Questions and Answers
Regarding the Environmental Services Contractor RFP

Question #1

It was noticed in the RFP that the due date for the proposal says Monday, March 18, however March 18 is a Wednesday. Can you clarify this for us? ANSWER: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The due date for the proposal is Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

Question #2

- If we are awarded the contract can we sign confidentiality agreements to get better resolution on BMP site location information regarding what has been implemented? ANSWER: The HUC 12 level is the best resolution on BMP site location that can be disclosed.

- Bullet number 2. on page 3 indicates that we are to “Compare and assess the BMP data provided by DNR”. What BMP data is available, besides what was included in Appendix A? ANSWER: None.

- Do the two HUC-8 watersheds have watershed modeling or monitoring data? If they do, can you provide more background information? ANSWER: Yes. Please click here for watershed and modeling data: 07110006 Watershed Data Summary, 10290108 Watershed Summary and TMDL Modeling Summary.

- What, if any, BMP design standards were used for each of the SWCP implemented practices? ANSWER: USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Standards and Specifications in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide were used. Those standards and specifications can be viewed here: https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/#/

Question #3

1. Under the “Selection Criteria” bullets points 7 and 8 ask the offeror to “justify” the proposed nutrient reduction methodology and “demonstrate” where similar methods have been successful in other state’s nutrient reduction efforts. The process of identifying a methodology that meets the needs of EIERA and MDNR could be part of the project approach. Will a proposal that identifies a methodology receive a higher score than a proposal that includes identifying and implementing a methodology? ANSWER: A proposal that both identifies and implements a methodology would receive a higher score.

2. The RFP identifies 8 BMPs that appear to be targeted at row crops. Is the intent to evaluate BMPs associated with row crops or will the methodology need to address BMPs for other agricultural practices? ANSWER: Two of the BMPs listed may apply to either grassland or row crops. Both ponds and streambank stabilization could be applied in either scenario as they address sheet, rill, and gully erosion when eroding above tolerable levels regardless of land use. The other BMPs apply to row crop scenarios.