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# ADDENDUM NUMBER 2 TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ALISO CANYON DISASTER HEALTH RESEARCH STUDY SERVICES RFP NO. 2022-003

On January 18, 2022, the County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Public Health (Public Health) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Services.

Pursuant to RFP, Section 7.0, Proposal Submission Requirements, Subsection 7.4, Proposers' Questions, answers to questions received by the February 18, 2022, deadline are being issued as part of this Addendum. Proposers are advised that the County reserves the right to group similar questions when providing answers.

#### SECTION 3.0 – PROPOSER'S MINIMUM MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS (MMQ)

- Q1. If multiple PIs, does each PI have to have three first/last author environmental publications, given the RFP states that this condition can be satisfied by subcontracts/consultants?
- Q2. If we have 2 Principal Investigators (a mPI [MultiplePI] mechanism), and one of the PIs meet requirement 3.2 and 3.4, does the second PI also need to meet requirement 3.2 and 3.4?
- Q3. In section 3.0 "PROPOSER'S MINIMUM MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS (MMQ)" of the RFP, it states that Subcontractor(s) and/or consultant(s) may be used to meet 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 of the MMQ. Does this mean that the PI(s) does not have to have three first- or last-author publications in environmental health (requirement 3.4) as long as subcontractor(s) and/or consultant(s) have it? Also, if one of the PIs or co-investigator(s) have three such publications, will this satisfy the requirement of 3.4 for other PI(s) so the other PI(s) does not have to have three such publications anymore?

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A1-3. If more than one Principal Investigator (PI) is assigned to the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study (Health Study), each PI must meet each of the requirements specified in RFP Sections 3.2 to 3.4, Proposer's Minimum Mandatory Qualifications. This requirement also applies to sub-contracted Principal or Co-Principal Investigators.

Subcontractor(s) and/or consultant(s) may be used to meet 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 of the Proposer's Minimum Mandatory Qualifications if the subcontractor(s) and/or consultant(s) are assigned to the Health Study as PI(s).

- Q4. Is environmental health defined broadly for the PI, such as areas included by CDC?
- Q5. The RFP says that the environmental health needs to be physical environmental health, can we use broad definition for environmental health from CDC and if social environment (e.g., neighborhood environment, friend relationship, peer relationship) is part of environment health definition?
- A4-5. Yes, environmental health is defined broadly as human health related to the physical environment, refer to RFP Section 3.0 Proposer's Minimum Mandatory Qualifications, for the Principal Investigator(s) and includes environmental health topics listed on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/">https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/</a>).

Environmental health also encompasses the social environment including its various levels of influence on physical health, mental health, quality of life and wellbeing. This includes interpersonal relationships as well as the neighborhood/community environments. Health Study(s) are required to take a social-ecological approach to the investigation of impacts of the Aliso Canyon Disaster on health, quality of life and wellbeing, refer to Section 8.1 of the Statement of Work (RFP Appendix A-1). Please refer to CDC's social ecological model for more information: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/communityengagement/pce\_models.html.

# SECTION 7.0 - PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Q6. How do I work on this?
- A6. Please refer to RFP, Section 7.0 Proposal Submission Requirements, Subsection 7.8 Preparation of the Proposal, and Subsection 7.9 Proposal Format, for instruction on Proposal preparation.
- Q7. When will this ppt be available? And recording?
- Q8. When will this presentation and recording be made available?
- Q9. When will this presentation and recording be made available? Will it be before you share the answers to written questions?

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- A7-9. The recording of the Proposers' Virtual Conference will be available via written Addendum 2, with the response to written questions. A copy of the Power Point Presentation is attached as Attachment I. The recording of the Virtual Proposers' Conference is available on our website <a href="https://youtu.be/rWt4kNG1fas">https://youtu.be/rWt4kNG1fas</a>.
- Q10. For academic institutions, what kind of financial statements are needed? The way they were outlined seems more appropriate for a private sector business.
- A10. Pursuant to RFP Subsection 7.9.3 Proposer's Qualifications (Section A), section F. Financial Capability (Section A.5), the title of financial statements may differ depending on the nature of the entity (i.e., for-profit, non-profit, governmental). For example, for a non-profit entity the Balance Sheet is referred to as the Statement of Financial Position.

# 8.0 - SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Q11. Can you explain in more details how the 836 points for the study are distributed? This is included in the ppt presentation which will be made available online.
- A11. Pursuant to RFP Section 8.4 Stage 2 Review: Proposal Evaluation and Criteria (1,376 Points), Subsection 8.4.3 Proposer's Approach to Providing Required Services Proposal Section C (836 Points), the proposer will be evaluated on its description of the methodology to be used to meet the County's requirements based on information provided in sub-section 7.9.5, (Proposer's Approach to Provide Required Services [Section C]) of the proposal. Please refer to RFP Subsection 7.9.5 Proposer's Approach to Provide Required Services (Section C), for details on the narrative response required for each requirement/section in Section C of the Proposal.
- Q12. Can you explain what is "Proposal qualification: Reference"?
- A12. Pursuant to RFP Section 8.4 Stage 2 Review: Proposal Evaluation and Criteria (1,376 Points), Subsection 8.4.1 Proposer's Qualifications Proposal Section A (40 Points), Number 1., Proposer's References (40 Points), Proposer will be evaluated on the verification of references provided on Appendix D Required Forms, Exhibit 4, Prospective Contractor References. In addition to the references provided, a review will include the Contractor Alert Reporting Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County or other contracts.

# <u>APPENDIX A-1 – STATEMENT OF WORK</u>

- Q13. Will toxicological studies be allowed in this project?
- A13. Yes, toxicological studies will be considered, provided that your research plan meets all the work requirements outlined in the Statement of Work (RFP Appendix A-1).

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Please refer to Section 8.0 of the Statement of Work (RFP Appendix A-1) for specific work requirements.

