

**Questions and Answers, Part 1 – Debris Monitoring Services**  
**IDIQ Master Contract 2026**

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**County:** Statewide

**Project Description:** Provide debris monitoring services – statewide.

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**Question #1:** Part 2, Section II.E., of the RFP, requests Location/ Proximity of CONSULTANT’s Office(s). Please advise if this response is required to be submitted as part of the 15-page TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

**Answer:** This response should be submitted as part of the 15-page TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

**Question #2:** Per APPENDIX B: COST PROPOSAL of the RFP, “The billable hourly rate should exclude direct costs.” Will direct costs be allowed if debris monitoring services are requested for an actual event?

**Answer:** The information requested in APPENDIX B: COST PROPOSAL is being used for evaluation purposes of the referenced IDIQ Master Contract. If debris monitoring services are requested for an actual event under the IDIQ Master Contract with a selected Consultant, direct costs will be allowed in compliance with state and federal regulations/laws per the Contract.

**Question #3:** Is the use of an Automated Debris Management System (ADMS), eligible for reimbursement under this contract?

**Answer:** If debris monitoring services are requested for an actual event under the IDIQ Master Contract with a selected Consultant, eligibility for reimbursement for use of an ADMS will be in compliance with state and federal regulations/laws per the Contract.

**Question #4:** If debris monitoring services are requested for an actual event under the IDIQ Master Contract with a selected Consultant, will rate escalation be allowed for debris monitoring services on multi-year work assignments?

**Answer:** Yes, rate escalation will be considered during the negotiation of a work assignment.

**Question #5:** Per Part 1, Section V., of the RFP, “The IDIQ Master Contract will utilize cost plus fixed fee, labor hour/unit cost or lump sum/firm fixed price Work Assignments...” What type of payment method will be used in a work assignment for an actual event under the IDIQ Master Contract with a selected Consultant?

**Answer:** The payment method would be determined during the negotiation of a work assignment.

**Question #6:** If debris monitoring services are requested for an actual event under the IDIQ Master Contract with a selected Consultant, would overtime be allowed?

**Answer:** The need for overtime would be determined during the negotiation of a work assignment.

**Question #7:** Part 1, Section IV., of the RFP, states that “CONSULTANT(s) TECHNICAL PROPOSAL shall not contain any price or cost information or they may be deemed non-responsive.” Part 2, Section II.B., of the RFP states the Consultant should provide “the amount of the CONSULTANT’s contract for the work they provided.” Please confirm this amount should be included in the TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

**Answer:** Confirmed. Per Part 2, Section II.B., of the RFP, “The CONSULTANT and any subconsultant(s) should provide the following information at a minimum for each contract:

- ✓ a description of the project, including the specific role/responsibility of the CONSULTANT;
- ✓ indicate any work listed in the contract that was subcontracted and/or assigned to other firms;
- ✓ the amount of the CONSULTANT’s contract for the work they provided;
- ✓ the date the CONSULTANT’s contract was initiated;

- ✓ the CONSULTANT's scheduled completion date in accordance with the progress schedule;
- ✓ the date the CONSULTANT completed the work in accordance with the contract;
- ✓ if the CONSULTANT's contract was not completed on time, provide justification (if any); and
- ✓ the name and contact information of the client and the client's representative who can verify and discuss the contract."

**Question #8:** Per Part 2, Section II, of the RFP, "CONSULTANTS should address each of the following categories in their TECHNICAL PROPOSAL in the same order as listed below." Because Part 2, Section II.D. COST PROPOSAL, is included in the order, please confirm it is not part of the TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

**Answer:** Part 2, Section II.D. COST PROPOSAL is not part of the TECHNICAL PROPOSAL. Per Part 2, Section, II, of the RFP, "The TECHNICAL PROPOSAL shall not include any COST PROPOSAL information or pricing. CONSULTANTS which include any cost or pricing information in their TECHNICAL PROPOSAL may be disqualified from further consideration." Also, per Part 2, Section I, of the RFP, "The COST PROPOSAL shall be provided in a sealed envelope and clearly identified as 'COST PROPOSAL' on the outside of the sealed envelope. The COST PROPOSAL is not counted as part of the 15-page maximum."

**Question #9:** Is APPENDIX B: COST PROPOSAL being used for evaluation purposes of the referenced IDIQ Master Contract?

**Answer:** The information requested in APPENDIX B: COST PROPOSAL is being used for evaluation purposes of the referenced IDIQ Master Contract. The billable rates provided for evaluation are to be certified by an authorized official of the Consultant.

**Question #10:** Part 1, Section IV indicates that selected consultants may receive Work Assignments in accordance with MDOT's standard operating procedures. Will MDOT clarify the general method that will be used to distribute work among awarded consultants?

