



# **Request for Proposals for Environmental Services for Lead Hazard Control Reduction Grant**

## ***Responses to Written Inquiries from Proposers***

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The following questions were submitted to the LHC concerning the above-referenced Request for Proposals for Environmental Services for Lead Hazard Control Reduction Grant, originally published on January 23, 2020, along with Addendum #1 published on February 12, 2020 and Addendum #2, published on February 17, 2020.

1. There is no mention of a DBE requirement – is there a provision for the use of a DBE?

**Response: Yes. The LHC reserves points in the scoring section for participation of Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Entrepreneurships (Veteran Initiative) and Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative) as part of the Technical Evaluation. The inclusion of this scoring reservation was inadvertently left out of the RFP, but is appended below and has also been added to the RFP via Addendum, #2 – published on February 17, 2020.**

The State of Louisiana Veteran and Hudson Initiatives are designed to provide opportunities for Louisiana-based small entrepreneurships to participate in contracting and procurement with the State. Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned small entrepreneurships (LaVet) and Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative) small entrepreneurships are certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. Qualification requirements and online certification are available at <https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com>.

Ten percent (10%) of the total evaluation points on this RFP shall be reserved for proposers who are themselves a certified Veteran(LaVet) and/or Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship or who will engage the participation of one or more certified Veteran or Hudson Initiatives small entrepreneurships as subcontractors.

If a proposer is certified as a Hudson and a Veteran small entrepreneurship, the maximum points to be reserved is ten percent (10%) of the total evaluation points (15 points total).

If a proposer is not a certified Hudson or Veteran small entrepreneurship as described herein, but plans to use certified Hudson or Veteran small entrepreneurships, proposer shall include in its

proposal the names of their certified Veteran Initiative or Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor(s), a description of the work each will perform, and the dollar value of each subcontract.

Reserved points shall be added to the applicable Proposer's evaluation score as follows:

***Proposer Status and Reserved Points***

- Proposer is a certified LaVet or Hudson small entrepreneurship: 15 points
- If Proposer is not a certified LaVet or Hudson small entrepreneurship but has engaged one or more LaVet or Hudson certified small entrepreneurship to participate as subcontractors, then points will be allocated based on the following criteria:
  - The number of LaVet and Hudson certified small entrepreneurship to be utilized;
  - The experience and qualifications of the certified LaVet and small entrepreneurship(s); and/or
  - The anticipated earnings to accrue or the percentage of work subcontracted to the certified LaVet and Hudson small entrepreneurship(s).

During the term of the contract and at expiration, the Contractor will also be required to report Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship subcontractor participation and the dollar amount of each.

The statutes (La. R.S. 39:2171 *et seq.*) concerning the Veteran Initiative and the statutes (La. R.S. 39:2001 *et seq.*) concerning the Hudson Initiative may be viewed at <http://legis.la.gov/lss/lss.asp?doc=96265>. The rules for the Veteran Initiative are found in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Chapter 19, "Corporations and Business" and may be viewed at <http://www.doa.la.gov/pages/osr/lac/books.aspx>.

A current list of certified Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned and Hudson Initiative small entrepreneurship may be obtained from the Louisiana Economic Development Certification System at <https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/>. Additionally, a list of Hudson and Veteran Initiative small entrepreneurship that have been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and who have opted to register in the State of Louisiana LaGov Supplier Portal [https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/anonymous?guest\\_user=self\\_reg](https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/anonymous?guest_user=self_reg) may be accessed from the State of Louisiana Procurement and Contract (LaPAC) Network <https://www.wcfrd.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/pubMain.cfm>. When using this site, determine the search criteria (i.e., alphabetized list of all certified vendors, by commodities, etc.) and select SmallE, VSE, or DVSE.

2. Will the LHC provide the forms (Statutory Checklist specifically)

**Response: LHC will provide either the forms or links to where the forms can be located.**

3. Will the homes be occupied, unoccupied, or combination of both?

**Response: A combination of both, but the anticipated target population is mostly occupied.**

4. Will LHC provide scheduling with the occupants or designated POC for access?

**Response: A POC will be provided along with “right of access” paperwork.**

5. Is the LHC specifically requesting a Tier I and Tier II that covers all 20 Parishes listed in this paragraph? (Page 9 - First Paragraph)

**Response: Yes, HUD has already executed a Tier 1 for administrative costs but a Tier I is required for program delivery costs associated with the selected parishes. Tier IIs would be conducted at identified sites.**

6. Mentions GIS platform – is this a platform that the LHC already employs and will give access to the Contractor or is the Contractor expected to provide an approved LHC GIS platform? (Page 12 – Section G)

**Response: This reference is generic in that the intent is to suggest that GIS be used for geolocation and provide relevant mapping information.**

7. Can the LHC clarify the scope of the Lead Based Paint services required – is it both a Lead based paint inspection as outlined in HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing Chapter 7, or is it a lead based paint risk assessment as outlined in HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing Chapter 5, or just the risk assessment? (Page 12 - Section III - Lead Testing Services)

8. **Response: In general the scope would include services to inspect, identify, assess risk, and provide abatement.**

9. RFP listed required area for soil samples (i.e., front yard, back yard, and drip lines) - Will soil samples be required for properties that do not have bare soil areas as defined by HUD?

**Response: The immediate intent is to assess the risk in owner-occupied dwellings. Although, should conditions be present that would preclude additional analysis of soils at the site, those conditions would be addressed on a case-by-case basis via change order to cover the additional scoping needs.**

10. Please confirm that lead based paint wipe samples will be compared to the Special HUD Grant Program Lead Hazard & Clearance Standard as follows:

Floors – 10 µg/ft<sup>2</sup>

Sills – 100 µg/ft<sup>2</sup>

Porch Floors – 40 µg/ft<sup>2</sup>

**Response: Samples analyzed would be compared to any standards stipulated by HUD.**

11. Page 9 specifically references Tier I and Tier II evaluations but does not include those services in the cost proposal table – are those costs supposed to be included? (Page 19 - Cost Proposal)

**Response: Cost for preparing those analyses should be included in the table or otherwise within the submittal.**