- Q14. For the 5-mile study area, do they want us to include any community that intersects with the 5-mile buffer or limit ourselves to the Euclidian distance?
- A14. Proposers are responsible for determining the study area for their proposed Health Study(s). Proposers are not limited to a 5-mile study area or to communities as the unit of analysis. Furthermore, Proposers are advised not to look at communities as jurisdictions but instead at residents of the area who may be clustered in communities. Please refer to the Statement of Work (RFP Appendix A-1) for specific work requirements.
- Q15. To what extent do you want us to examine ongoing long-term (likely lower level) exposures vs. focusing solely on the leak period and shortly thereafter. How much emphasis on each?
- A15. Contractor and/or subcontractor(s) are required to conduct an Exposure Assessment to quantify toxic exposures experienced by residents of impacted communities before, during, and after the Disaster, refer to Section 8.1.4 of the Statement of Work (RFP Appendix A-1). Proposers shall propose the extent to which their research needs to quantify exposures during different periods of time to achieve the Health Study goals, refer to RFP Section 1.2 Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Goals, and their proposed research objectives, refer to Proposer's Scope of Work (RFP Appendix A-2).

# APPENDIX B - BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Q16. Please clarify how indirect costs should be calculated, either based on personnel costs or modified total direct costs if other items included that are not rent/lease, utilities or building maintenance.
- A16. Refer to RFP, Appendix B Budget and Budget Justification Instructions, Budget Categories I. Indirect Costs, for instructions on calculating the Indirect Costs.
- Q17. Is the indirect cost 25% of qualified direct cost?
- A17. Pursuant to RFP, Appendix B Budget and Budget Justification Instructions, Budget Categories I. Indirect Costs, Indirect Cost is a maximum of 35% of Personnel Cost including Fringe Benefits.

# **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

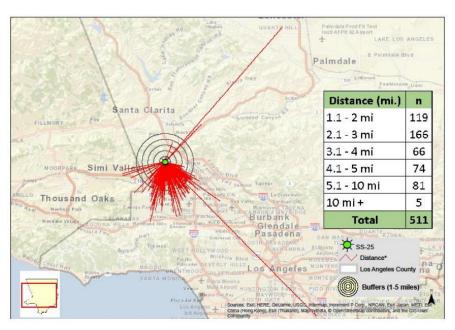
Q18. Can people who have participated in lawsuits against the gas company participate on the study teams?

- A18. No. Please refer to RFP Sample Contract, Paragraph 35 Conflict of Interest.
- Q19. Where is the list of SOC members will these SOC members be involved in the review of the proposal?
- A19. A list of current Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC) members can be found on the Health Study website: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/soc.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/soc.htm</a>.
  - Pursuant to RFP, Section 8.1 Selection Process, "Evaluation of the proposals will be made by an Evaluation Committee consisting of subject matter experts selected by Public Health."
- Q20. The selection process (page 53) reads, "After a prospective contractor has been selected, the County and the prospective Contractor(s) will negotiate a contract for submission to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration and possible approval." Please confirm that the County intends to select a single contractor for this RFP (as opposed to multiple contractors).
- A20. The County anticipates funding one Contract in an estimated amount not to exceed \$21,000,000, refer to RFP Section 1.4, Availability of Funds. The County retains the right to select a proposal other than the highest ranking, or more than one proposal, if County determines, in its sole discretion, another, or more than one, Proposal is qualified, cost-effective, responsive, responsible and/or in the best interests of the County, refer to RFP Section 8.5, Stage 3 Review: Final Review and Selection.
- Q21. For the improved air quality and symptom reporting system, are investigators expected to fund the annual equipment purchases or just design the ideal system?
- A21. Researchers selected to conduct the Health Study are not expected or required to fund the Enhanced Air Monitoring and Environmental Reporting Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). This SEP is entirely separate from the Health Study.
- Q22. There were more than 700 complaints about odor from the community, what percent of the complaints was with 5 miles radius, and what was the furthest distance from these odors?
- A22. During the 16 weeks of the Aliso Canyon blowout, Public Health's Environmental Health Division received approximately 700 complaints of symptoms, odors or other issues related to the gas blowout. An analysis of the distance of the reporters' addresses to Well Standard Sesnon 25 (SS-25) was conducted. Addresses were verified for 511 of the complaints received. The remaining complaints were excluded due to incorrect or missing addresses. The analysis found that:

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- 83% (425/511) of complaints were made by residents with addresses within a five-mile radius from SS-25
- 16% (81/511) of complaints were made by residents with addresses within a 5.1 to 10-mile radius from SS-25
- 1% (5/511) of complaints were made by residents with addresses that were over 10 miles away from SS-25

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has a complaint reporting system specifically for air quality and responded to air quality complaints during and following the Aliso Canyon blowout. During the period of the blowout, SCAQMD received 2340 complaints. More information on the air quality complaints received by SCAQMD, including air sampling conducted in response to complaints, is available on the SCAQMD website: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/aliso-canyon-update/compliance-enforcement-actions-new/odor-complaints">http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/aliso-canyon-update/compliance-enforcement-actions-new/odor-complaints.</a>



Created by: Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, Epidemiology Unit. 02/03/16. Map shows the density of symptom by respondent's addresses. 511 of 687 addresses were located (the rest were excluded due to incorrect or missing addresses). \*Euclidean Distance from SS-25.

Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/AlisoAir.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/AlisoAir.pdf</a>

- Q23. In what format are the existing data, how can proposers learn what data are available, and how will the selected study access available data?
- Q24. What about the availability of data from sampling done before sealing?

# Q25. What role will the county play in facilitating access to existing data and what data is available.

A23-25. Existing data related to the Aliso Canyon blowout and gas storage facility operations are in various formats including but not limited to laboratory reports, written reports, CSV files, PDF files, etc.

