



Department of Health

Invitation for Bids

IFB #17882

Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste and Pathological Waste

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1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IFB 17882 - DISPOSAL OF REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE AND PATHOLOGICAL WASTE	
<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Issuance of Invitation for Bids	March 19, 2019
Registration for Mandatory Site Visit Required by	April 2, 2019
Mandatory Site Visit, Week of	April 8, 2019
Deadline for Submission of Written Questions	Questions Due by April 22, 2019 3:00 p.m. ET
Responses to Written Questions Posted by DOH	On or About May 6, 2019
Deadline for Submission of Bids	Proposals Due on Or Before May 20, 2019 3:00 p.m. ET
<u>Anticipated</u> Contract Start Date	October 1, 2019

2. OVERVIEW

Through this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”), the New York State (“State”) Department of Health (“DOH”) Wadsworth Center (WC) is seeking competitive bids from qualified organizations for disposal of infectious and non-infectious regulated medical waste and infectious and non-infectious pathological waste at the David Axelrod Institute, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York; the Center for Medical Sciences, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, New York; the Griffin Laboratory, Guilderland, New York; and the Biggs Laboratory, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York to maintain compliance with all federal and state environmental, safety and health regulations as further detailed in [Section 4](#) (Detailed Specifications). It is the Department’s intent to award one (1) contract from this procurement.

2.1. Introductory Background

The Wadsworth Center is comprised of five (5) sites in and around Albany, NY, and is the most comprehensive public health laboratory in the nation. The Center responds to present and emerging public health threats; develops and applies the most advanced technologies and methods to ensure rapid, accurate detection of disease; and through licensure and training, assures high quality performance of clinical and environmental laboratories and tissue banks providing services to New Yorkers. The Wadsworth Center, across the four (4) sites where disposal services are needed, generates approximately 50 tons of regulated medical and pathological waste annually. The Center combines basic, applied research and education in biomedical and environmental sciences with a public health mission of clinical and environmental testing and quality assurance.

2.2. Important Information

The bidder is required to review, and is requested to have legal counsel review, Attachment 8, the DOH Agreement as the Bidder must be willing to enter into an Agreement substantially in accordance with the terms of [Attachment 8](#) should the bidder be selected for contract award. Please note that this IFB and the awarded bidder’s proposal will become part of the contract as Appendix B and C, respectively.

It should be noted that Appendix A of [Attachment 8](#), “Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts”, contains important information related to the contract to be entered into as a result of this IFB and will be incorporated, without change or amendment, into the contract entered into between DOH and the successful Bidder. By submitting a response to the IFB, the Bidder agrees to comply with all the provisions of Appendix A.

Note, [Attachment 7](#), the Bidder's Certifications/Acknowledgements should be submitted and include a statement that the bidder accepts, without any added conditions, qualifications or exceptions, the contract terms and conditions contained in this IFB including any exhibits and attachments. It also includes a statement that the bidder acknowledges that, should any alternative proposals or extraneous terms be submitted with the proposal, such alternate proposals or extraneous terms will not be evaluated by the DOH.

Any qualifications or exceptions proposed by a bidder to this IFB should be submitted in writing using the process set forth in [Section 5.2](#) (Questions) prior to the deadline for submission of written questions indicated in [Section 1](#). (Calendar of Events). Any amendments DOH makes to the IFB as a result of questions and answers will be publicized on the DOH web site.

2.3. Term of the Agreement

This contract term is expected to be for a period of *five years* commencing on the date shown on the Calendar of Events in [Section 1](#)., subject to the availability of sufficient funding, successful contractor performance, and approvals from the New York State Attorney General (AG) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

3. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO BID

NYSDOH will accept bids from vendors with the following types and levels of experience as a prime contractor.

- A minimum of five (5) years verifiable experience removing and disposing of infectious and non-infectious regulated medical waste and pathological waste.
- Bidders must have all current permits, licenses, and authorizations issued in their name to perform work under this contract as required, or may be required, by the State of New York, the Federal Government, and/or any State or Local Government as applicable. Bidders must submit copies of the following current and applicable permits with their bid:
 - NYS Part 364 Waste Transporter Permit;
 - NYS Part 360 and Part 365 Permit for Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Treatment, Storage, and Transfer Facilities;
 - Current "Permit to Operate" for any and all Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDF) proposed to be used for disposal.

Failure to meet these Minimum Qualifications will result in a bid being found non-responsive and eliminated from consideration.

4. DETAILED SPECIFICATONS

This Section describes the disposal of regulated medical and pathological waste services that are required to be provided by the selected bidder throughout the contract term.

The terms "bidders", "vendors" and "proposers" are also used interchangeably. For purposes of this IFB, the use of the terms "shall", "must" and "will" are used interchangeably when describing the Contractor's/Bidder's duties.

The Contractor must provide clean and sanitized, reusable 96-gallon bins or 4.5 cubic feet red bag lined boxes or similar non-bulk packaging for the disposal of infectious and non-infectious regulated medical waste that is contained in red biohazard bags. The Contractor must provide all packaging for the safe transport of pathological wastes for incineration. The Contractor must handle, load, and transport all material safely and in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

The Contractor must transport all regulated medical waste and pathological waste to a facility permitted by the NYSDEC for the treatment and/or disposal of regulated medical waste and pathological waste or to another state or federally permitted facility for the treatment and disposal of such wastes.

