

# **Request for Statement of Qualifications for WV Licensed Remediation Specialist Former Beckley Landfill Property, Beckley, West Virginia**

**November 1, 2023**

Notice is hereby given that New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA) is requesting a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for a WV Licensed Remediation Specialist (LRS) to provide professional and technical services necessary to undertake cleanup of the former Beckley Landfill property, located on New Jersey Avenue and Whorley Road, Beckley, WV. This project is funded by an EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant. The selected LRS will be responsible for project oversight and submitting the site into the WV Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP).

## **Background**

NRGRDA was awarded an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant (\$500,000 total grant award) that includes funding for additional site assessment and risk assessment, removal of targeted contaminated materials, and associated tasks to complete VRP requirements. The former Beckley Landfill has various contaminants across the site, including heavy metals, pesticides, PCB compounds, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Several contaminants exceed WV De Minimis standards for industrial use of the property.

## **Work Scope Summary**

A combination of the removal of highly contaminated soils and the capping of lower-impacted contaminated soils at select locations, based on environmental assessment results, will be conducted. Remediation activities will include a risk-based assessment of remaining contaminants to ensure safe future site usage. All remediation activities will be conducted in order to meet VRP requirements and standards. Preparations for cleanup activities will begin immediately after grant award notification. The selected LRS will be provided with all site assessment documents at the start of this project, expected to begin by late 2023 / early 2024.

Further, the recipient anticipates holding at least two community meetings, finalizing one analysis of brownfield cleanup alternatives, and submitting sixteen quarterly reports should the cooperative agreement run to term. The work conducted under this agreement will benefit the residents, business owners, and stakeholders in and near Beckley, West Virginia. A subaward is being provided to the WVDEP to provide oversight as the Former Beckley Landfill site is navigating through the WVDEP VRP.

## **SOQ Package Submittal Components**

The following criteria are required for this SOQ request:

- I. LRS and Firm Identification, Certification and Background.
- II. Technical Services Experience – site assessment, risk assessment, remedial design and implementation, and related experiences.
- III. Knowledge of all Local, State and Federal Applicable Laws and Regulations, including programmatic experience specifically with the WV VRP, and experience on sites with

- similar contamination challenges as the former Beckley Landfill property. Include example projects related to these criteria.
- IV. Experience related to the U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant Program, specifically on cleanup grant management and direct interaction with EPA Program Managers. Provide example projects and summary of activities performed related to these criteria.
  - V. References (minimum of 3, no more than 5) that LRS has worked directly with. Provide name, title, contact information (full address, phone, email) and associated project(s) LRS was assigned to. Provide full project details (References will be contacted).
  - VI. Statement / Documentation of Insurance.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

SOQ packages will be evaluated based upon the following:

- Specialized experience, technical competence, and qualifications of the firm / LRS related to the WV VRP, EPA Brownfields Program, and projects similar to the former Beckley landfill project
- Quality and completeness of the package
- Insurance
- Experience and knowledge of the firm / LRS with all applicable regulations

NRGRDA will utilize a review process using its Board, staff, and outside expertise to score each package, and develop a list of the highest scoring SOQ packages. From this list, up to three firms will be invited to interview for this project. Please note: While NRGRDA plans to have in-person interviews, the use of a virtual meeting platform may be utilized.

### **Submission Deadline and Requirements**

In order to be considered prospective firms must submit a SOQ package with a signed cover letter by 5:00 p.m. on November 24, 2023. Each sealed package must include one (1) original SOQ package and two (2) copies. SOQ packages are to be submitted to:

Andrew Davis  
New River Gorge Regional Development Authority  
200 Main Street  
Beckley, WV 25801

Each sealed envelope containing a SOQ package must be plainly marked on the outside as "SOQ – Former Beckley Landfill - EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant". The envelope should bear on the outside the name of the submitting firm and full address.

SOQ packages can also be submitted electronically and must be submitted to Andrew Davis at [adavis@nrgrda.org](mailto:adavis@nrgrda.org). Electronic submissions must be received by NRGRDA by the deadline date and time. Please note that NRGRDA is not responsible for electronic submittals; applicants take full responsibility for electronic submissions. Electronic submittals must be plainly stated in the email title "SOQ – Former Beckley Lanfill – EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant".

Any questions should be directed to Andrew Davis by email at [adavis@nrgrda.org](mailto:adavis@nrgrda.org) or by phone at (304) 254-8115 during regular business hours.