Proposers can learn about available data (including data collected before, during, and after the Aliso Canyon blowout) by:

- 1. Reviewing the information available on the "Health Study Research and Data" page of the Health Study website (linked here <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm</a>) including the "Summary of Existing Secondary Data Sources on Potential Chemical Exposures and Health Outcomes." While this summary lists data collected by various regulatory agencies and organizations, it does not provide a comprehensive list of data that was collected by academic groups. The summary is updated as additional data and information becomes available and as needed.
- 2. Reviewing published literature and reports related to the Aliso Canyon disaster.
- 3. Contacting and/or visiting the webpages of other regulatory agencies, academic groups, and organizations that collected data before, during and/or following the blowout. These include but are not limited to:
  - The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD): <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/aliso-canyon-update">http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/aliso-canyon-update</a>
  - The California Air Resources Board (CARB): <a href="https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/aliso-canyon-natural-gas-leak">https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/aliso-canyon-natural-gas-leak</a>
  - The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD): https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/4244
  - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC): <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/regulatory-services/safety/pipeline-safety/aliso-canyon-well-failure">https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/regulatory-services/safety/pipeline-safety/aliso-canyon-well-failure</a>
  - The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM)
     (formerly the California Department of Gas and Geothermal Resources):
     https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/AlisoCanyon.aspx
  - The County of Los Angeles Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (LAFD HHMD): <a href="https://fire.lacounty.gov/health-hazardous-materials-division/">https://fire.lacounty.gov/health-hazardous-materials-division/</a>
  - Argos Scientific: <a href="https://www.argos-sci.com/">https://www.argos-sci.com/</a>

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Researchers selected to conduct the Health Study can either access publicly available data or request data needed for their proposed research by:

- 1. Visiting websites that are housing publicly available data and downloading the data that is needed (e.g., the LAUSD website listed above provides the results of real-time air sampling, 8-hour air sampling, and radon sampling conducted at schools near the Aliso Canyon facility. Additionally, the SCAQMD website linked above has publicly accessible data on various air monitoring and sampling that was conducted both during and following the Aliso Canyon disaster).
- Requesting the data from regulatory and government agencies, disease registries, surveillance programs, healthcare facilities, academic groups, and organizations that collected the data. The data requested may require a data use agreement (e.g., such data may include vital statistics data and cancer surveillance data).
- Q26. When you say previous studies will be accessible to researchers, does that mean the actual data collected will be shared (e.g., datafiles from CASPER surveys, datafiles on indoor sampling)?
- Q27. In the Feb 15 conference call for this RFP, County presented an overview of initial efforts and data collection of environmental and health data/information, will these collected environmental and health data/information be available for access to potential bidders in preparing for proposals? If yes, whom to contact and where to get these data/information?
- A26-27. Data files from the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) surveys, the Time Critical Residential Indoor Environmental Sampling, and other investigations and/or assessments conducted by Public Health can be made available to selected researchers who require such data files to support their proposed research plan. Please note however that researchers will be required to sign a data use agreement to protect personal identifiable information and other protected data. Also, please note that information on investigations and/or assessments conducted by Public Health is already available on the "Health Study Research and Data" webpage of the Health Study website including but not limited to:
  - The CASPER report linked here http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/CASPERFinalReport.pdf
  - The Time Critical Residential Indoor Environmental Sampling report, which includes the laboratory reports of the sampling conducted, linked here: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/SummaryFieldSamplingReport.pdf.

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Additionally, proposers can currently access data (e.g., laboratory reports and technical summary reports of data) of environmental sampling and monitoring conducted by other government agencies that publicly available on their respective websites. For more information, please refer to the summary of existing secondary data sources on potential chemical exposures and health outcomes linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/existing-data-information.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/existing-data-information.pdf</a>

# Q28. Is the study data that LA Co has available to researchers at this point only from their CASPER and indoor sampling studies?

A28. For information on existing data related to the Aliso Canyon disaster and underground gas storage facility operations, including data collected before, during and following the blowout, please visit the "Health Study Research and Data" page of the Health Study website linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm</a>. On this webpage, you will find a "Summary of Existing Secondary Data Sources on Potential Chemical Exposures and Health Outcomes" that lists data collected by various regulatory agencies and organizations. This summary does not provide a comprehensive list of data that was collected by academic groups. The summary is updated as additional data and information becomes available and as needed.

In addition to data collected as part of the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) and the Time Critical Residential Indoor Environmental Sampling, additional data that can be requested and made available to the selected researchers if needed to support their proposed research plan.<sup>1</sup> The additional data includes but is not limited to those listed below<sup>2</sup>:

- Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) data: SoCal Gas data listed in the "Summary of Existing Secondary Data Sources on Potential Chemical Exposures and Outcomes" available on the Health Study website linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm</a>
- Data related to, and samples of, wastes and materials from the Aliso Canyon Disaster:
  - Results of sampling conducted on August 4, 2020, of wastes and materials from the Aliso Canyon blowout and well control operations. The results, including the laboratory reports of the sampling conducted, are available on the Health Study website and linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/ss-25-units-sampling-analysis-report.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/ss-25-units-sampling-analysis-report.pdf</a>
  - Results of supplemental sampling conducted on October 29, 2020, of wastes and materials from the Aliso Canyon blowout and well control operations. The results, including the laboratory reports of the sampling

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- conducted, are available on the Health Study website and linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/supplemental-sampling-analysis-report.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/supplemental-sampling-analysis-report.pdf</a>
- Results of radiation surveys conducted on November 12, 2020, of wastes and materials from the Aliso Canyon blowout and well control operations. The results are available on the Health Study website and linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/radiation-survey-summary.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/radiation-survey-summary.pdf</a>
- Samples from bins that were storing wastes and materials from the Aliso Canyon blowout and well control operations are also being stored for potential use (i.e., testing) by the selected researchers if needed to support their proposed research.
- Community pool water sampling: Results of pool water sampling conducted in June and July of 2016 at three Porter Ranch Community pools. The results, including the laboratory reports of the sampling conducted, are available on the Health Study website and linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/CommunityPoolWaterSamplingProtocol.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/CommunityPoolWaterSamplingProtocol.pdf</a>
- Quest Diagnostics data: Public Health acquired clinical laboratory data on a subset of residents of Porter Ranch and 6 comparison zip codes over the period of 2011 to 2019. The laboratory data includes information on complete blood counts, liver enzyme, and kidney function. The data includes adults and children ages 5 and older who received one or more laboratory tests between 2011 and 2019 ordered by a medical provider through Quest Diagnostics. Use of this data for research requires a data-use agreement. Public Health conducted an analysis of this laboratory data and the results are available on the Health Study website and linked here:
   <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/exploratory-analysis-selected-blood-test-results-residents-porter-ranch-two-control-populations.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/exploratory-analysis-selected-blood-test-results-residents-porter-ranch-two-control-populations.pdf</a>

<sup>1</sup>Please note that the selected researchers will be required to sign a data use agreement to protect personal identifiable information and other protected data.