The Contractor shall provide a monthly summary of the weight of each waste type (i.e. regulated medical waste or pathological) disposed from each of the four pickup locations. An electronic file containing the weight data will be emailed to corey.bennett@health.ny.gov within 10 business days of the last day of each month.

The Contractor must keep all permits and licenses required for the contract current and submit copies of them to the Director of Safety or his/her designee as they are renewed prior to expiration.

The Contractor must notify the Center's Director of Safety or his/her designee of new requirements which may affect this contract.

The Contractor must be able to handle the regulated medical waste as it is generated by the lab, in red bags that have been or have not been treated by autoclaving prior to removal from the site. The Contractor must also be able to handle unforeseen increases in the waste stream or unexpected waste types due to a public health emergency or epidemic and must be able to accommodate an increase in pickup volumes or frequency with little notice. At certain times of the year (during the summer months) pathological waste loads at the Griffin Laboratory can greatly increase due to an increase in volume of samples submitted for rabies testing. The Contractor must be able to accommodate daily pickup of pathological waste at the Griffin Laboratory if needed.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all work including damage or loss of property resulting from Contractor's failure to properly complete the work required. This shall include reimbursement to the State for repair of any equipment damaged or lost material as a result of the Contractor's error or omission.

The Contractor shall provide labor and materials required to perform all duties as listed in this IFB. The Contractor shall supply all necessary persons, equipment, and supplies (e.g. bins, labels, bags, boxes) necessary to package, transport and dispose of infectious and non-infectious regulated medical waste and infectious and non-infectious pathological waste as described on Attachment B.

The Contractor shall prepare multi copy manifests meeting all Federal, State, and Local regulations to be signed by both the Contractor and the Wadsworth Center representative. One copy of the manifest will be returned to the Center's Director of Safety or his/her designee by the Contractor's disposal facility with certification that the waste has been disposed in compliance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

4.1. Security Requirements

Please note that all locations covered by this agreement have inflexible security policies and procedures which must be followed at all times. The Contractor will work with the Safety Office to obtain necessary clearances. The Contractor may be required to provide information such as, but not limited to, the company name, the employee's name (as it appears on ID), valid driver license number, vehicle make, model and license plate, etc. to the Safety Office.

The Contractor will be required to follow the direction of the Safety Office, as well as the security personnel teams, to ensure that the Contractor is compliant with all facility-specific security policies at all times.

4.2. Mandatory Site Visit Requirements

Bidders must attend the Mandatory Site Visit and sign in at each location. The schedule for the Mandatory Site Visit is shown in the Calendar of Events. Prospective bidders must call the Wadsworth Center's Safety Office between 8:45am and 4:45pm, Monday through Friday at (518) 485-6789 to confirm their intent to participate by April 2, 2019 or email at corey.bennett@health.ny.gov. An itinerary for the Mandatory Site Visit will be provided at that time. Any bids received from vendors who have not toured the sites will be rejected and not eligible for award. Attendees will be required to provide photo identification the day of the Mandatory Site Visit. Questions posed during the Mandatory Site Visit will be announced and answered for all attending to hear. Questions raised and verbal responses provided during the Mandatory Site Visit will be incorporated into the Department's official response to questions (both written and Mandatory Site Visit questions) to be posted to the Department's website for this IFB, on or about the date specified in the Calendar of Events. Vendors should clearly understand that the only official answers or positions of the Department are those stated in writing and posted on the Department's website for this IFB. Verbal responses provided during the Mandatory Site Visit (or at any other time) do not represent the official answer or position of the Department and the Department shall not be bound in any way by any such verbal answer.

4.3. Work Hours / Schedule

All work shall be conducted during the Center's normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00AM through 3:00PM, except state holidays.

Waste will be picked up and removed from four (4) Wadsworth Center locations based on the following schedule. (1) The Griffin Laboratories, 5668 State Farm Road, Guilderland, NY will require a pick up once per week. During the summer months, pathological waste loads can greatly increase at this site, necessitating daily pickups. As much advanced notice of an increase in pickup frequency will be provided as possible. (2) The David Axelrod Institute, 120 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY will require a pick up three times per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). (3) The Center for Medical Sciences, 150 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY will require a pick up once per week. (4) The Biggs Laboratory, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY will require a pick up once per week. The specific day of the week for pickups at the Center for Medical Sciences, Griffin Laboratory, and the Biggs Laboratory can be flexible, but once a day is identified for pick up, the contractor will be expected on that day of the week unless prior notice is given to the Wadsworth Center's Safety Office. Changes to the schedule may be made by the Wadsworth Center representative or the Contractor with a minimum of 1-week notice. Any delayed pickups due to inclement weather must be picked up within 24 hours of the normally scheduled pick up time.

The Center's Director of Safety or his/her designee reserves the right to stop work at any time he/she determines that the Contractor is incapable of performing to the satisfaction of the State of New York. The Center reserves the right to immediately remove from performance of contract duties, an employee of the Contractor, for cause including failure to perform work in a satisfactory fashion.

4.4 Prevailing Wage Rate Advisory Notice

A Prevailing Rate Case Number (2018900532) has been assigned to this project. Contractors are reminded that the payment of prevailing wages and supplements is a requirement of ALL contracts for public works. Information indicating that prevailing wages are not being paid on a public works project will be forwarded to the New York State Department of Labor for investigation. Willful violations of the prevailing wage provisions of the Labor Law may result in debarment from the bidding and award of public contracts.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The following administrative information will apply to this IFB. Failure to comply fully with this information may result in disqualification of your bid.

