Alabama Port Authority

Amendment to RFP – Painting & Blasting Services – McDuffie Coal Terminal

Project Name Painting & Blasting Services – McDuffie Coal Terminal RFP
RFP No. APA-2026-McD-Painting-Blasting-001
Task No. Amendment No. 1
To: Prospective Offerors
Date: November 13, 2026

This Amendment revises the RFP schedule, adds the Attachment 1 acknowledgment form, and addresses questions received from prospective Offerors. Per APA policy, written amendments addressing questions of a substantive nature are distributed to all invited firms. The solicitation is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

REVISIONS TO THE RFP

Revision 1: Section 10, Schedule

- RFP Proposal Submission Deadline is changed from 11/06/26 @ 10:00 AM CST to **11/23/26 @ 10:00 AM CST**.
- Notification of Intent to Award Date is changed from on or around 11/20/26 to **on or around 12/08/26**.

Revision 2: Attachments

- Attachment 1, Acknowledgement of Revision and/or Amendment, has been added to the RFP (page 27), as referenced in Section 11.
- The Certificate of Compliance with the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, formerly labeled Attachment 3, is renumbered as Attachment 2. The form itself is unchanged.
- A revised RFP incorporating these changes is issued with this Amendment.

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

#	Question	APA Response
Questions Received from Prospective Offerors		
1	Certifications – Prime vs. Subcontractor: Exhibit A, Section 2 states “Vendors must be SSPC Certified Contractor, QP-1,” and Exhibit A, Section 7 requires Field Application of Coatings and Hazardous Paint Removal certificates. Will APA accept these certifications (SSPC QP-1/QP-2) and the certified NACE inspector requirement if held by a named painting subcontractor performing the coating work, with the Offeror serving as prime contractor? If so, may APA’s consent to that subcontractor under Agreement Section 23 (Assignment) be granted at award?	Yes. APA will accept the SSPC QP-1/QP-2 certifications and the certified NACE inspector requirement when held by a named painting subcontractor performing the coating work, with the Offeror serving as prime contractor. APA’s consent to that subcontractor under Agreement Section 23 (Assignment) may be granted at award.
2	Alabama License Classification: Please confirm the State Licensing Board for General Contractors classification(s) that will satisfy the “Alabama State License” requirement (e.g., BC-S Painting & Wall Covering, H/RR, H/RR-S, BC).	Offerors must hold a current license issued by the Alabama State Licensing Board for General Contractors.

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3	Surface Preparation Standard: Exhibit A, Section 1 requires SSPC-SP1 cleaning followed by vapor blasting to SSPC-SP10 (Near White Metal) for all areas with rust or corrosion, while the Non-submerged Carbon Steel coating system table specifies SSPC-SP2/SP3 hand and power tool cleaning with SP6 “as needed.” Which standard governs, or will the required preparation be defined individually in each Work Order?	All work will be planned and scheduled through individual Work Orders. The required surface preparation will be defined in each Work Order.
4	Liquidated Damages: Agreement Section 13.3 assesses liquidated damages of $100.00 per calendar day and references Exhibit A; however, Exhibit A does not appear to contain liquidated damages terms. How will the completion date be established for each Work Order for purposes of this clause?	All work will be scheduled. The completion date for each Work Order will be established in that Work Order’s schedule.
5	Payment Milestones: The Agreement cover page references “Exhibit A – Progress Billing Milestones,” while Exhibit A, Section 6 shows 100% payment upon completed and accepted work and Section 5 requires bi-weekly invoicing on the 1st and 16th of each month. For multi-week Work Orders, may the Contractor bill progress on the bi-weekly schedule, or is payment made only upon final acceptance of each Work Order?	Billing and payment will be made per Work Order, upon completion and acceptance of each Work Order.
6	Attachments: Section 11 references Attachment 1 (Acknowledgement of Revisions and/or Amendments). Attachment 1 does not appear in the posted RFP. Please confirm whether a form will be issued or whether Offerors should provide their own acknowledgment.	The RFP has been updated to include Attachment 1. See Revision 2 above. Offerors shall sign Attachment 1 and submit it with their proposal.
7	Hazardous Coatings: Are lead-based or other hazardous coatings known or suspected on McDuffie assets? Will APA provide existing coating test results, or will testing be the Contractor’s responsibility per Work Order?	Testing for hazardous coatings will be the Contractor’s responsibility for each Work Order.
8	Equipment Pricing Units: The Exhibit A, Section 4 equipment schedule is priced per hour (HR). Please confirm whether equipment is billed only for hours in use on site, or for hours mobilized on site regardless of use, and whether daily/weekly rates may be proposed for items such as the 40’ storage trailer, scaffolding, and ladders.	APA will supply mobile equipment and a Conex. If additional equipment is needed, it will be stated in the Work Order scope of work and should be included in the Contractor’s quote.
9	Anticipated Volume and Number of Awards: To support mobilization and staffing planning for Factor 1, can APA share the approximate annual spend or labor hours under the prior Painting & Blasting agreement, and the anticipated number of awards?	APA anticipates that the Contractor will maintain a five-person crew.
10	Insurance – USL&H: Agreement Section 16.5 requires USL&H coverage “where applicable.” Please confirm whether USL&H coverage will be required for all work at McDuffie Coal Terminal.	Yes. USL&H coverage will be required for all work at McDuffie Coal Terminal.

Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of this Amendment by signing Attachment 1 and submitting it with their proposal.

NOTE: All other terms and conditions of this RFP remain unchanged.

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