<sup>2</sup>The data listed in this response is also listed in the "Summary of Existing Secondary Data Sources on Potential Chemical Exposures and Health Outcomes" available on the Health Study website.

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# Q29. Has SoCal provided LA Co with their data and will it be available to researchers?

A29. Yes, SoCal Gas has provided data and records related to the Aliso Canyon disaster, well control activities, and gas storage facility operations to various government and regulatory agencies including Public Health. Researchers selected to conduct the Health Study may request this data from SoCal Gas and/or government and regulatory agencies if needed to support their proposed research plan. Please note that selected researchers will be required to sign a data use agreement to protect personal identifiable information and other protected data.

# Q30. Will LAC DOH provide information on the households who were part of the CASPER study?

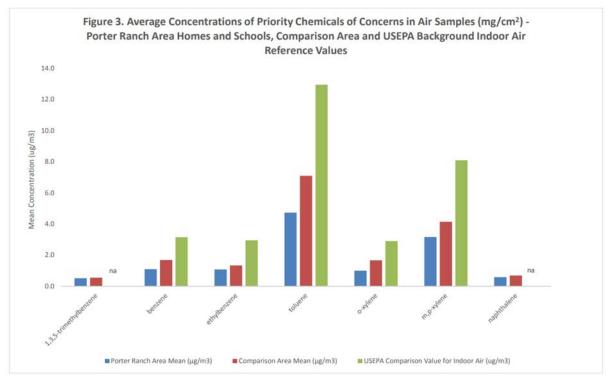
- A30. Data collected in a CASPER is not recorded at the household level. There were 30 census blocks randomly selected from within 5 miles of the blowout. Within each census block, 7 households were interviewed for a total of 210 households interviewed. Information is aggregated from the 7 households to their representative census block and the data is available at the census block level.
- Q31. Can the LA Co DOH environmental scientists on the call provide more details about the detection of barium and other volatile compounds? Was this during indoor assessments? When was the last time indoor samples were taken?
- A31. Information about the detection of barium and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are available in the following Public Health Assessment (PHA) attachments:
  - PHA Attachment 1: Material Safety Data Sheet for Barite Drilling Mud
     (available on the Health Study website and linked here:
     <a href="http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/BariteSafetyDataSheet.pdf">http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/BariteSafetyDataSheet.pdf</a>)
  - PHA Attachment 2: Time Critical Indoor Environmental Sampling (report available on the Health Study website and linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/SummaryFieldSamplingReport.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/SummaryFieldSamplingReport.pdf</a>)
  - PHA Attachment 3: Cluster Analysis of Metals and Organics in Dust Samples: Porter Ranch Area (available on the Health Study website and linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/Attachment%203%20-%20PCA">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/Attachment%203%20-%20PCA</a> FactorAnalysisDustOnly.pdf

Household dust samples collected as part of the Time Critical Indoor Environmental Sampling detected metals more often and in higher concentrations in Porter Ranch homes than in the comparison homes located 6 miles southeast of Well SS-25. Barium was the most frequently detected metal (detected in 19% of Porter Ranch homes). Barite (Barium sulfate mixture) was used in 3 of the 7 failed top well-kill attempts. Indoor air samples collected as part of the Time Critical Indoor

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Environmental Sampling detected priority chemicals of concern at lower levels in the Porter Ranch area than in the comparison area. Additionally, the levels of priority chemicals of concern detected in indoor air samples that were collected in the Porter Ranch area were below normal ranges for indoor home environments (refer to the figure below).

The Time Critical Indoor Environmental Sampling event was the last time Public Health collected samples from within homes of neighborhoods near the Aliso Canyon facility. This sampling was conducted during the months of March and April 2016. Over the following three months, follow up air sample collection was conducted at several households. SoCal Gas also collected samples from homes as part of the exterior home cleaning they conducted in response to oily residue reports from residents of neighborhoods near the Aliso Canyon facility. For more information on residential sampling, please refer to the "Summary of Existing Secondary Data Sources on Potential Chemical Exposures and Outcomes" available on the Health Study website linked here: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm</a>.



Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/aliso-canyon-gas-leak-public-health-assessment.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/healthresearch/aliso-canyon-gas-leak-public-health-assessment.pdf</a>

Pursuant to RFP, Section 4.0, County's Rights and Responsibilities, Subsection 4.4, County's Right to Amend Request for Proposals, Proposers are reminded that should such addendum

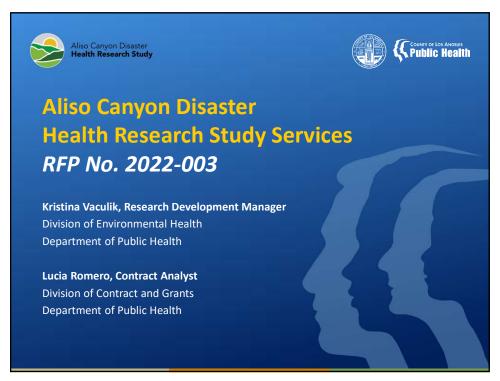
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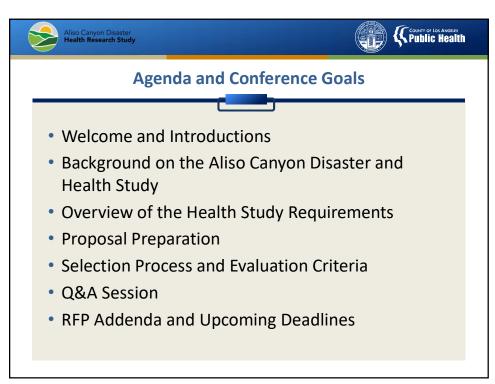
require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the Proposal being found non-responsive and not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of the County. The County is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

Addendum Number 2 has been made available on the Department of Public Health Contracts and Grants Division website at <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm</a> and on the County's website at <a href="http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp">http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp</a>.

Thank you for your interest in contracting with the County of Los Angeles. Except for the revisions contained in Addendum Number 1 and 2 there are no other revisions to this RFP. All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain in full force and effect.