5.1. Restricted Period

"Restricted period" means the period of time commencing with the earliest written notice, advertisement, or solicitation of a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), Invitation for Bids ("IFB"), or solicitation of proposals, or any other method for soliciting a response from Bidders intending to result in a procurement contract with DOH and ending with the final contract award and approval by DOH and, where applicable, final contract approval by the Office of the State Comptroller.

This prohibition applies to any oral, written, or electronic communication under circumstances where a reasonable person would infer that the communication was intended to influence this procurement. Violation of any of the requirements described in this Section may be grounds for a determination that the bidder is non-responsible and therefore ineligible for this contract award. Two violations within four years of the rules against impermissible contacts during the "restricted period" may result in the violator being debarred from participating in DOH procurements for a period of four years.

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k, the Department of Health identifies a designated contact on face page of this IFB to whom all communications attempting to influence this procurement must be made.

5.2. Questions

There will be an opportunity available for submission of written questions and requests for clarification pertaining to this IFB. All questions and requests for clarification of this IFB should cite the relevant IFB, IFB number, section and paragraph number where applicable and must be submitted via email to corey.bennett@health.ny.gov. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that email containing written questions and/or requests for clarification is received at the above address no later than the Deadline for Submission of Written Questions as specified in [Section 1](#). (Calendar of Events). Questions received after the deadline may **not** be answered.

5.3. Right to Modify IFB

DOH reserves the right to modify any part of this IFB, including but not limited to, the date and time by which bids must be submitted and received by DOH, at any time prior to the Deadline for Submission of Bids listed in [Section 1](#). (Calendar of Events). Modifications to this IFB shall be made by issuance of amendments and/or addenda.

Prior to the Deadline for Submission of Bids, any such clarifications or modifications as deemed necessary by DOH will be posted to the DOH website.

If the bidder discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in this IFB, the Bidder shall immediately notify DOH of such error in writing at corey.bennett@health.ny.gov and request clarification or modification of the document.

If, prior to the Deadline for Submission of Bids, a bidder fails to notify DOH of a known error or an error that reasonably should have been known, the bidder shall assume the risk of bidding. If awarded the contract, the bidder shall not be entitled to additional compensation by reason of the error or its correction.

5.4. Payment

The contractor shall submit invoices and/or vouchers to the State's designated payment office. The Preferred Method is to Email a .pdf copy of your signed voucher to the BSC at:

AccountsPayable@ogs.ny.gov with a subject field; Subject: Unit ID: 3450297 Contract #C032992

The Alternate Method is to Mail vouchers to BSC at the following U.S. postal address:

**NYS Department of Health
Unit ID 3450297
c/o NYS OGS BSC Accounts Payable
Building 5, 5th Floor
1220 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12226-1900**

Payment for invoices and/or vouchers submitted by the CONTRACTOR shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the Commissioner, in the Commissioner's sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller's website at www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm, by email at epayments@osc.state.ny.us or by telephone at 518-474-6019. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any invoices and/or vouchers submitted under this Contract if it does not comply with the State Comptroller's electronic payment procedures, except where the Commissioner has expressly authorized payment by paper check as set forth above.

In addition to the Electronic Payment Authorization Form, a Substitute Form W-9 must be on file with the Office of the State Comptroller, Bureau of Accounting Operations. Additional information and procedures for enrollment can be found at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/epay>.

Completed W-9 forms should be submitted to the following address:

**NYS Office of the State Comptroller
Bureau of Accounting Operations
Warrant & Payment Control Unit
110 State Street, 9th Floor
Albany, NY 12236**

Payment of such invoices and/or vouchers by the State (NYS Department of Health) shall be made in accordance with Article XI-A of the New York State Finance Law. Payment terms will be:

The contractor will submit monthly invoices for expenses that have been incurred, due 30 days after the end of each month, and must be accompanied by a New York State Claim for Payment (form AC3253-S) to ensure payment. The Claim for Payment must include a time sheet signed by the NYSDOH supervisor depicting the number of hours worked by contracted staff, along with the detailed activity reporting template, for the same time period. Claims for Payment received

without the required documents will be held for payment until the documents are received, and reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

5.5. Minority & Woman-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, the New York State Department of Health (“DOH”) recognizes its obligation to promote opportunities for maximum feasible participation of certified minority-and women-owned business enterprises and the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of DOH contracts.

In 2006, the State of New York commissioned a disparity study to evaluate whether minority and women-owned business enterprises had a full and fair opportunity to participate in state contracting. The findings of the study were published on April 29, 2010, under the title "The State of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises: Evidence from New York" (“Disparity Study”). The report found evidence of statistically significant disparities between the level of participation of minority-and women-owned business enterprises in state procurement contracting versus the number of minority-and women-owned business enterprises that were ready, willing and able to participate in state procurements. As a result of these findings, the Disparity Study made recommendations concerning the implementation and operation of the statewide certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises program. The recommendations from the Disparity Study culminated in the enactment and the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, which requires, among other things, that DOH establish goals for maximum feasible participation of New York State Certified minority- and women – owned business enterprises (“MWBE”) and the employment of minority groups members and women in the performance of New York State contracts.

