**State Of New Hampshire**

**Department Of Environmental Services Nonpoint Source Management Program**

**New Hampshire’s 2022 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey**

**Question and Answer Digest**

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**Question #1:** Several sections of the RFP refer to a sealed price proposal that will be reviewed upon completion of the scoring of technical proposals. However, Section 5 (proposal contents/requirements) does not appear to mention a price proposal. Please confirm whether a separate, sealed price proposal should be submitted with the initial technical proposal and any requirements for the price proposal.

Answer #1: Yes, the sealed price proposal should be separate from the technical proposal.

**Question #2:** Do you have an anticipated timeframe for when you expect EPA to approve NHDES’s proposed methodology for the 2022 CWNS?

Answer #2: We anticipate having this answered by April 1st. If we receive approval prior to March 21st, we will notify those who request notification. Please request notification from Steve Landry at stephen.c.landry@des.nh.gov or Lisa Loosigian at lisa.loosigian@des.nh.gov.

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The following questions and answers were generated during the NHDES CWNS presentation conducted on 2/24/22. They are paraphrased for clarity. To hear the full discussion around these questions, a recording of the presentation is available upon request. Contact Steve Landry at stephen.c.landry@des.nh.gov or Lisa Loosigian at lisa.loosigian@des.nh.gov.

**Question #3**: How does the MS4 permit factor into this survey?

Answer #3: Projects need to be documented whether municipality is an MS4 or not.

**Question #4**: Was initial outreach to communities done by DES or contractor?

Answer #4: In 2012 it was done by NHDES. In 2022, the RFP specifies that the selected contractor will work with NHDES to do outreach.

**Question #5**: Regarding the number of communities contacted, is the expectation that we’ll look at all communities or just find data for the goal percent for each municipal category?

Answer #5: All communities are contacted/researched via surveys, email, web searches, phone calls, etc.

**Question #6**:  Are projects costs escalated to today’s dollars?

Answer #6: EPA makes the cost adjustments.

**Question #7:** If we were to get a response from 90% [for example] of municipalities from a certain category, do we need to enter data for each of those municipalities? Or do we need to enter data only for the percent goal for each municipality type?

Answer #7: The expectation is that you’ll enter data for every community that you find data for, then extrapolate to the ones you did not within that category.