherence to energy efficiency standards and policies in accordance with the State Energy Conservation Plan. Since the Work to be conducted is to put a home merely in a “habitable” condition, such energy efficiency requirements could not be adhered to with the current scope as presented. Please advise if the State will demand adherence to the energy efficiency standards in accordance with the State Energy Conservation Plan?**

The State will not demand adherence to the energy efficiency standards in accordance with the State Energy Conservation Plan.

- 123. Will the properties electrical service, wiring etc. need to be brought up to current NEC codes?**

Any new work must be installed in accordance with code. It is not the intent to bring the entire property up to current code.

- 124. Is Ref Item #17 asking to change out the complete service or just the main breaker?**

The intent is not to change out the service, but rather only make minor repairs to provide for safe intended use as a shelter.

- 125. If any electrical items such as Electrical service, disconnects, etc. were flooded should these items be replaced?**

The electrical contractor shall install/repair items as per requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

- 126. What should we do with the existing branch wiring that was exposed to flooded waters?**

The contractor shall install/repair items as per requirements of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

- 127. Should we make and repairs to the existing lighting if found inoperable?**

The scope requires lighting to be provided for essential shelter areas of the home.

- 128. On the unit price form reference number 31 cabinet interior removed and re-installed. Is this a new cabinet or re-installation of the old cabinet?**

Wet, damaged cabinets shall not be re-installed. Installation of new base cabinets is to only be provided as necessary for one lavatory and one kitchen sink.

- 129. On the unit price from reference 32 sink bathroom, re-install. Is this a re-installation of the old sink?**

The intent is to reuse existing fixtures.

- 130. Will Professional Liability Insurance be required? There would be no design services provided in this contract.**

No.

- 131. There is not a Unit Cost Line Item for Mold Remediation however on Pg. 15 of the Package it states that the Program Manager may determine if Mold Remediation is to be performed on a structure and in the instance that it has to be performed, it will be the Contractors Responsibility to perform and determine the structure clean/sanitized.**

This statement is correct.

- 132. Should Mold Remediation cost be included in the Clean/Sanitize Line Item?**

No, mold remediation shall be performed as directed by the Program Manager.

- 133. Is the project sales tax exempt? Will the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?**

No.

- 134. Is a bid bond required? Bondability letter good enough? Need to have a project size range for a bid bond.**

No bid bond is required. Respondents should provide evidence of the ability to obtain the performance any payment bond by 10 a.m. CT, on Monday, August 29, 2016.

- 135. Is there a minimum contract guarantee? Minimum dollar amount per project/house?**

No.

- 136. Will the Government provide comprehensive badging requirements? Is it required to have background checks on all personnel?**

All requirements will be in accordance with FEMA and State program guidance and State law, including the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551 et seq.).

137. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?

As available in driveways and on-street. Blocking of street shall not be allowed.

138. Has the work area been checked for asbestos? What is the Governments' policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction? Abatement – lead, asbestos, mold, Chinese drywall, etc.?

No, program includes single family, owner occupied residences and as such, Asbestos Surveys, Lead Based Paint Risk Assessments, mold and Chinese drywall surveys are not available.

139. Is the respondent to provide one or two electronic redacted copies? Both quantities are stated on page 4.

The respondent should provide one (1) electronic redacted copies on a flash drive or CD.

140. Do we need to submit a copy of our LA GC license?

Yes.

141. Pg. 28, Ref. 45&46 Window Glass Replace – What size windows? What type of window?

Type of replacement is to be single glazed based on a unit of square feet. Replacement windows are to be single hung, single glazed, vinyl and based on a unit of square feet.

142. Pg. 25, Ref. 29 Door Interior – what size?

If interiors are determined to be replaced by the Program Manager, the size will be to match existing, assumed to be less than or equal to 36”.

143. Pg. 24, Ref. 24 Central HVAC Unit Repair – Which parts? Any brand?

The extent of repair is as necessary to return the unit to safe operation. Any parts required to return the unit to service.

144. Pg. 24, Ref. 25 – Central HVAC Unit Replacement – What size? 1-ton, 2-ton, 3-ton? What manufacturer? What SEER rating?

The unit of measure is each, represented by one ton. The minimum SEER should be 12.

- 145. See all line items – similar questions. What brand? What size? Can we have some guidance on how you would like to receive pricing?**

The line items shall be priced as described based on unit measures indicated and as clarified in this addendum.

- 146. Pg. 8 #3 Will the contractor be handling monies? Is the Program Manager not doing this?**

No third party funds will be handled by Contactor.

- 147. Can we submit via FedEx? Will Christina Dayries be available to receive the package on Saturday? How should this be addressed?**

Christina Dayries or a GOHSEP representative will be available to receive the package Saturday. Respondent should consult with delivery vendors to ensure timely delivery. Address is provided on page 5 of the RFEI.

- 148. What is the construction submittal process? What is the turnaround time?**

This is to be determined by the Program Manager

- 149. Pg. 18 #11 What is the wage rate determination for this project?**

See Addendum No. 2, GOHSEP Response to Question 1.

- 150. Do we need to provide a Builder's Risk insurance proof of verification/quote at the time of submission?**

This can be provided by successful respondents upon notice of selection.