Business Participation Opportunities for MWBEs

For purposes of this solicitation, DOH hereby establishes an overall goal of 0% for MWBE participation, 0% for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (“MBE”) participation and 0% for Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“WBE”) (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs and outreach efforts to certified MWBE firms).

5.6. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Reporting

By submission of a bid in response to this solicitation, the Bidder agrees with all of the terms and conditions of [Attachment 8](#) Appendix A including Clause 12 - Equal Employment Opportunities for Minorities and Women. Additionally, the successful bidder will be required to certify they have an acceptable EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) policy statement in accordance with Section III of Appendix M in [Attachment 8](#).

Further, pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (the “Human Rights Law”), all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

The Contractor is required to ensure that it and any subcontractors awarded a subcontract over \$25,000 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work"), except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor, undertake or continue programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, equal opportunity shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) work, goods, or services unrelated to the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Bidder should submit with the bid or proposal an Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan ([Attachment 5](#), Form #4) identifying the anticipated work force to be utilized on the Contract. Additionally, the Bidder should submit a Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement ([Attachment 5](#), Form # 5), to DOH with their bid.

5.7. Sales and Compensating Use Tax Certification (Tax Law, § 5-a)

Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006, requires certain contractors awarded state contracts for commodities, services and technology valued at more than \$100,000 to certify to the Department of Tax and Finance (DTF)

that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law applies to contracts where the total amount of such contractors' sales delivered into New York State are in excess of \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made, and with respect to any affiliates and subcontractors whose sales delivered into New York State exceeded \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made.

This law imposes upon certain contractors the obligation to certify whether or not the contractor, its affiliates, and its subcontractors are required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax and contractors must certify to DTF that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold is registered with DTF to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law prohibits the State Comptroller, or other approving agencies, from approving a contract awarded to an offerer meeting the registration requirements but who is not so registered in accordance with the law.

The successful Bidder must file a properly completed Form ST-220-CA with the Department of Health and Form ST-220-TD with the DTF. These requirements must be met before a contract may take effect. Further information can be found at the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance's website, available through this link: <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/sales/pub223.pdf>.

Forms are available through these links:

- ST-220 CA: http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/st/st220ca_fill_in.pdf
- ST-220 TD: http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/st/st220td_fill_in.pdf

5.8. Contract Insurance Requirements

Prior to the start of work under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall procure, at its sole cost and expense, and shall maintain in force at all times during the term of this Contract, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth in [Attachment 8](#), the New York State Department of Health Contract, Section IV. Contract Insurance Requirements as well as below.

Sections 57 and 220 of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) provide that DOH shall not enter into any contract unless proof of workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage is produced. Prior to entering into a contract with DOH, successful Bidders will be required to verify for DOH, on forms authorized by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, the fact that they are properly insured or are otherwise in compliance with the insurance provisions of the WCL. The forms to be used to show compliance with the WCL are listed below. Any questions relating to either workers' compensation or disability benefits coverage should be directed to the State of New York Workers' Compensation Board, Bureau of Compliance at (518) 486-6307. Failure to provide verification of either of these types of insurance coverage by the time contracts are ready to be executed will be grounds for disqualification of an otherwise successful Bid.

The successful Bidder must submit the following documentation to the Department within 10 calendar days of notification of award.

ONE of the following forms as Workers' Compensation documentation:

5.8.1. Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage:

- Form C-105.2 – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carrier (or Form U-26.3 issued by the State Insurance Fund); or
- Form SI-12 – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance (or Form GSI-105.2 Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance); or
- Form CE-200 – Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

5.8.2. Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage:

ONE of the following forms as Disability documentation:

- Form DB-120.1 – Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance; or
- Form DB-155 – Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; or
- Form CE-200 – Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or

Disability Benefits Coverage.

Further information is available at the Workers' Compensation Board's website, which can be accessed through this link: <http://www.wcb.ny.gov>.

5.9. Subcontracting

No subcontracting is allowed.

5.10. DOH's Reserved Rights

The Department of Health reserves the right to:

1. Reject any or all bids received in response to the IFB;
2. Withdraw the IFB at any time, at the agency's sole discretion;
3. Make an award under the IFB in whole or in part;
4. Disqualify any bidder whose conduct and/or bid fails to conform to the requirements of the IFB;
5. Seek clarifications and revisions of bids;
6. Use bid information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the state's investigation of a bidder's qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the bidder in response to the agency's request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the IFB;
7. Prior to the bid opening, amend the IFB specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available;
8. Prior to the bid opening, direct bidders to submit bid modifications addressing subsequent IFB amendments;
9. Change any of the scheduled dates;
10. Eliminate any mandatory, non-material specifications that cannot be complied with by all of the prospective bidders;
11. Waive any requirements that are not material;
12. Negotiate with the successful bidder within the scope of the IFB in the best interests of the state;
13. Conduct contract negotiations with the next responsible bidder, should the Department be unsuccessful in negotiating with the selected bidder;
14. Utilize any and all ideas submitted in the bids received;
15. Every offer shall be firm and not revocable for a period of three hundred and sixty-five days (365) from the bid opening, to the extent not inconsistent with section 2-205 of the uniform commercial code. Subsequent to such three hundred and sixty-five days (365), any offer is subject to withdrawal communicated in a writing signed by the bidder; and,
16. Require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of a bidder's bid and/or to determine an bidder's compliance with the requirements of the solicitation.

