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# Environmental Consultants/Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Request for Qualifications: Site Assessments/Remedial Investigations/Remedial Action Plans

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The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”) announced it is seeking through a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) consultants capable of performing:

- Site Assessments
- Remedial Investigations
- Remedial Action Plans

The previously referenced services would be undertaken at “potentially environmentally contaminated sites in Arkansas.”

ADEQ states that the RFQ will be used to screen prospective consultants and select finalists. Selected finalists will be required to conduct oral presentations and answer questions concerning technical performance and capabilities.

The agency states it will select consultants considered the best qualified and capable of performing the requested services. In describing the reasons such services may be sought and their scope, ADEQ notes:

Frequently, representatives from land developers, real estate brokers, bankers, investors, municipalities, and other political subdivisions contact ADEQ about an environmental release of liability or environmental remediation loan money for abandoned or underutilized real estate properties which are contaminated or are suspect of being contaminated. Occasionally ADEQ assists government or political subdivision entities and non-profit organizations in performing site assessments. The scope of the site assessment work is not known nor can it be determined until a specific project “comes forward.” Site Assessments may vary from Comprehensive Site Reviews to routine sampling of one media. Time constraints can also be significant if projects are part of a real estate transaction. Additionally, ADEQ needs some specific in-depth RI and RA work at certain potentially environmentally contaminated sites across the State. The context of the work generally includes environmental media sampling, remedial design engineering, and construction oversight management/observation services. Environmental data would be validated and evaluated for specific project needs, ranging from routine reporting to performance of specific remedial action systems.

The RFQ addresses issues such as the scope of work, schedule, written qualifications submission guidelines and other topics.

ADEQ must receive a "Statement of Qualifications" from applicants by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A link to the RFQ announcement can be found here <https://www.adeg.state.ar.us/fiscal/pdfs/2016-hw-930-rfq-1601.pdf>.