

**QUESTION AND ANSWER NO. 3**

**SOLICITATION K8A42-14-9006**

**2014/2015 National Solid Waste Composition Study**

- 1- Section 3 of the description states that Environment Canada (EC) seeks to obtain waste compositions for residential, industrial, wastewater treatment sludge, industrial sludge and construction wastes sources. However, there is no further mention of the two types of sludge for the rest of the document. Do the amounts and origins of wastewater treatment sludge and industrial sludge have to be documented?**

**Yes.**

- 2- Could you provide the "Manual on Generally Accepted Principles (GAP) for Calculation of Municipal Waste System flow" mentioned in the description?**

**Yes, but this protocol is available in English only.**

- 3- Why select only six urban and three rural sites for Phase II?**

**Limited by contract cost.**

- 4- Is the sole purpose of Phase II to verify whether the methodology used in Phase I was effective, or should it allow for a different extrapolation of the results?**

**Phase II will be based on the sampling methodology and categorization of materials which will have been developed in Phase I.**

- 5- Given the available budget for fees, does Environment Canada understand that Phase II audits will include little to no sorting and weighing of materials?**

**No. Phase II audits will include sorting and weighing of materials. Without sorting and weighing, the results would be useless. However, we understand that there may be fewer samples collected than in Phase I (samples already taken by municipalities).**

- 6- Task 11 indicates that there are no longer any dedicated construction and demolition landfills. Are we to understand that**

**telephone surveys must target sites that are closed but that were in operation in the past two decades, knowing that the reference period will not be 2008–2014 as it was for landfill sites?**

**No.**

**7- Must the firm's experience be presented, or is it only the project manager and team members' experiences that will be evaluated?**

**Yes.**

**8- Could you explain the difference between the evaluation criteria "efficiency of site audit operations" and "quality of proposed methodology"?**

**The first aims to measure the efficiency of sampling and sorting at the sites; the second relates to the quality of the sampling and sorting methodology (whether the samples include all targeted sources, for example).**

**9- In Question 8 of the "Question and Answer" addendum, it is indicated that the sites chosen for Phase II must not have had a recent waste management audit. What do you mean by recent: is 2008 recent enough?**

**EC does not require this condition (i.e., ...not have had a recent waste management audit).**