5.11. Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL")

All bids may be disclosed or used by DOH to the extent permitted by law. DOH may disclose a bid to any person for the purpose of assisting in evaluating the bid or for any other lawful purpose. All bids will become State agency records, which will be available to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Law. **Any portion of the bid that a Bidder believes constitutes proprietary information entitled to confidential handling, as an exception to the Freedom of Information Law, must be clearly and specifically designated in the bid as directed in Section 6.2.6 of the IFB.** If DOH agrees with the proprietary claim, the designated portion of the bid will be withheld from public disclosure. Blanket assertions of proprietary material will not be accepted, and failure to specifically designate proprietary material may be deemed a waiver of any right to confidential handling of such material.

5.12. Lobbying

Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2005, as amended by Chapter 596 of the Laws of 2005, made significant changes as it pertains to development of procurement contracts with governmental entities. These changes include:

- a) making the lobbying law applicable to attempts to influence procurement contracts once the procurement process has been commenced by a state agency, unified court system, state legislature, public authority, certain industrial development agencies and local benefit corporations;

- b) requiring the above mentioned governmental entities to record all contacts made by lobbyists and contractors about a governmental procurement so that the public knows who is contacting governmental entities about procurements;
- c) requiring governmental entities to designate persons who generally may be the only staff contacted relative to the governmental procurement by that entity in a restricted period;
- d) authorizing the New York State Commission on Public Integrity, (now New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics), to impose fines and penalties against persons/organizations engaging in impermissible contacts about a governmental procurement and provides for the debarment of repeat violators;
- e) directing the Office of General Services to disclose and maintain a list of non-responsible bidders pursuant to this new law and those who have been debarred and publish such list on its website;
- f) requiring the timely disclosure of accurate and complete information from offerers with respect to determinations of non-responsibility and debarment; (Bidders responding to this IFB should submit a completed and signed [Attachment 1](#), "Prior Non-Responsibility Determination".)
- g) increasing the monetary threshold which triggers a lobbyist's obligations under the Lobbying Act from \$2,000 to \$5,000; and
- h) establishing the Advisory Council on Procurement Lobbying.

Subsequently, Chapter 14 of the Laws of 2007 amended the Lobbying Act of the Legislative Law, particularly as it related to specific aspects of procurements as follows: (i) prohibiting lobbyists from entering into retainer agreements on the outcome of government grant making or other agreement involving public funding; and (ii) reporting lobbying efforts for grants, loans and other disbursements of public funds over \$15,000.

The most notable, however, was the increased penalties provided under Section 20 of Chapter 14 of the Laws of 2007, which replaced old penalty provisions and the addition of a suspension option for lobbyists engaged in repeated violations. Further amendments to the Lobbying Act were made in Chapter 4 of the Laws of 2010.

Questions regarding the registration and operation of the Lobbying Act should be directed to the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics.

5.13. State Finance Law Consultant Disclosure Provisions

In accordance with New York State Finance Law Section 163(4)(g), State agencies must require all contractors, including subcontractors, that provide consulting services for State purposes pursuant to a contract to submit an annual employment report for each such contract.

The successful bidder for procurements involving consultant services must complete a "State Consultant Services Form A, Contractor's Planned Employment From Contract Start Date through End of Contract Term" in order to be eligible for a contract.

The successful winning bidder must also agree to complete a "State Consultant Services Form B, Contractor's Annual Employment Report" for each state fiscal year included in the resulting contract. This report must be submitted annually to the Department of Health, the Office of the State Comptroller, and Department of Civil Service.

State Consultant Services Form A: Contractor's Planned Employment and Form B: Contractor's Annual Employment Report may be accessed electronically at: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/forms/ac3271s.doc> and <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/forms/ac3272s.doc>.

5.14. Debriefing

Once an award has been made, bidders may request a debriefing of their bid. Please note the debriefing will be limited only to the vendor's bid and will not include any discussion of other bids. Requests must be received no later than fifteen (15) business days from date of award or non-award announcement.

5.15. Protest Procedures

In the event unsuccessful bidders wish to protest the award resulting from this IFB, bidders should follow the protest procedures established by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). These procedures can be found in Chapter XI Section 17 of the Guide to Financial Operations (GFO). Available on-line at: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/guide/MyWebHelp/>

5.16. Iran Divestment Act

By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation or by assuming the responsibility of a Contract awarded hereunder, Bidder/Contractor (or any assignee) certifies that it is not on the "Entities Determined To Be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers Pursuant to The New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012" list ("Prohibited Entities List") posted on the OGS website (currently found at this address: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>) and further certifies that it will not utilize on such Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Additionally, Bidder/Contractor is advised that should it seek to renew or extend a Contract awarded in response to the solicitation, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended.

During the term of the Contract, should DOH receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, DOH will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then DOH shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default. DOH reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

5.17. Piggybacking

New York State Finance Law section 163(10)(e) (see also <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/BU/PC/SFL.asp>) allows the Commissioner of the NYS Office of General Services to consent to the use of this contract by other New York State Agencies, and other authorized purchasers, subject to conditions and the Contractor's consent.

