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To: All Prospective Bidders

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Subject: Addendum #1 to IFB 21-014 Furnish and Deliver As Needed Virgin Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)

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The purpose of this Addendum is to answer questions received by the specified deadline. The bid due date has not changed.

## **I. Questions and Answers**

### **1. QUESTION:**

“Section 2.2.C – The spec calls for bituminous coal with suitable binders. Please confirm that the GAC media must be made via thermal re-agglomeration process for maximum capacity and durability?”

**ANSWER:**

Section 2.2.C gives enough detail of the GAC specification to allow the products in 2.2.A and possible “or equal” materials, without unduly limiting the manufacturing techniques.

### **2. QUESTION:**

“Section 2.2 – Please confirm that the list of GAC media supplier and type in Section 2.2.A are approved without having to take exception to any particular parameter listed in Section 2.2.D table?”

**ANSWER:**

The GAC products listed by name in 2.2.A have been evaluated by FW to have typical properties sufficient for the proposed application and are approved without the Bidder having to take exception. However, the Bidder must still submit a GAC sample and COA for the physical properties required by Section 2.2.E.

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3. QUESTION:

“Section 2.2.F – Can a GAC media be approved for acceptance as an “or equal” by means of a typical properties certificate of analysis?”

ANSWER:

As per 2.2.F, a GAC supplier proposing an “or equal” product (i.e., product not listed in 2.2.A) must submit a COA that includes ALL the parameters in Table 2.2.D. The sample provided will be tested to confirm it meets the submitted COA and the typical parameters.

4. QUESTION:

“Is there a preference or additional consideration given to GAC that is mined and/or manufactured in the United States?”

ANSWER:

No.

5. QUESTION:

“Our company is interested in bidding on the above-subject bid. However, on page 25 of the bid package, it requests us to provide an identification number from Virginia State Corporation Commission. Our company is located in the State of (REDACTED) and we have a Business Certificate to do business in (REDACTED). Are we exempt from having to register in Virginia. If not, can you please provide the website to do this?”

ANSWER:

See Section 3.2 of the IFB. Bidders should to consult with their own legal counsel to determine the proper response or the necessary actions to meet this Commonwealth of Virginia requirement. The Virginia State Corporation Commission website is:

<https://www.scc.virginia.gov/>

6. QUESTION:

“Our company is interested in bidding on the above-subject bid. However, on page 25 of the bid package, it requests bidder to provide an identification number from Virginia State Corporation Commission. This is a bid to furnish and deliver GAC, not for physical work to be done in the State of Virginia. Are we required to have a VSCC number? If so, can you please provide the website so that we may register.”

ANSWER:

See response to Question 5.

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7. QUESTION:

“Under 1.11 on the bid, please clarify percentage preference to do business with Virginia.”

ANSWER:

Virginia does not offer a contract award preference for residents of Virginia except in cases where the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is a resident of a state that does offer their resident contractors a percentage preference. In that circumstance, Virginia would apply the same percentage preference to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who is a resident of Virginia and is the next lowest bidder. If the lowest bidder is a resident contractor of a state with an absolute preference, the bid preference will not be considered.

8. QUESTION:

“Under 2.1 on the bid, installation of the virgin GAC filter media shall be by others, and under 2.5 Contractor shall comply with all regulations for tank/truck unloading as established by the US DOT, as well as any state and local requirements for tank/truck unloading.....So we as the contractor will be using a container to deliver the product to FW's site. Our question is, will FW perform the unloading from the delivery vehicle themselves with their forklift? We would pay for the unload, or would we the contractor be allowed to use FW's forklift to unload cargo to the ground? Will we the contractor need to provide our own forklift?”

ANSWER:

GAC media supplier’s pricing shall assume unloading of palletized supersacks to the ground by others (i.e., by trained FW personnel or FW-designated third party using a FW forklift).

9. QUESTION:

“Under 2.2 H on the bid, our manufacturer's facility is overseas. It is ISO 9001, 14001, 45001. Will you need us to provide any documents / certification / inspection for pre-approval by FW as a first-time bidder with you?”

ANSWER:

To be deemed responsive, Bidders must submit the required documentation as listed in Section 1.5 and on the Bid Submission Form. At their discretion, Bidders may also submit relevant background information to support their bid submission.

10. QUESTION:

“Under 3.15 on the bid, there is a 90-day minimum window for FW to award the bid. Does this mean the award date is at least 90 days after March 17, 2021?”

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ANSWER:

No. This section simply stipulates that bid submittals shall be valid for a minimum of 90-days and that bid submittals will be automatically renewed until such time as an award is made, or the Bidder gives proper notice to FW to withdraw their bid per the instructions in that section.

11. QUESTION:

“Under 3.25 on the bid, can we provide the insurance certificate before the award date, but provide proof that the insurance is under application procedures by March 17th?”

ANSWER:

Bidders are not required to provide a certificate of insurance until the offer of contract award is made. Final award will be contingent upon submittal of a certificate of insurance meeting the requirements of Section 3.25.

**NO OTHER QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE**

**II. Acknowledgement**

Acknowledge your receipt of, and compliance with, this Addendum by either signing the attached acknowledgement page, or referencing its receipt and your compliance, in your bid.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDUM # 1**

I certify that the information contained in the bid submitted on behalf of the below named firm incorporates any and all changes to the original specification. I further certify by my signature below, that I am fully authorized to acknowledge receipt of the above addendum and to bind the below named firm to the terms, conditions and specifications of the IFB and any changes thereto made by this addendum.

**ACKNOWLEDGED BY:**

**FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Authorized Agent

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