CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, GEORGIA

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

QUESTION DEADLINE 10/31/2025

ANSWER DEADLINE 11/5/2025

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Received 10/13/2025 - I do not see a site visit on the document – do you plan to schedule one?
    a. Answered 10/15/2025 - We had not originally planned on a site visit but feel this is a reasonable request. An optional site visit will be scheduled as follows for any interested applicant:

        Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

        Time: 9AM

        Location: Springfield Wastewater Treatment Plant
        313A Industrial Blvd
        Rincon, GA 31326

2. Received 10/29/2025 - Are these services or a portion of these services currently contracted out or are they being performed in-house?
    a. Answered 10/29/2025 - Until 10/14/2025 these services were performed in-house. Due to employee turnover the City entered an emergency contract with EOM Operations that began 10/15/2025 through 12/31/25 while the RFQ process was handled to fulfill needs in 2026. EOM Operations was already handling the water and sewer O&M. The City of Springfield is retaining the WWTP Director, who had been handling the plant since August 2016, as Utility Director. He will oversee the Water, Sewer, and WWTP O&M contracts.
3. Received 10/29/2025 - If they are contracted, who has the contract?
    a. Answered 10/29/2025 - Under emergency contract from 10/15/2025-12/31/2025 with EOM Operations
4. Received 10/29/2025 - What is the current coverage of the facility? How many people, hours per day, and days of the week?
    a. Answered 10/29/2025 - Prior to 10/15/2025 the plant had been operating with 3 full-time staff. Generally, Monday thru Friday the plant was staffed

with 2 people from 7am – 330pm and staffed with 1 person on Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 330pm.

5. Received 10/29/2025 - Are there any active Consent Orders or permit violations for the facility?
    a. Answered 10/29/2025 - No.
6. Received 10/29/2025 - I didn't see a site visit listed in the Anticipated Schedule, is this something that could be considered?
    a. Answered 10/29/2025 - A site visit was not originally scheduled but was requested and posted on the RFQ Question and Answers updated on 10/15/2025. The site visit was held on 10/28/2025 at 9am.

7. Received 10/31/2025 - Request for Due Date Extension - Veolia is very interested in providing a response to this RFQ and would humbly request an extension of the submittal deadline beyond November 14, 2025, to allow adequate time to compile and organize a comprehensive and competitive response.
    a. Answered 10/31/2025 – No extensions will be allowed as we are on a very short timeline to implement services by Jan 1, 2026.
8. Received 10/31/2025 - Role During Design and Construction - Regarding the proposed wastewater treatment plant expansion referenced in Section II (Background), could the City please clarify the expected role of the selected O&M firm during the design and construction phases? Specifically, will the firm be responsible for commissioning and completion testing once construction is complete?
    a. Answered 10/31/2025 – The O&M contractor will not have a designated role with design and construction but will need to work with the Utility Director, Engineer, and Construction Manager for any transitional period from the old system to the new system. Ruby Collins, construction contractor, is responsible for commissioning and will work through hand-off and training with O&M operator upon completion.
9. Received 10/31/2025 - Cost Modeling Expectations - As it pertains to the planned expansion, will the selected firm be expected to develop a cost model for operating the existing plant during construction, and subsequently prepare a separate cost model for the expanded facility's operations post-commissioning?
    a. Applicants should be prepared to provide cost models for operations of the current plant. Operations of the new plant in 18-24 months will be discussed with O&M operator prior to new plant hand-off.