5.18. Encouraging Use of New York Businesses in Contract Performance

Public procurements can drive and improve the State's economic engine through promotion of the use of New York businesses by its contractors. New York State businesses have a substantial presence in State contracts and strongly contribute to the economies of the state and the nation. In recognition of their economic activity and leadership in doing business in New York State, bidders/proposers for this contract for commodities, services or technology are strongly encouraged and expected to consider New York State businesses in the fulfillment of the requirements of the contract. Such partnering may be as subcontractors, suppliers, protégés or other supporting roles. All bidders should complete [Attachment 6](#), Encouraging Use of New York Businesses in Contract Performance, to indicate their intent to use/not use New York Businesses in the performance of this contract.

5.19. Participation Opportunities for NYS Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

Article 17-B of the New York State Executive Law provides for more meaningful participation in public procurement by certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses ("SDVOBs"), thereby further integrating such businesses into New York State's economy. DOH recognizes the need to promote the employment of service-disabled veterans and to ensure that certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses have opportunities for maximum feasible participation in the performance of DOH contracts.

In recognition of the service and sacrifices made by service-disabled veterans and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, Bidders/Contractors are strongly encouraged and expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. Such participation may be as subcontractors or suppliers, as protégés, or in other partnering or supporting roles.

For purposes of this procurement, DOH conducted a comprehensive search and determined that the Contract does not offer sufficient opportunities to set specific goals for participation by SDVOBs as subcontractors, service providers, and suppliers to Contractor. Nevertheless, Bidder/Contractor is encouraged to make good faith efforts to promote and assist in

the participation of SDVOBs on the Contract for the provision of services and materials. The directory of New York State Certified SDVOBs can be viewed at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans/>

Bidders are encouraged to contact the Office of General Services' Division of Service-Disabled Veteran's Business Development at 518-474-2015 or VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov to discuss methods of maximizing participation by SDVOBs on the Contract.

5.20. Vendor Assurance of No Conflict of Interest or Detrimental Effect

All bidders responding to this solicitation should submit [Attachment 4](#) to attest that their performance of the services outlined in this IFB does not create a conflict of interest and that the bidder will not act in any manner that is detrimental to any other State project on which they are rendering services.

5.21. Executive Order 177 Prohibiting Contracts with Entities that Support Discrimination

The New York State Human Rights Law, Article 15 of the Executive Law, prohibits discrimination and harassment based on age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, familial status, domestic violence victim status, prior arrest or conviction record, military status or predisposing genetic characteristics. In accordance with Executive Order No. 177, the Offeror certifies that they do not have institutional policies or practices that fail to address those protected status under the Human Rights Law.

6. BID FORMAT AND CONTENT

The following includes the requested format and information that should be provided by each Bidder. Bidders responding to this IFB must satisfy all requirements stated in this IFB. All Bidders are requested to submit complete Bid packages. A bid that is incomplete in any material respect may be rejected.

To expedite review of the bids, Bidders are requested to submit bids as summarized in [Attachment A](#), Bid Submittal Document Checklist. This separation of information will facilitate the review of the material requested. No information beyond that specifically requested is required, and Bidders are requested to keep their submissions to the shortest length consistent with making a complete presentation of qualifications.

DOH will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the Bid Packages. Such costs should not be included in the Bid.

6.1. Mandatory Bid Requirements

The purpose of the Bid Package is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence, and capacity of the Bidder to provide the commodity or services contained in this IFB. A Bid Package that is incomplete in any material respect will be eliminated from consideration. The following outlines the required information to be provided, in the following order, by Bidders. The information requested should be provided in the prescribed format. Responses that do not follow the prescribed format may be eliminated from consideration. All responses to the IFB are subject to verification for accuracy.

Bidders must attend the Mandatory Site Visit and sign in at each location.

6.1.1 Minimum Qualifications to Bid

- The bidder must have a minimum of five (5) years-experience removing and disposing of infectious and non-infectious regulated medical waste and pathological waste.
 - The bidder must submit a narrative of how they meet the Minimum Qualification of five (5) years' experience removing and disposal of infectious and non-infectious regulated medical waste and pathological waste. The narrative should not exceed five (5) single-spaced pages.
- The bidder must have provided similar services outlined in the IFB to two (2) institutions during the past five (5) years.
 - Provide references from two (2) institutions for which services were provided within the last five (5) years using Attachment 9 listed below.

- The bidder must have all current permits, licenses, and authorizations issued in the bidder’s name to perform work under this contract as required, or may be required, by the State of New York, the Federal Government, and/or any State or Local Government as applicable. Bidders must submit copies of the following current and applicable permits/approval with their bid:
 - NYS Part 364 Waste Transporter Permit;
 - NYS Part 360 and Part 365 Permit for RMW Treatment, Storage, and Transfer Facilities;
 - Current “Permit to Operate” for any and all Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDF) proposed to be used for disposal.

6.1.2. Bid Form – Attachment B

Bidder must submit a completed and signed Bid Form. The Bid Form must comply with the format and content requirements as detailed in this document and in Attachment B. Failure to comply with the format and content requirements may result in disqualification.

The prices bid must cover the cost of furnishing all of the services or products specified in this IFB, including but not limited to materials, equipment, profit and labor to the satisfaction of the Department of Health and the performance of all work set forth in said specifications.

6.2. Other Bid Documents

6.2.1. Bidder’s Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

Submit a completed and signed [Attachment 1](#), “Bidder’s Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determination”.

