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**Invitation to Bid for Plugging, Salvage, Assessment,
Remediation, Monitoring, Laboratory and Restoration Services
Associated with Abandoned Oil & Gas Wells and Facilities**

Santa Fe – On behalf of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) within the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, the General Services Department/State Purchasing Division has published an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for private firms to participate in a Statewide Price Agreement assisting the OCD in its continuing efforts to plug abandoned oil & gas wells as well as remediating and restoring abandoned facilities. This effort will be paid for using both the OCD's Reclamation Fund and a \$25,000,000 initial grant from the US Department of the Interior as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Section 40601 Orphaned Well Program). Additional federal funding will become available at a later date.

To participate in this program, interested parties must respond to the ITB no later than 2:00 pm on October 3rd, 2022. A copy of the ITB in .pdf format can be downloaded from OCD's website (<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/ocd/rfps/>) or from the State Purchasing Division at either of the links below:

<https://bids.scquest.com/apps/Router/PublicEvent?CustomerOrg=StateOfNewMexico>

<https://www.generalservices.state.nm.us/statepurchasing/active-procurements.aspx>

ITB Number 30-00000-22-00001

All laborers and equipment operators employed in the performance of this work must be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar projects in the locality of the work being performed, as determined by the NM Department of Workforce Solutions and/or the US Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code commonly referred to as the "Davis-Bacon Act" (DBA). Funds provided are subject to DBA compliance and training requirements, and all contractors are required to maintain competency in DBA compliance.

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