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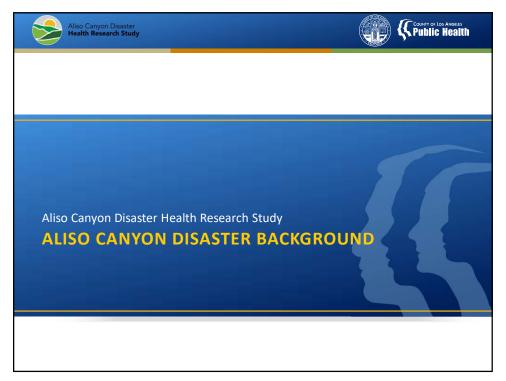


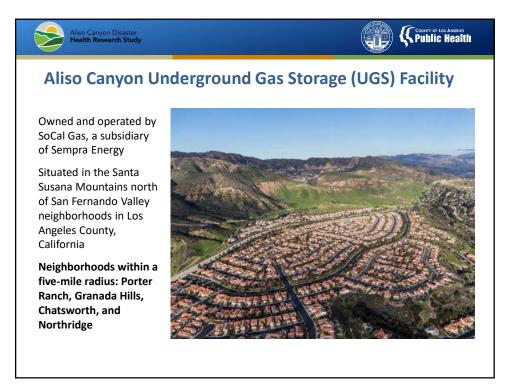


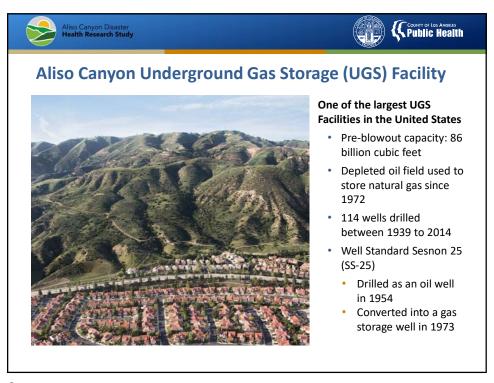
# **Proposers Conference Housekeeping**

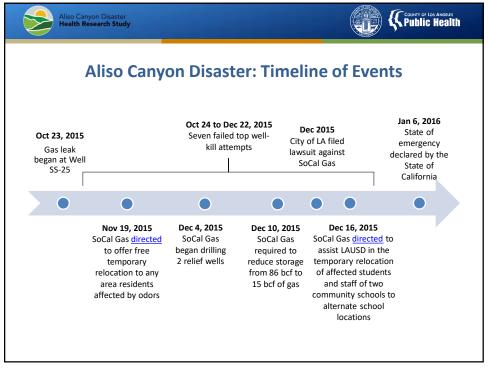
- The virtual proposers conference will be recorded and the link to the recording will be available in an Addendum to the RFP on Public Health's Contracts and Grants website http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm
- County staff will respond to questions and release the answers in the subsequent Q&A Addendum on March 10, 2022
- Any additional questions proposers may have following the virtual proposers conference are due on February 18, 2022, at 4:00 PM Pacific Time.