6.2.2. Vendor Responsibility Attestation

Complete, certify, and file a New York State Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire. DOH recommends that vendors file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions at http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/info_vrsystem.htm or go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.

Vendors must provide their New York State Vendor Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the OSC Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us.

Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the VendRep website, www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep, or may contact the Office of the State Comptroller’s Help Desk for a copy of the paper form. Bidder’s should complete and submit the Vendor Responsibility Attestation, [Attachment 3](#).

6.2.3. Conflict of Interest or Detrimental Effect

Submit [Attachment 4](#), Vendor’s Assurance of No Conflict of Interest or Detrimental Effect, which includes information regarding the Bidder, members, shareholders, parents, affiliates or subcontractors. [Attachment 4](#) must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the Bidder contractually.

6.2.4. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements – Submit [Attachment 5](#), Forms 4 & 5

6.2.5. Encouraging Use of New York Businesses in Contract Performance

Submit [Attachment 6](#) “Encouraging Use of New York State Businesses in Contract Performance” to indicate which New York State Businesses you will use in the performance of the contract.

6.2.6. Freedom of Information Law – Bid Redactions

Bidders must clearly and specifically identify any portion of the bid that a Bidder believes constitutes proprietary information entitled to confidential handling as an exception to the Freedom of Information Law. See [Section 5.11](#), (Freedom of Information Law).

6.2.7. Bidder's Certified Statements

Submit [Attachment 7](#), "Bidder's Certified Statements", which includes information regarding the Bidder. [Attachment 7](#) must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the Bidder contractually. Please indicate the title or position that the signer holds with the Bidder. DOH reserves the right to reject a bid that contains an incomplete, unsigned or no [Attachment 7](#).

6.2.8. References

Provide references using [Attachment 9](#), (References) for two institutions that you have provided similar services to those required in this IFB. Provide firm names, addresses, contact names, telephone numbers, and email addresses.

6.2.9.EO 177 Prohibiting Contracts with Entities that Support Discrimination

Submit [Attachment 11](#) certifying that it does not have institutional policies or practices that fail to address the harassment and discrimination of individuals on the basis of their age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, marital status, military status, or other protected status under the Human Rights Law

7. BID SUBMISSION

7.1. The table below outlines the requested format and volume for submission of each part. Bids should be submitted in all formats as prescribed below.

	Paper Submission
Bid Package	4 Originals 4 Copies

7.1.1. All hard copy bid materials should be printed on 8.5" x 11" white paper (single sided), be clearly page numbered on the bottom of each page with appropriate header and footer information and presented separately, in three-ring binders if necessary. A type size of eleven (11) points or larger should be used;

7.1.2. The Bid submission should be submitted in a sealed envelope or box.

7.1.3. Where signatures are required, the bids designated as originals should have a handwritten signature and be signed in blue ink;

7.1.4. The NYSDOH discourages overly lengthy bids. Therefore, marketing brochures, user manuals or other materials, beyond that sufficient to present a complete bid, are not desired. Elaborate artwork or expensive paper is not necessary or desired. In order for the NYSDOH to evaluate bids fairly and completely, bids should follow the format described in this IFB and provide all requested information;

7.1.5. Audio and/or videotapes are not allowed. Any submitted audio or videotapes will be ignored by the evaluation team.

The complete bid must be received by the NYSDOH, no later than the Deadline for Submission of Bids specified in [Section 1](#), (Calendar of Events). Late bids will not be considered.

Bids should be submitted in a clearly labeled package, prepared in accordance with the requirements stated in this IFB. **Mark the outside envelope of bid as "IFB #17882 Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste and Pathological Waste.**

Bids must be submitted, by U.S. Mail, or by hand as noted below, in a sealed package to:

Attention: Corey Bennett
New York State Department of Health
Wadsworth Center, Room B940
Empire State Plaza, PO Box 509
Albany, NY 12201-0509

or by courier/delivery service (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.):

Attention: Corey Bennett
Biggs Laboratory
Wadsworth Center
NYS Department of Health
Dock J – P1 Level
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

NOTE: You should request a receipt containing the time and date received and the signature of the receiver for all hand-deliveries and ask that this information also be written on the package(s).

Submission of bids in a manner other than as described in these instructions (e.g., fax, electronic transmission) will not be accepted.

7.2. No Bid Form

Bidders choosing not to bid are requested to complete the No-Bid form [Attachment 2](#).

8. METHOD OF AWARD

At the discretion of the Department of Health, all bids may be rejected. The Department will award one contract as described in this IFB to the responsible and responsive bidder who offers the lowest total bid price.

In the event of a tie, the determining factor(s) for award, will be:

The tied bidders will be given the opportunity to provide their best and final bid price to the Department, and after evaluation of these revised bids, the award will then be made to the lowest bidder.

8.1. General Information

Once a bidder is selected, the Department of Health will issue a contract to the vendor. In order to be considered responsible and responsive, the bid must include all Invitation for Bid (IFB) required documents and meet the minimum qualifications as stated in the IFB.

Bidders may be requested by DOH to clarify the contents of their bids. Other than to provide such information as may be requested by DOH, no Bidder will be allowed to alter its bid after the Deadline for Submission of Proposals listed in Section 1. (Calendar of Events).

8.2. Submission Review

DOH will examine all bids that are received in a proper and timely manner. The bid containing the lowest total price offered will be further evaluated to determine if it meets all bid submission requirements, as described in Section 6 (Bid Format and Content) and Section 7 (Bid Submission) for award. That process will be followed until an award is made.

