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Marine Oil Spill Prevention & Response Grant COMMBUYS Bid# BD-21-1045-BWSC0-BWSC1-55463 MassDEP's Official Answers to Questions

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is posting these Official Answers to the Questions that were received by the October 20, 2020 deadline set forth in the Marine Oil Spill Prevention & Response Grant Procurement Calendar.

Q1. My submission will involve personnel from Nuka/Moran or both providing a lecture during regular business hours. Would there be any cost associated to this, or would it be considered a part of the usual activities of these contractors?

A1. Any costs for contractors should be included as part of your grant application.

Q2-a. I am working with a commercial fishing company out of New Bedford and they would like to apply to this program to purchase oil skimmers and holding tanks for a few of their commercial scallop vessels. Is that an eligible project?

A2-a. MassDEP's grant review team will evaluate proposed projects against the eligibility requirements and the evaluation criteria provided in the Grant Announcement. Applicants should describe how their proposed project meets both the eligibility requirements and the evaluation criteria, and must include a clear explanation of the public benefit that will be achieved through the proposed project that makes it eligible for grant funding through this program.

Q2-b. Additionally, if this was eligible and they were to win, would all aspects of the project have to go through procurement? Purchase of the equipment/parts as well as the labor for installation? I ask because their company has the ability to install with their own employees, so I want to see if that is allowed or not.

A2-b. A non-public entity is not subject to the Commonwealth's procurement laws and would not be required to go through the public procurement process. However, applicants should note that this is a reimbursement-based grant and receipts and documentation will be required to

be submitted in support of all payment expenditure requests. Therefore, MassDEP recommends obtaining multiple quotes whenever possible to ensure best value. In addition, MassDEP encourages grant participant's in-kind contributions to project implementation services as part of the grant.

A municipality and/or other public entity that is already subject to the Commonwealth's public procurement requirements must follow all applicable procurement laws and regulations with respect to the expenditure of funds provided through this grant program.