



March 11, 2024

## NOTICE TO FIRMS

### REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

**Description:** RFQ #P2324-01 Pensacola Bay System Oyster Restoration Initiative Design and Permitting Services

**Date:** April 15 and 16, 2024 (times listed below)

**Purpose:** Discussion between short-listed firms and Review Committee, and final ranking meeting.

Shortlisted firms will be assessed by their responses to the questions below. Firms will have 45 minutes to respond to all five questions, followed by up to 30 minutes of questions from the Review Committee and ad hoc responses by the firm. If handouts and/or a presentation will be provided, please email a copy to [info@ppbep.org](mailto:info@ppbep.org) for recordkeeping.

Please be prepared to answer the following questions:

1. Unlike traditional restoration project design, which is individual in nature, this Initiative proposes a comprehensive approach to restoration with the goal of scaling up restoration extent while reducing design and construction costs. Describe the integrative process your team could employ to achieve the goal of 600 ha of restored oyster community in 10 years. **20 points**
2. Based on your understanding of the project, describe how your team will apply the Initiative's restoration objectives toward ecosystem service restoration (i.e., habitat function, wild harvest, aquaculture, etc.) to inform engineering and design decisions leading to implementation, and include opportunities for public involvement. **20 points**
3. What does community engagement look like to your team throughout this project? How will feedback be captured and incorporated into the ultimate design products? **20 points**
4. The Pensacola Bay Oyster Restoration Initiative is the first of its kind in its approach to restoring oyster habitat to achieve whole-system recovery. Explain the steps and anticipated timeline your team would take to secure a bay-wide scale permit for this unique restoration initiative. What are the challenges to permitting and how would you anticipate addressing those challenges? **20 points**
5. What do you envision as the barriers or roadblocks to implementing this vision? What mitigating measures would your team take to adapt, improvise, and overcome these barriers? **20 points**



**Schedule:**

<b>Monday, April 15, 2024</b>	
Environmental Science Associates (ESA)	1:30 PM – 2:45 PM CT
Anchor QEA	3:15 PM – 4:30 PM CT
<b>Tuesday, April 16, 2024</b>	
Freese and Nichols, Inc.	9:00 AM – 10:15 AM CT
Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT)	10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CT
Jacobs	1:30 PM – 2:45 PM CT
Ranking Meeting	3:15 PM – 4:30 PM CT

**Location:** Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program  
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