

Notice to Manufacturers / Potential Bidders

THIS IS NOT A BID SOLICITATION OR ORDER

ADVERTISED PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CHEMICAL MATERIALS #0708-249
RELEASE DATE: March 12, 2008

Liquid Polyaluminum Chloride

Liquid Polyaluminum Chloride chemicals provide unique public health and safety benefits to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), and not all chemical products are manufactured to equal standards, specifications, or suitability to TMWA's unique purposes. As a result, TMWA is requiring manufacturers to pre-qualify the suitability and effectiveness of their chemical products to determine, in advance of any price bids for material suppliers under NRS 332, which products are suitable for TMWA's intended purposes and may be utilized by bidders responding to any future bid. **NO PRICES OR BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT THIS TIME!**

TMWA is accepting samples of liquid polyaluminum chloride from chemical manufacturers only, for purposes of pre-qualifying the suitability of liquid polyaluminum chloride products from participating manufacturers for quotation by bidders on TMWA's primary coagulant bid. All sample chemical submissions must conform to ANSI/AWWA Standard B408-03 for Liquid Polyaluminum Chloride, and specifically, all chemical submissions must have a Chemical Abstract Services Number (CAS Number) of 1327-41-9. Chemical submissions must also meet ANSI/NSF Standard 60 for Drinking Water Treatment.

Only bids utilizing liquid polyaluminum chloride from pre-qualified manufacturers will be deemed responsive and eligible for purposes of TMWA's coagulant bid. To be eligible for use in TMWA's coagulant bid, prospective chemicals must be pre-qualified by TMWA staff to demonstrate their suitability and effectiveness in treating TMWA's source water. Pre-Qualification shall be determined by TMWA staff in its sole discretion, based on a two-step qualification process as follows:

1. Jar testing/zeta potential evaluation. Chemicals will be tested in the laboratory.
2. Testing may be performed to determine whether chemicals complying with or exceeding standards in #1 above satisfactorily demonstrate full-scale water treatment. If full scale water treatment is determined by TMWA to be needed, TMWA will purchase approximately 350 gallons or a tote of product at TMWA's expense.

Once testing is completed, manufacturers will be notified if they were pre-qualified or not. Only pre-qualified chemical Manufacturers will be permitted to participate in the primary coagulant bid.

All chemicals submissions must have a current Material Safety Data Sheet and either a product specification sheet or technical data sheet provided with the submission to be considered. Chemical submissions must be greater than 250 milliliters but less than 500 milliliters.

TMWA reserves the right to pre-qualify manufacturers based on the best interests of TMWA and satisfactory demonstration of full compliance with TMWA's public health and safety standards.

LIQUID POLYALUMINUM CHLORIDE CHEMICAL SAMPLES must be submitted to **TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY (TMWA)** Attention: Chemical Testing Pre-Qualification, 1205 South 21st Street, Sparks, NV 89431 by not later than 3:00 p.m. on March 28, 2008. Samples received after the date and time set for receipt will be **REJECTED**. Manufacturers who do not provide samples in accordance with this will not be permitted to submit a bid for the project.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA DOCUMENTS may be downloaded from TMWA's web site at http://www.tmh2o.com/about_us/doingbusinesswithtmwa/.

ADDENDUMS are distributed from TMWA's web site at http://www.tmh2o.com/about_us/doingbusinesswithtmwa/. It is each Manufacturer's responsibility to ensure that they have received all Addendums prior to submission of their samples for pre-qualification.

TERM OF CONTRACT: TMWA anticipates that the contract ultimately to be bid for Liquid Polyaluminum Chloride will be for a period of five years with the right to renew the contract for two additional five year periods. The award of this contract is estimated to begin on July 1, 2008. It is also estimated, base on last year's usage that TMWA will utilize between 300,000 and 400,000 gallons for the first year of the contract. Bid documents will be separately advertised after pre-qualification of manufacturers is completed.

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