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Written Response: September 3, 2009 (UPDATED)

TO: Parties Interested In Invitation for Bids (IFB) Number OMR2009-001 Bat Gate/Foam Closure Services

FROM: Cy R. Oggins, Manager, Abandoned Mine Lands Unit
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SUBJECT: **RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS: IFB Number OMR2009-001**

This memo provides responses to questions received by the Abandoned Mine Lands Unit (AMLU) regarding the subject IFB. The IFB is available on the Internet at www.conservation.ca.gov/omr/abandoned_mine_land/Document/2009_AMLUIFB.pdf.

For questions about this IFB please contact either:

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1. **Question 1.** *An email I received from the Department states that the deadline to submit bids is September 9. However, the IFB states that the deadline to submit bids is Tuesday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m. PDST. Which is correct?*

Response. We apologize for the confusion. We are changing the deadline to **Wednesday, September 9 at 2:00 PDST**. Dates listed in the IFB after September 8 will also be moved back one corresponding day. Any bid packages received on or before September 8, 2009 will remain sealed till the new deadline on September 9.

Written Response: August 20, 2009

1. **Question 1.** *Why don't we know where the mine sites are located before we bid?*

Response. The AMLU estimates that there are more than 165,000 abandoned mine features (adits, shafts, etc.) on approximately 47,000 abandoned mine sites throughout California. Features that would be closed pursuant to this bid are located on public lands (e.g., Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, State, etc.). Exact sites to be remediated are determined on a case-by-case basis, in coordination with the landowning agency, and following completion of the necessary environmental review(s). Examples of closures conducted to date can be found at www.conservation.ca.gov/omr/abandoned_mine_land/contracts/Pages/index1.aspx.

When bidding on this contract, each sample bid has a location preference that can be selected based on where you are willing to travel. Mark the appropriate box for

"Northern California" or "Southern California" or both. **Note there is a correction to pp. 15 & 16. Under Preferred Location, the text and check boxes should state: Preferred Location.** (These are general categories only, with possible overlapping in Central California, should two or more contracts be awarded as a result of this IFB. Check all that apply.)

Northern CA Southern CA

2. **Question 2.** *Should our bid use prevailing wages?*

Response. "Prevailing" (Davis-Bacon) wages are not required (funding for contract work under this IFB will not come from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act monies).

3. **Question 3.** *Under Bidder Minimum Qualifications, Section B4 of the IFB (page 3) you ask for a copy of a signed [MSHA Form 5000-23](#) with "Hazard Recognition" and "Prevention of Accidents" marked in Section 5 of the Form. Since I completed all the subjects in Section 5, the MSHA instructor completed and dated Section 4 of [Form 5000-23](#) (Date Training Requirements Completed) and did not check any boxes in Section 5. Is this a satisfactory equivalent?*

Response. Yes.

4. **Question 4.** *Why is 40 hours of training required as listed on Attachment 3 (page 10)?*

Response. If you propose only to do surface work, please provide a copy of your Certificate of Training for completion of 24 hours of mandatory health and safety training, including annual refresher courses. If you propose to do underground work, including work within abandoned mine portals, please provide a copy of your Certificate of Training for completion of 40 hours of mandatory health and safety training, including annual refresher courses. One potential source for information on how to obtain this training, is the Cal-OSHA Mining and Tunneling Unit (see www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/DistrictOffices.htm).

5. **Question 5.** *In the Sample Cupola Project (page 15), what size grate should be used on the top of the cupola?*

Response. In your bid, specify expanded metal grating at 3 pounds per square foot.

6. **Question 6.** *In the Sample Cupola Project (page 15), you specify that "uprights must be 4" by 4" tubing, 3/8" thick." However, the Cupola Bat Detail (page 34) shows 6" x 6" x 3/8" steel tube for the main frame. What size tubing should we use for the main frame?*

Response. What we are concerned about is the load that the cupola (e.g., the grating) can support, in case people bounce on top of, or otherwise try to defeat, the cupola. In your bid, please state how you propose to stabilize and provide a platform for attaching expanded metal grating to adequately support a "reasonable" load, including the size of tubing or structural equivalent you propose to use.