

Streamflow Duration Assessment Method (SDAM) Development – Western Expansion Study

Bidder's meeting

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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

(In some cases, questions and/or answers have been modified to increase clarity)

Q: Can I submit a proposal if I do not meet all requirements?

A: Yes. All submissions will be evaluated and scored according to how well the bid meets the project requirements.

Q: Is the taxonomic identification of collected samples included as part of the RFP?

A: No. Taxonomic identification is covered under separate SCCWRP contract.

Q: Does the level of invertebrate identification follow similarly to the SDAM beta version that is available now?

A: No, it requires more resolution than beta version. We require family for insects and mollusks and order/class for all other groups.

Q: Guides that are listed – off the shelf books can be used to ID aquatic invertebrates?

A: Books listed in Beta SDAM SOP (such as J. Reese Voshell's *A Guide to Common Freshwater Invertebrates in North America*) would be suitable for this project. Anything that can be put into a jar and sent to the lab for ID should be.

Q: Data loggers—each site includes 3 sampling events. Would the data loggers need to be collected on a 4th visit?

A: A 4th visit is not part of this project. Loggers will be retrieved on the 3rd visit unless funding for continued monitoring is available.

Q: What if a logger goes missing? Will contractors be responsible for the cost of a replacement logger?

A: SCCWRP will send backups in anticipation of loss, and contractors will have to re-install them. SCCWRP will initially send 10% duplicates + backups. The contractor is not expected to acquire new loggers.

Q: Does the Survey123 method include the SDAM data sheet or is it different?

A: The Survey123 survey we provide is specifically designed for the development protocol that will be used in this project. It covers more indicators than are included in the data sheets that were released with the Beta SDAM (e.g., hydric soils).

Q: Have there been any trainings in the SOPs for the project?

A: There have only been a few hoc trainings of the full protocol conducted as part of previous projects (4 for EPA-led projects, and one for a project led by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality). If you haven't attended one of the trainings in the full protocol, please describe what relevant trainings/experience you do have (e.g., trainings or experience with related protocols) in order to demonstrate proficiency in measuring the required indicators.