**Answer:** Per Part 1, Section V., of the RFP, "The execution of an IDIQ Master Contract is no assurance that any Work Assignment will be assigned to the CONSULTANT or that the parties will enter into Work Assignment(s)." If debris monitoring services are requested for an actual event under the IDIQ Master

**Contract with a selected Consultant, Work Assignments will be assigned in a federally compliant manner.**

**Question #11: Should the Standard Form (SF) 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications be filled out by legal entity instead of branch office?**

**Answer: Per Part 2, Section II.F., of the RFP, “The CONSULTANT should provide Part II of SF 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications. If a CONSULTANT has branch offices, complete the form for each specific branch office seeking work. In addition, this form should be completed for any subconsultant(s) in the same manner.”**

**Question #12: Regarding the contract template, please confirm proprietary software configured for use under this program is excluded from the ownership terms, conditions, and requirements in Article XV and the software referenced in that section would only apply to software specifically procured and built as work for hire for the customer.**

**Answer: See “ARTICLE XV. OWNERSHIP OF PRODUCTS AND DOCUMENTS AND WORK MADE FOR HIRE” of the “Professional Services IDIQ Master Contract Template.” The application of this Article is factually dependent; specific facts will be considered during negotiations with a selected Consultant.**

**Question #13: Part 2, Section II.C.2.a., of the RFP, identifies the Project Manager as permanent staff of the Prime Consultant. The Project Engineer section outlines required qualifications and licensure but does not specify whether the individual must be employed by the Consultant. May the Project Engineer requirement be satisfied by a licensed engineer provided by a subcontractor or affiliated firm, or must the Project Engineer be directly employed by the Prime Consultant?**

**Answer: The RFP does not have a requirement for the Project Engineer to be on the permanent staff of the Prime Consultant.**

**Question #14: Is there a limit on the number of contracts that should be provided as referenced in Part 2, Section II.B., of the RFP?**

**Answer: No, there is not a limit on the number of contracts that should be provided; however, per Part 2 Section I, of the RFP, “The TECHNICAL PROPOSAL length should not exceed 15 pages, which includes the CONSULTANT’s summaries and introductions, team organizational chart, past performance information, and any other responses to the evaluation criteria indicated in Part 2, Section III, of this RFP.”**

**Question #15: Based on APPENDIX B: COST PROPOSAL, it appears that the debris monitor-to-supervisor ratio is 5:1. Will MDOT confirm that this is the preferred ratio?**

**Answer: APPENDIX B: COST PROPOSAL is for evaluation purposes only. If debris monitoring services are requested for an actual event under the IDIQ Master Contract with a selected Consultant, the debris monitor-to-supervisor ratio will be determined at that time.**

**Question #16: Is the debris monitoring consultant’s Traffic Control Supervisor(s) directly responsible for implementing and maintaining traffic control measures?**

**Answer: No, the debris monitoring consultant’s Traffic Control Supervisor(s) is responsible for oversight and monitoring of the debris removal contractor’s traffic control operations.**

**Question #17: Per Part 2, Section II.C.2.d.i., of the RFP, “The Traffic Control Supervisor(s) is responsible for the oversight of traffic control. The Consultant shall provide the Traffic Control Supervisor(s) relevant American Traffic Safety Services Association certifications in the appendix.” Would MDOT accept general or reciprocal state American Traffic Safety Supervisor (ATSSA) Certifications or other nationally recognized traffic safety certifications that meet/comply with MDOT and MUTCD standards?**

**Answer: See Addendum No. 1.**

**Question #18: How many total copies of the proposal are to be submitted to MDOT?**

**Answer:** Per Part 1, Section X of the RFP, “To be considered, **six (6) copies and one (1) flash drive containing electronic PDF file(s)** of the CONSULTANT’s PROPOSAL must be received by **the date and time indicated in Part 1, Section XXIII. Procurement Schedule.**”

**Question #19: Does one (1) copy need to be identified as “Original” on the cover and do the remaining five (5) copies need to be identified as “Copy” on the cover?**

**Answer:** No. Six (6) total printed proposals and one (1) flash drive are to be submitted to MDOT in accordance with the RFP.

**Question #20: Part 3, Section III.G.5. under “Debris Loading Site Monitors” in the RFP states: “Performing a pre-work inspection of areas to identify potential problems including but not limited to covered utility meters, transformers, and fire hydrants to mitigate damage from loading equipment.” While monitoring personnel observe site conditions for safety and document any damages incurred during operations, will MDOT confirm that the debris removal contractor is responsible for the setup and operational evaluation of their worksites?**

**Answer:** The debris removal contractor’s responsibilities will be addressed in a separate contract.

**Question #21: Part 3, Section IV.I.7. under “Other Related Services” in the RFP references: “identifying and establishing DMS disposal sites.” In typical practice, the debris monitoring consultant supports the debris removal contractor through site and permitting evaluations, as well as validating all necessary permitting is in place before debris staging operations begin. The debris removal contractor usually identifies locations and secures property agreements for the DMS disposal sites. Will MDOT confirm the intention of this task?**

**Answer:** This task may include but not be limited to identifying and establishing DMS disposal sites and assisting with permits prior to an event.

**Question #22: What are the debris monitoring consultant's responsibilities with respect to permitting and DMS disposal sites identified and established by the debris removal contractor?**

**Answer: [See Addendum No. 1.](#)**