



**ADDENDUM #1**  
**Office of Sustainability Climate and Resilience**  
**Soil Health and Biodiversity Baseline Study on Agricultural Lands**  
**RFP # 7504-23**

August 17, 2023

The attached addendum supersedes the original Information and Specifications regarding RFP # 7504-23 where it adds to, deletes from, clarifies or otherwise modifies. All other conditions and any previous addendums shall remain unchanged.

**Please note: BIDS will only be accepted electronically by emailing [purchasing@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.gov).**

1. Question: Carbon sequestration takes years to build, baseline and remeasure. We recommend remeasurement to be made in one-year increments. Does this RFP only cover the T0 baseline measurements? Will the opportunity for a T1 remeasurement be available in a follow-up RFP?

**ANSWER:** This RFP covers soil health baseline measurements for 2023. There is a possible opportunity for follow-up soil health measurements in subsequent years.

2. Question: We have conducted extensive soil organic carbon measurements across the United States and Australia. Our lab analyses have included SOC, bulk density (including soil moisture), gravel fraction, nutrients, PFLA, Haney, and soil texture. Are there any additional analyses Boulder County would desire to include under the soil analysis section of the RFP?

**ANSWER:** This is dependent on what consultants recommend for soil health metrics.

3. Question: We are considering a partnership with CSU Soil Sciences Department. They recommend plant diversity as being the cornerstone of biodiversity analysis.

Are there any additional analyses Boulder County would desire to include in the biodiversity analysis.

**ANSWER:** This is dependent on what consultants recommend for measuring biodiversity health metrics.

4. Question: What are the expected data licensing terms and requirements?
  - a. Will the raw data collected under this project be restricted for use outside of the scope of this project (ie. can the raw soil analysis data be used in other data modeling efforts)?

**ANSWER:** The raw data will not be used outside the scope of this project.

5. Question: Under the soil analysis portion in the scope of work, there is a listed requirement for a digital interactive map or database. Would the interactive map be expected to be accessible via a platform for one time delivery or a specified period of access? Additionally, what level of interactivity is preferred?
  - a. Would we be able to provide GIS compatible data on a platform of our choosing, or would there be a required platform?

**ANSWER:** Ideally access to the platform is available indefinitely. We would pay extra if we decided to do annual or bi-annual updates. Level of interactivity would include soil health and biodiversity results that could be viewed at a parcel level. You can use a platform of your choosing.

6. Question: We specialize in soil organic carbon measurement, monitoring, reporting and verification (MMRV). Will proposals for a portion of the RFP scope of work be considered?

**ANSWER:** Yes. However, proposals that bring forward the full scope of work will be weighted higher.

7. Question: What is the expected range of budget available for the RFP project?

**ANSWER:** The budget is \$100,000. However, this is flexible based on responses. If you feel you must go above 100K, we recommend you outline 2 options. For example: Option A, the work that can be completed within 100K, and Option B, the work that can be completed going above 100K.

**Submittal Instructions:**

Submittals are due at the email box only, listed below, for time and date recording on or before **2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on August 25,2023**.

**Please note that email responses to this solicitation are limited to a maximum of 50MB capacity.**

**NO ZIP FILES OR LINKS TO EXTERNAL SITES WILL BE ACCEPTED. THIS INCLUDES GOOGLE DOCS AND SIMILAR SITES. ALL SUBMITTALS MUST BE RECEIVED AS AN ATTACHMENT (E.G. PDF, WORD, EXCEL).**

**Electronic submittals must be received in the email box listed below. Submittals sent to any other box will NOT be forwarded or accepted. This email box is only accessed on the due date of your questions or proposals. Please use the Delivery Receipt option to verify receipt of your email. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure their documents are received before the deadline specified above. Boulder County does not accept responsibility under any circumstance for delayed or failed email or mailed submittals.**

Email [purchasing@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.gov); identified as RFP # 7504-23 in the subject line.

All proposals must be received and time and date recorded at the purchasing email by the above due date and time. Sole responsibility rests with the Offeror to see that their bid is received on time at the stated location(s). Any bid received after due date and time will be returned to the bidder. No exceptions will be made.

The Board of County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, and to accept the bid that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the Board and of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado.



**RECEIPT OF LETTER  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

August 17, 2023

Dear Vendor:

This is an acknowledgment of receipt of Addendum #1 for RFP #7504-23, Soil Health and Biodiversity Baseline Study on Agricultural Lands.

In an effort to keep you informed, we would appreciate your acknowledgment of receipt of the preceding addendum. Please sign this acknowledgment and email it back to [purchasing@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.gov) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or problems with transmittal, please call us at 303-441-3525.

This is also an acknowledgement that the vendor understands that **BIDS will only be accepted electronically by emailing [purchasing@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.gov).**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. This information is time and date sensitive; an immediate response is requested.

Sincerely,

Boulder County Purchasing

**Signed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Company** \_\_\_\_\_

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