

Lead Paint Reduction Program Questions/Responses

What is the difference between the Non-Identified technical proposal and Non-Identified cost proposal, compared to the Identified technical proposal and Identified cost proposal? **Your submission must include two copies, one Original on agency letterhead and one Copy which all identifying information related to the submitting agency has been removed/redacted.**

On the bid there is a portion where the bid calls for the request for three contractor bids and management of the job including the clearance process. This is a conflict of interest as clearance requires a third-party agency. **The selected agency will ensure all contractors are PA certified lead abatement contractors. All certified abatement contractors will be provided with the opportunity to submit a proposal for the abatement work. Proposals will be submitted to the selected agency and forwarded to the County for review and selection along with the homeowner. The County will handle the contract between the contractor and the homeowner and alert the agency to an expected start date. The agency will be responsible for monitoring, when requested by the County, and final clearance testing when the contractor has finished abatement work.**

Will there be a pre-bid meeting? If so, when and where? **A pre-submission meeting prior to proposals being submitted is not scheduled. The County has reserved the right to negotiate with selected contractors after proposal submission.**

Section C. States "The firm needs to be certified by the PA Department of Labor and Industry Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety and the U.S. EPA." What EPA Certification is the County requiring bidders to hold? Since Pennsylvania has been authorized by the EPA to administer their own Lead-Based Paint Activities Program, EPA certification should not be required to conduct the activities listed in the Scope for this RFP. **The inspector must be certified (licensed) in lead-based paint inspection by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inspection certification program.**

In Section A. Proposal, under 1.a. it states that the contractor will "perform a lead-based paint risk assessment including paint testing with XRF sampling of the unit". Can you confirm that this XRF testing will be a comprehensive lead-based paint inspection in accordance with Chapter 7 of the HUD guidelines (LIRA) or just XRF testing on components where deteriorated paint is observed in accordance with Chapter 5 Risk Assessments? **XRF testing will be a comprehensive lead-based paint inspection in accordance with Chapter 7 of the HUD guidelines (LIRA).**

Regarding Section A, Part 1, Subpart C, of the RFP, could the program clarify the extent of required monitoring for lead hazard removal and reduction work? Specifically, will the program require monitoring throughout the entirety of the project (to ensure lead-safe practices are being followed)? **Monitoring will occur during construction abatement work as requested by the County. Monitoring after final clearance is achieved will not be requested.**