

## Questions and Answers

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The purpose of this amendment is address all questions received and extend the RFQ through 2:00 PM EST 9/11/2012.

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Q1.) What is the specific geographic area for the local set-aside.

A.1 The contractor must be physically based in North Dakota.

Q.2) What is meant by digital data – pdfs or do they mean arcgis shape files and mxds files.

A.2 Digital data includes all raw digital data: digital elevation models, any and all imagery, and geologic maps (raster and vector), shapefiles, any data generated with their GPS, etc.

Q.3) Although the project is to evaluate sand and gravel and clinker on Trust lands we will most likely need to cross over non-trust lands. Prior to site investigation (test pit excavation) will right of entry be provided by the federal government?

A.3 All lands will be accessed via road or other public rights-of-way. Otherwise, even if we found gravel or clinker there they could not get the resource off the property.

Q.4) Will land ownership data (ArcGIS format) be provided to aide in entry and test locating.

A.4 We will provide the contractor with GIS files defining the Trust and non-trust lands on the reservation.

Q.5) Who is responsible for NEPA or cultural resources compliance. Is a prospecting permit required prior to test pit excavation.

A.5 The BIA is responsible for the NEPA compliance. Our office will assist the contractor and the Tribe with writing the Exploration Permit. The Tribe will be the ones actually signing and submitting the Exploration Permit to the BIA (they will be the proponents of the exploration effort). The BIA is responsible for complying with NEPA when they approve the exploration permit.

Q.6) What type of reclamation of the test pit sites will be required.

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A.6 Reclamation: The backhoe holes will be re-filled and leveled as much as possible. No trash or debris will be left behind. No seeding will be required.

Q.7) Winter time conditions will present limitations for field work and field observations. We would plan to conduct fieldwork in the spring and summer of 2013 and present the final report within one year of the date of award

A.7 It is the contractor's prerogative to develop its own business strategy. The contractor is encouraged to adhere to the SOW schedule and specific details in its response to this quote.