



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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**Subject:** Letter of Clarification No. 6 to Invitation to Bid No. S50-L23512 for Maintenance and Repair Services for Sludge and Drying Equipment for the Public Works and Engineering Department

**To:** All Prospective Contractors: This letter of Clarification is being issued for the following reasons:

- **The following questions and City of Houston responses are hereby incorporated and made a part of the Invitation to Bid:**

**Question # 1** During the site visit we found that bid item 89 calls for Core-Pak work at Almeda where there is no Core-Pak unit. What are we to bid for this item?

**Answer:** The first part of the bid item is the area description title from the bid document, "Scrubber System and Core-Pak Heat Exchanger". The second part, "the impingement trays", is the specific bid item.

**Question #2** "Field Coordinator". It is unclear to me when this is to be charged. Also, is this person an outside professional or the contract's project manager?

**Answer:** The "Field Coordinator" is a definition for a labor rate bid item. Who the contractor chooses or how the contractor organizes the work force is the contractor's decision.

**Question #3** Paragraph 2.8 calls for a registered engineer. Our professional staff consists of college trained career water and wastewater men and women. Because we are not designers these knowledgeable people are not PE's. Can we provide "or equal" for the PE requirement?

**Answer:** No. In a number of cases the City is going into the dryer systems under the contract to either redesign how one gains access to the internal workings of a particular piece of equipment or adding to existing equipment to improve functionality. As the dryers by nature of the combustion process can be life threatening, these types of repairs and improvements must meet the original manufacturer's design specification plus specifications for such improvements developed by the contractor under the proposal process. Note: the Project Manager (PM) for the existing dryer maintenance contract is a registered engineer and on all previous iterations of the dryer maintenance contract the PM was a registered engineer. It is the desire of the City and Waste Water Operations to maintain that level of educationally based management competency.

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S50-L23512

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR SLUDGE AND DRYING EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Note: No further questions will be accepted after the publication of this Letter of Clarification.**

When issued, Letter(s) of Clarification shall automatically become a part of the bid documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Letter(s) of Clarification. It is the responsibility of the bidders to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders shall be deemed to have received all Letter(s) of Clarification and to have incorporated them into this solicitation.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Letter of Clarification associated with this solicitation.

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