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BID NUMBER: 2022-003

RELEASE/OPEN DATE: January 18, 2022

BID TITLE: Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Services

CLOSING/DUE DATE: April 12, 2022 by 4:00 P.M. Pacific Time

*Visit websites indicated below for additional information and updates.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (Public Health) is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from interested qualified proposers to enter into contract with Los Angeles County to conduct the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study (Health Study). The Health Study is a study to scientifically evaluate and understand the health impacts from the largest natural gas storage facility blowout in U.S. history and exposure to natural gas and its constituents, including but not limited to methane, from the Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility in Los Angeles County California.

Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Services include the following:

- ❖ Evaluate relationships between exposures to airborne chemicals and other potential toxicants during and/or following the Aliso Canyon Disaster and adverse health impacts to the community, which could include, but is not limited to, physical and mental health;
- ❖ Assess the impact of stressors related to the Aliso Canyon Disaster the quality of life and functioning of residents in the impacted communities during and following the disaster, and;
- ❖ Evaluate outcomes among vulnerable populations, such as children and older adults, in the impacted communities.

Minimum Mandatory Qualifications

Interested proposers that meet the Minimum Mandatory Requirements to conduct the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study are invited to respond to this RFP by submitting a proposal by the closing/due date. Please click the Public Health link below to review the Minimum Mandatory Requirements identified in Section 3.0 of the RFP.

Next Steps for Interested Vendors

- ✓ Register at <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven>
- ✓ Review this contracting opportunity solicitation document for additional information, requirements, submission information, and updates at:
 - <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp>
 - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/cg/index.htm>



Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study Release of Request for Proposals

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Proposals for Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study (Health Study) services. The Aliso Canyon disaster was the largest gas well blowout in United States history, releasing an estimated 109,000 metric tons of natural gas as well as natural gas constituents into the atmosphere. The blowout lasted for 111 days, from October 23, 2015 to February 12, 2016.

Over the years, the impacted communities have identified priority questions and concerns they would like to be addressed by this study. The overarching goal of the Health Study is to contribute to the understanding of the potential short-term and long-term physical, mental, social, and community health impacts of exposure to the Aliso Canyon disaster. This involves evaluating relationships between exposures to airborne chemicals and other potential toxicants during and/or following the disaster (including but not limited to natural gas, its constituents, and any materials used to control the blowout) on the health of the communities surrounding the Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon Gas Facility.

Approximately 232,200 residents live within a five-mile radius of the facility. Neighborhoods within this five-mile radius include Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, Chatsworth, and Northridge. During the blowout, residents and persons working in the impacted communities experienced foul odors, oily mists, and acute health symptoms including eye, nose, and throat irritation, headaches, and respiratory symptoms.

In addition to potential exposures to various combinations of chemicals and compounds including natural gas, odorants, oily residue, and well-control materials, those impacted experienced economic hardship, including business and income loss, and other substantial disruptions to daily life including household and school relocations. Over 8,000 households and two schools were relocated during the disaster.

Feedback gathered from impacted residents over the past few years has allowed for the identification of priority concerns that could be addressed by the Health Study. Concerns center around health-related impacts of chemical exposures from the gas well blowout and gas storage facility operations.

Residents are primarily concerned about long-term physical health impacts including but not limited to cancers, impacts on respiratory, immunological, and neurological health, and worsened pre-existing conditions. In addition, there are concerns about the potential impacts of life disruptions and hardships that resulted from the disaster on mental health and other dimensions of overall health and wellbeing including quality of life, social health, and community health and resilience.

Residents are also concerned about the types of chemicals communities were exposed to, the length of time they were exposed, and how this may impact the health of all who were impacted including



vulnerable groups of people such as children, older adults, and people with pre-existing conditions, and pregnant persons.

For more information on feedback gathered from the impacted communities, please visit the Health Study website (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/healthresearch/community-input-involvement.htm>) and view key community engagement outputs including:

- Public Feedback on Draft Goals and Priorities for the Health Study
- Community Opinion Multimode Survey and Online Survey
- Community Advisory Group Meeting Summaries and Meeting Recordings

Those who have been impacted by this disaster are central to the Health Study. Therefore, successful research proposals will demonstrate a high level of understanding and attention to the concerns of the community. It is our aim and hope that the brightest scientific minds from across the nation will take interest and respond to this unprecedented research opportunity and that the Health Study will bring long-awaited insights and answers to those impacted.