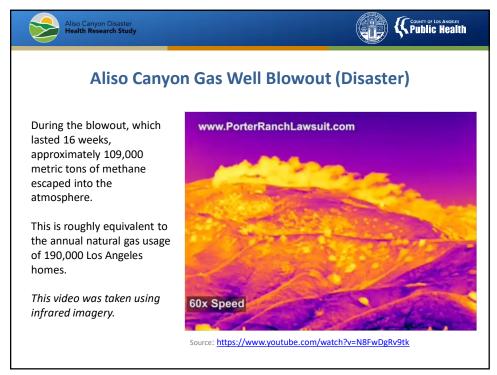


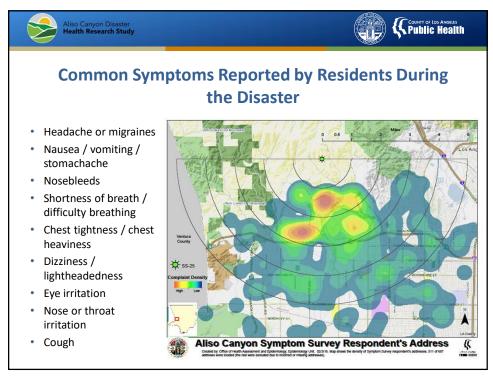


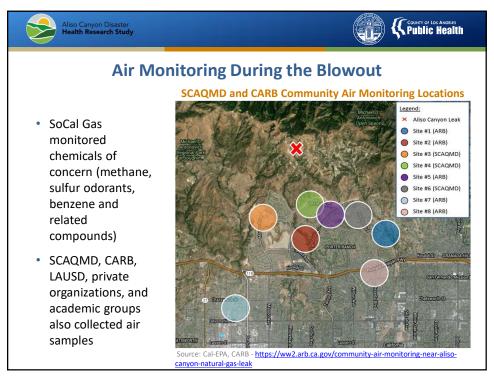


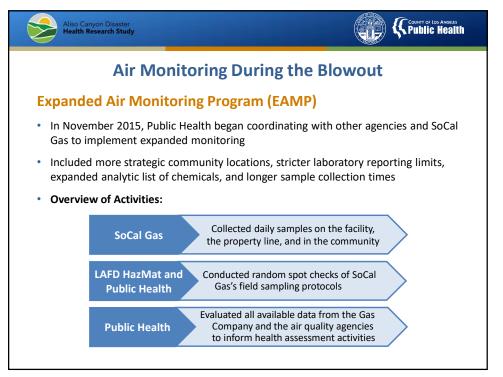


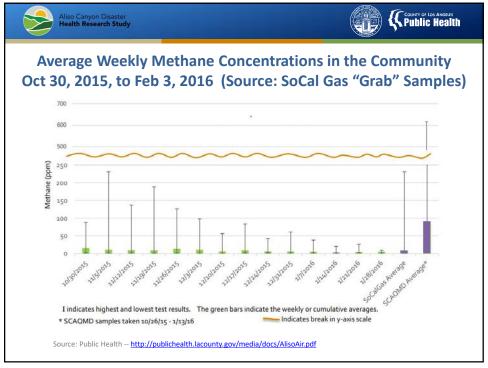


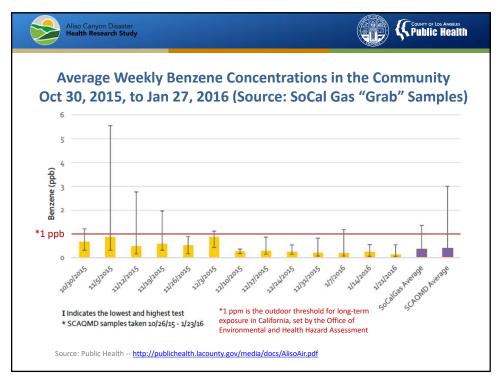










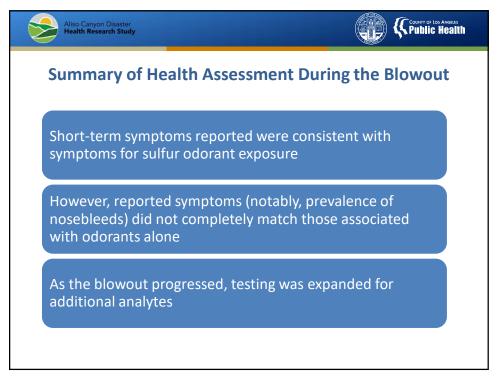


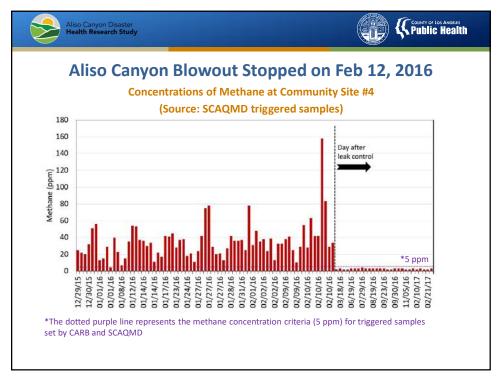


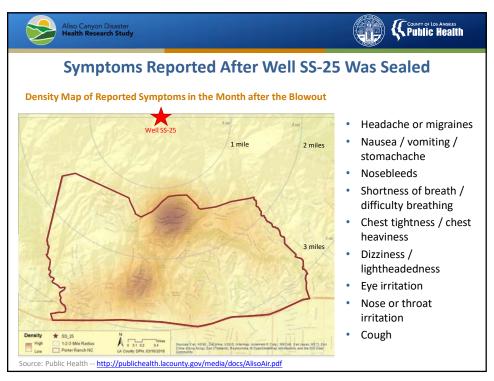
# Testing for Expanded Analytical List of Chemicals in Outdoor Air at the Facility (Jan 27, 2016)

- Chemicals were detected at higher concentrations downwind of the blowout, as compared to upwind
- Suggests that a complex gas mixture and constituents of drilling muds (well-kill fluids) were emitted: Barium, Copper, Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, Benzene, Cyclohexane, Toluene, and other volatiles (hexane, n-nonane, n-octane)
- All measured levels below occupational exposure limits

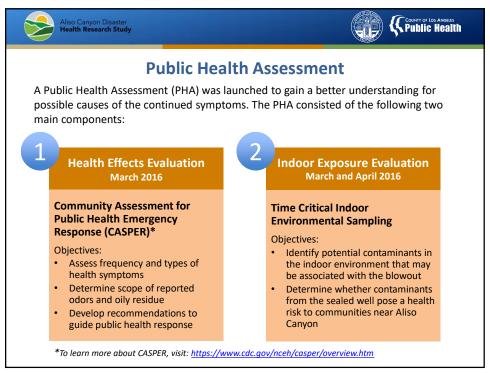
For more information, see the EAMP reports published on Jan 31, Feb 5, Feb 13, and Feb 19 at <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/health-study-research-data.htm</a>