8.3. Reference Checks

The Bidder should submit references using [Attachment 9](#) (References). At the discretion of the Department, references may be checked at any point during the process to verify bidder qualifications to propose (Section 3.0).

8.4. Award Recommendation

The Evaluation Committee will submit a recommendation for award to the responsible and responsive Bidder with the lowest total bid.

The Department will notify the awarded Bidder and Bidders not awarded. The awarded Bidder will enter into a written Agreement substantially in accordance with the terms of Attachment 8, DOH Agreement, to provide the required services as specified in this IFB. The resultant contract shall not be binding until fully executed and approved by the New York State Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller.

9. ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are available via hyperlink and can be found at: <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/forms/>.

1. Bidder's Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determination
2. No-Bid Form
3. Vendor Responsibility Attestation/Questionnaire
4. Vendor Assurance of No Conflict of Interest or Detrimental Effect
5. Guide to New York State DOH M/WBE Required Forms & Forms
6. Encouraging Use of New York Businesses in Contract Performance
7. Bidder's Certified Statements
8. DOH Agreement (Standard Contract)
9. References
10. N/A
11. Executive Order 177 Prohibiting Contracts with Entities that Support Discrimination

The following attachments are attached and included in this IFB.

- A. [Bid Package Checklist](#)
- B. [Bid Form](#)

ATTACHMENT A

BID SUBMITTAL DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please reference Section 7.0 for the appropriate format and quantities for each proposal submission.

IFB # 17882 – Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste and Pathological Waste		
FOR THE MANDATORY BID REQUIREMENTS		
IFB §	SUBMISSION	INCLUDED
§ 6.1.	Mandatory Site Visit (Requirement)	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.1.1	Minimum Qualifications to Bid Inclusive of Narrative (Requirement)	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.1.2	Attachment B- Bid Form (Requirement)	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.2.8	Attachment 9 – References	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR THE OTHER BID DOCUMENTS		
§ 6.2.1	Attachment 1 – Bidder’s Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations, completed and signed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.2.2	Attachment 3- Vendor Responsibility Attestation	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.2.3	Attachment 4 - Vendor Assurance of No Conflict of Interest or Detrimental Effect	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.2.4	Attachment 5 - Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.2.5	Attachment 6- Encouraging Use of New York Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.2.7	Attachment 7 - Bidder’s Certified Statements, completed & signed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
§ 6.2.9	Attachment 11 - Executive Order 177 Prohibiting Contracts with Entities that Support Discrimination	<input type="checkbox"/>

ATTACHMENT B
New York State Department of Health
BID FORM
IFB # 17882

Company Name: _____

Officer Name: _____ Title: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BID QUANTITIES				Price per pound for Year 1 through 5
Category	Item Description	QTY	Unit of Measure	
A1*	Dispose of Regulated Medical Waste (RMW)	~80K lbs. per year	Pounds	\$
A2**	Dispose of Pathological Waste	~18K lbs. per year	Pounds	\$

Price quoted is inclusive of all overhead, transport fees, disposal fees, manifest fees, stop charges, labor etc. Quantities indicated above are estimated based upon past usage and are not guaranteed for resulting contract.

CATEGORY

*A1 Regulated medical waste is generated at the Wadsworth Centers' four sites in the performance of basic public health research and in the Centers' clinical laboratories for the diagnosis of human diseases. The regulated medical waste stream contains disposable plastic and plastic-ware; absorbent pads; tissue culture flasks, plates, and dishes; cultures and stocks of infectious pathogens of both humans and animals; sharps; human blood and blood products and human cell lines; and pipette tips, tubes, and serological pipettes. Most regulated medical waste is collected in red bag lined, stainless steel stockpots. When full, the bags are tied closed, the lids are secured on the stockpots and they are transferred to part 360 permitted waste treatment autoclaves where the waste is rendered non-infectious by autoclaving for 60 minutes at 121C with 3 pre-vacuum conditioning phases. The autoclave waste is then collected in non-bulk packaging provided by the Contractor and transported off-site for final treatment, destruction, and disposal. Some regulated medical waste potentially containing infectious agents, generated at Biosafety Level 2 or below, and confirmed to not contain any infectious material that would be categorized as a Category A infectious substance, may be disposed of in red bags and placed directly into the contractor's non-bulk packaging without prior autoclaving. Regulated medical waste generated at the Center for Medical Sciences will be disposed of directly into contractor provided red bag lined fiber board boxes, sealed, labeled, and readied for pick up without prior autoclaving. This waste stream accounts for approximately 50 tons of waste disposed across the four sites annually.

**A2 A sub-type of regulated medical waste, pathological waste, is generated at the Wadsworth Centers' four sites in the performance of basic public health research and in the Centers' clinical laboratories for the diagnosis of human and animal diseases. This waste consists of laboratory animal carcasses and tissues exposed and non-exposed to various infectious agents used in research protocols; meat samples taken from various retailers meant for human consumption that are tested for bacterial pathogens; and animal carcasses that are submitted to the State Rabies laboratory for rabies diagnosis. This waste is packaged on site with Contractor provided packaging for safe transport to a facility for final treatment and disposal. This waste stream is not treated in any manner prior to packaging. This waste stream accounts for approximately 9 tons of waste disposed across the four sites annually.