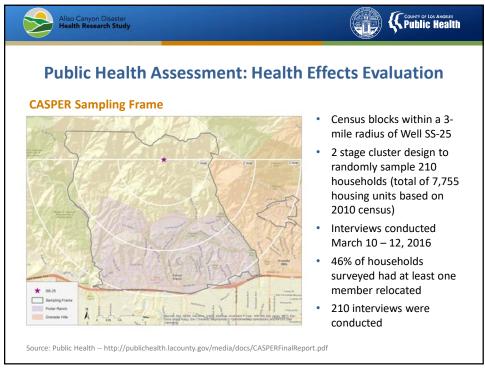


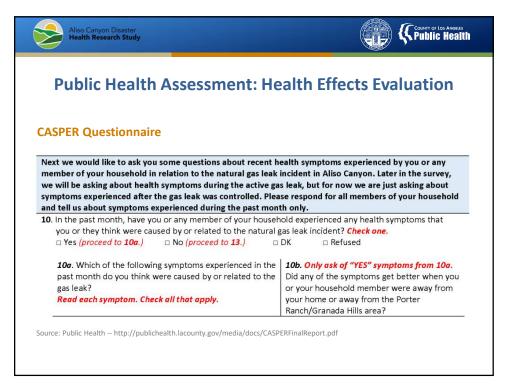


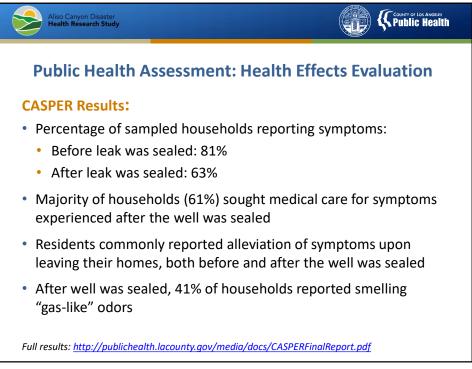


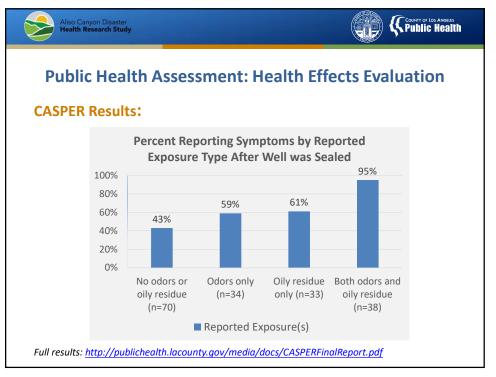


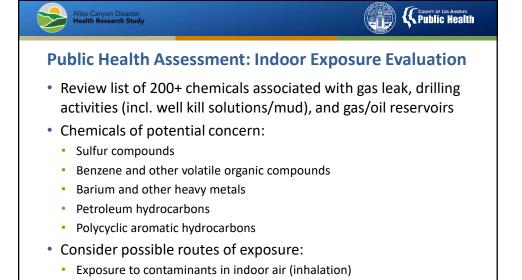




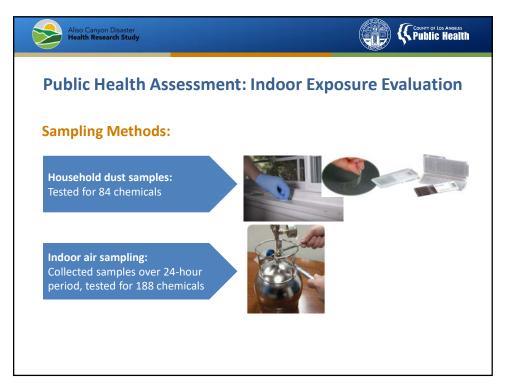


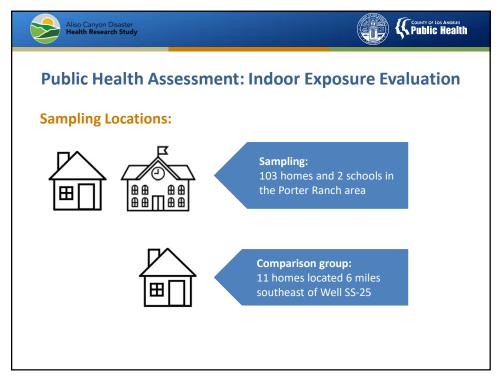






Exposure to surfaces (contact)







# **Public Health Assessment: Indoor Exposure Evaluation**

#### **Results:**

#### Household dust samples:

Metals in dust detected more often/higher concentrations in Porter Ranch homes than comparison homes

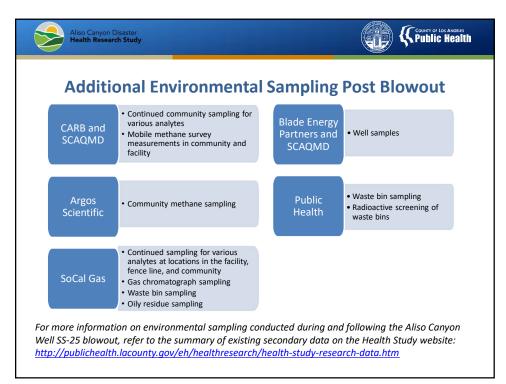
- · Could contribute to short-term symptoms reported
- · Barium and other metals were used in drilling muds
- Cluster analysis of metals and organics: pattern in which barium appeared together with other metals in Porter Ranch homes was not observed in comparison homes suggesting a common single source

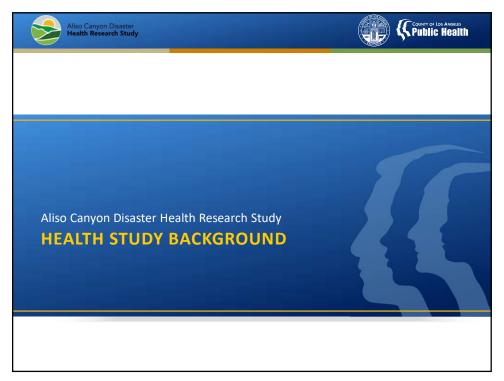
#### Air Sampling:

Levels of volatile chemicals in indoor air samples were similar between Porter Ranch homes and comparison homes

Full results available on the Health Study website:

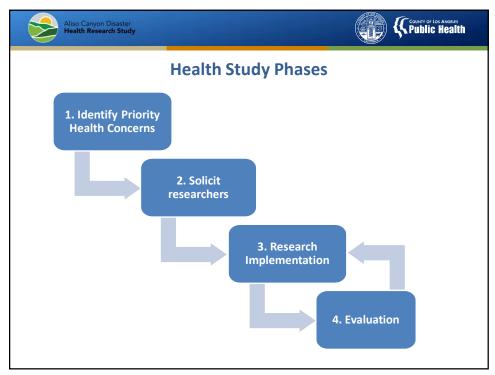
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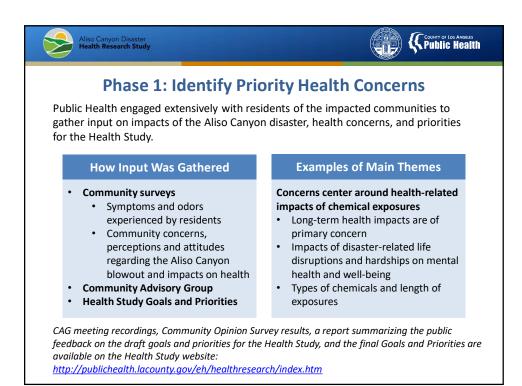




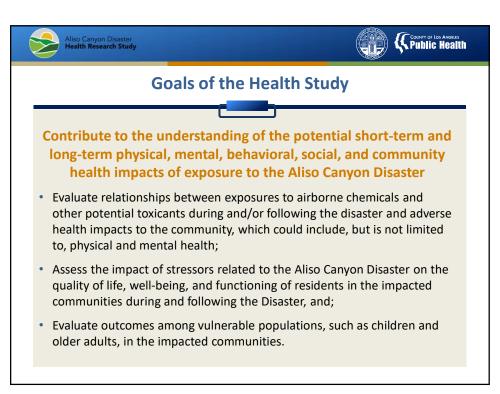


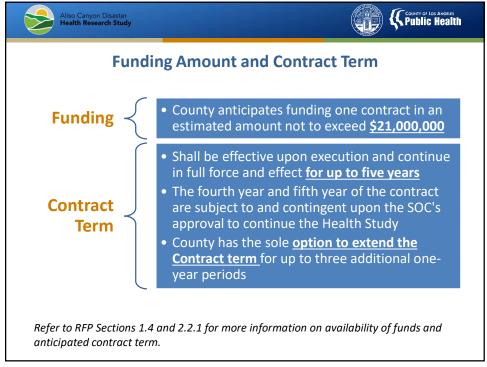
















# **Administrative Requirements**

## **Program Administrative Core**

- Consists of the Program Manager, Principal Investigator(s) and support staff
- Oversees the organizational, budgeting, and reporting aspects of the program and provides leadership for the scientific and programmatic activities
- Promotes collaboration and cross-disciplinary interactions among all Health Study staff
- · Provides a mechanism for:
  - Monitoring program implementation
  - Completing contractual and fiscal management responsibilities

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# **Minimum Staffing Requirements**

# **Project Manager**

- · Central point of contact with the County
- Minimum of five years of full-time experience within the past eight years, coordinating research project(s) and/or programs
- Must possess a bachelor's degree or higher

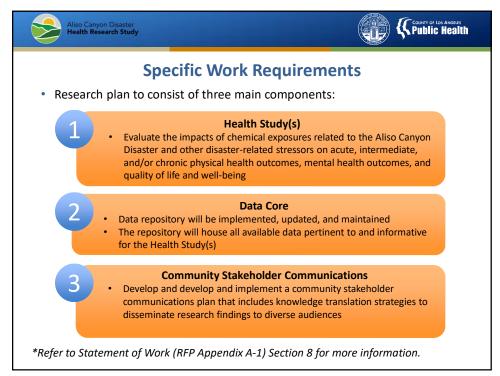
#### Principal Investigator(s)

- Responsible for overall development, implementation, and management of Health Study component(s)
- Minimum of five years of experience within the last 10 years conducting research on human health related to the physical environment (environmental health)
- Shall have a doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., M.D.) from an accredited college or university
- At least three first or last authored peer-reviewed publications related to environmental health

<sup>\*</sup>Refer to Statement of Work (RFP Appendix A-1) Section 5.5 for more information.

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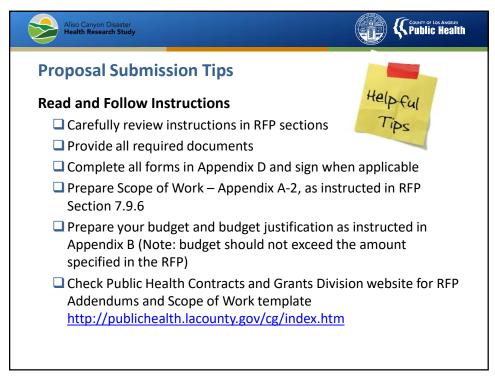




# **RFP Quick Reference Guide (RFP Section 1.2)**

Quick Reference*	
Background	Section 1.3
Sample Contract: County Terms and Conditions	Section 2.2
Proposer's Minimum Mandatory Qualifications	Section 3.0
RFP Timetable	Section 7.2
Proposer's Virtual Conference	Section 7.6
Proposal Format	Section 7.9
Proposal Submission	Section 7.12

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that the table above is provided to assist Proposers in navigating the RFP. Public Health strongly encourages Proposers to review the entire RFP and not only the sections listed in the table above.







# **Common Proposal Submission Issues**

## **MINIMUM MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS**

- Adherence to Minimum Mandatory Qualifications: Required Forms -Exhibit 3
- Sign and complete form in its entirety

#### **FINANCIAL CAPABILITY**

• Provide a complete set of your organization's annual financial statements for the last three (3) years.

#### STAFFING PLAN

 Make sure proposal provides a thorough description of Proposer's staffing plan, technical abilities, and organizational capacity, as outlined in RFP Section 7.9.4

## **REQUIRED FORMS/DOCUMENTS**

- Provide your organization's Certificate of Good Standing, and Statement of Information
- · Complete all forms in Appendix D and sign when applicable

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#### **Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria**

The proposal will be evaluated per RFP Section 8.0, Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria

- > Stage 1: Adherence to Minimum Mandatory Qualifications (Pass/Fail Review)
- Stage 2: Proposal Evaluation (Point Based with 1,376 possible points)
  - Proposer's Qualifications Proposal Section A (40 pts)
  - □ References (40 pts)
  - □ Terminated Contracts (28 pts deduction)
  - □ Pending Litigation and Judgments (28 pts deduction)
  - ☐ Financial Capability (30 pts deduction)
  - Proposer's Staffing Plan, Technical Abilities, and Organizational Capacity – Proposal Section B (288 pts)





# **Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria**

# Stage 2: Proposal Evaluation – Continued

- Proposer's Approach to Providing Required Services Proposal Section C (836 pts)
- Proposer's Scope of Work Section Proposal Section D (72 pts)
- Proposed Budget and Budget Justification Proposal Section E (100 points)
- Quality Control Plan Proposal Section F (40 pts)
- Terms and Conditions of Sample Contract and Requirements of the Statement of Work: Acceptance of/or Exceptions to – Proposal Section G
- Proposal Required Forms Proposal Section H

## Stage 3: Final Review and Selection

Scoring and Ranking

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# **Proposal Submission/Delivery Guidelines**

- Proposers are required to submit by email, one electronic copy of the entire proposal in Adobe Acrobat or Portable Document Format (PDF), with no security provisions, by the deadline identified in RFP, Section 7.2, RFP Timetable, to the person and e-mail address identified in RFP, Section 5.2, Contract with County Personnel.
- Email subject line shall be clearly marked: "Proposal Submission for Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study RFP #2022-003".
- All proposals must be submitted in the prescribed format and order (RFP Sections 7.8 and 7.9). Any proposal that deviates from this format may be rejected without review at the Director of Public Health's sole discretion.







# **How to Submit Questions**

Additional questions may be submitted via the Q&A box.

Note: Answers to all questions including those that are not addressed during the conference will be provided in an addendum that will be posted on Public Health's Contracts and Grants Division website:

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm

The addendum will also include a link to the recording of the conference.





# **Addendums**

# Addendum 1

- Posted on January 19, 2022
- Information amended: RFP, Section 7.0 Proposal Submission Requirements, subsection 7.2, RFP Timetable, Proposal Due Date

# Proposals are due by 4:00 PM Pacific Time on April 12, 2022

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