

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - RFP COVER SHEET

Administrative Information:

TITLE OF RFP:	Larval Recirculation Aquaculture System		RFP #: 17CRDFBAJOHN-101	
Agency:	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)			
DNR seeks to purchase:	Services from a qualified Contractor to complete a larval recirculating aquaculture system.			
Number of mos. or yrs. of the initial term of the contract:	6 Months	Number of possible annual extensions:	0	
Anticipated Date for Initial Contract term beginning:	June 9, 2017	Anticipated Ending Date:	December 9, 2017	
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PROCUREMENT TIMETABLE—Event or Action:	Date/Time (Central Time):
DNR Posts Notice of RFP on TSB website	05/10/2017
DNR Issues RFP	05/12/2017
Written Questions, requests for clarification, and suggested changes from Contractors due	05/19/2017
DNR's written response to questions, requests for clarifications, and suggested changes	05/22/2017
Bid Proposals Due no later than 12:00 PM Central Time	05/25/2017
Anticipated Date to issue Notice of Intent to Award	05/30/2017
Anticipated Date to complete contract negotiations	06/07/2017

Relevant Websites:	Web-address:
Internet website where Addenda to this RFP will be posted:	http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/
Internet website where Notice of Intent to Award may be posted:	http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/
Internet website where contract terms and	http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RFPBidLettings.aspx

conditions are posted:	
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Number of Copies of Bid Proposals Required to be Submitted:	4
Bid Proposal Security, if any:	None
Firm Bid Proposal Terms The minimum Number of Days following the deadline for submitting bid proposals that the Contractor guarantees all bid proposal terms, including price, will remain firm:	90 Days

**CONTRACTORS ARE CAUTIONED TO FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS
IN THIS RFP OR RISK DISQUALIFICATION**

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Section 1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit proposals from Responsible Contractors to provide the goods and/or services identified on the RFP cover sheet and further described in Section 4 of this RFP to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR intends to award a Contract(s) beginning and ending on the dates listed on the RFP cover sheet, and the DNR, in its sole discretion, may extend the Contract(s) for up to the number of annual extensions identified on the RFP cover sheet.

1.2 Definitions

For the purposes of this RFP and the resulting contract, the following terms shall mean:

“Proposal” means the Contractor’s proposal submitted in response to the RFP.

“Contract” means the contract(s) entered into with the successful Contractor(s) as described in Section 6.1.

“Contractor” means a Vendor submitting Proposals in response to this RFP.

“Agency” means the agency identified on the RFP cover sheet that is issuing the RFP and any other agency that purchases from the Contract. In this case, the Agency is DNR.

“Responsible Contractor” means a Contractor that has the capability in all respects to perform the requirements of the Contract. In determining whether a Contractor is a Responsible Contractor, the DNR may consider various factors including, but not limited to, the Contractor’s competence and qualifications to provide the goods or services requested, the Contractor’s integrity and reliability, the past performance of the Contractor and the best interest of the Agency and the State.

“Responsive Proposal” means a Proposal that complies with the material provisions of this RFP.

“RFP” means this Request for Proposals and any attachments, exhibits, schedules or addenda hereto.

“State” means the State of Iowa, the Agency identified on the Contract Declarations & Execution Page(s), and all state agencies, boards, and commissions, and any political subdivisions making purchases from the Contract as permitted by this RFP.

1.3 Overview of the RFP Process

Contractors will be required to submit their Proposals in hard copy. It is the DNR’s intention to evaluate Proposals from all Responsible Contractors that submit timely Responsive Proposals, and award the Contract(s) in accordance with Section 5, Evaluation and Selection.

1.4 Background Information

This RFP is designed to provide Contractors with the information necessary for the preparation of competitive Proposals. The RFP process is for the DNR’s benefit and is intended to provide the DNR with competitive information to assist in the selection process. It is not intended to be comprehensive. Each Contractor is responsible for determining all factors necessary for submission of a comprehensive Proposal. Through this RFP, the DNR is seeking to enter into a contract with a Contractor that will

provide the services described herein.

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals from qualified Contractors for a larval recirculating aquaculture system with self-cleaning, bottom-center draining culture tanks. Each culture tank will utilize a motorized arm to clean both the tank bottom and the side walls of the tank. The filtration system will be designed to meet water quality parameters suitable for raising Walleye larvae in accordance with the system specifications and requirements in section 4.2. All components will set on concrete, no below grade plumbing or sumps. Three 275L larviculture tanks will be optionally added, tanks are on site and provided by Rathbun.

The system shall be completely fabricated off site and water tested before shipment (tested without three 275L tanks). Proper operation of all components will be verified and water tested to perform to flow specifications. The system shall be fabricated for easy disassembly and re-assembly on site, i.e. flanged pipe fittings, etc. All plumbing materials will be provided. Cleaning arms will be fitted to tanks and tested with feed to assure all surfaces are cleaned sufficiently. All components will be packaged for shipment to Rathbun where final assembly will be done by Rathbun staff according to provided manufacturer specifications and drawings.

Section 2 Administrative Information

2.1 Issuing Officer

The Issuing Officer identified in the RFP cover sheet is the sole point of contact regarding the RFP from the date of issuance until selection of the successful Contractor.

2.2 Restriction on Communication

From the issue date of this RFP until announcement of the successful Contractor, Contractors may contact only the Issuing Officer. The Issuing Officer will respond only to written questions regarding the procurement process. Questions related to the interpretation of this RFP must be submitted as provided in Section 2.7. Verbal questions related to the interpretation of this RFP will not be accepted. Contractors may be disqualified if they contact any State employee other than the issuing officer about the RFP except that Contractors may contact the State Targeted Small Business Office on issues related to the preference for Targeted Small Businesses.

2.3 Downloading the RFP from the Internet

The RFP and all Addenda will be posted at <http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/>. The Contractor is advised to check the website periodically for Addenda to this RFP, particularly if the Contractor downloaded the RFP from the Internet as the Contractor may not automatically receive Addenda. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to check daily for addenda to posted documents.

2.4 Procurement Timetable

The dates provided in the procurement timetable on the RFP cover sheet are provided for informational and planning purposes; however, DNR reserves the right to change the dates. If the DNR changes any of the deadlines for Contractor submissions, the DNR will issue an Addenda to the RFP.

2.5 Resource Information

Resource information regarding this RFP is not available, beyond the descriptions and specifications detailed within the RFP itself.

2.6 Questions, Requests for Clarification, and Suggested Changes

Contractors are invited to submit written questions and requests for clarifications regarding the RFP. Contractors may also submit suggestions for changes to the requirements of this RFP. Contractors must submit their written questions, requests for clarifications, or suggestions so they are received by the Issuing Officer before the date and time listed on the RFP cover sheet. Verbal questions will not be permitted. If the questions, requests for clarifications, or suggestions pertain to a specific section of the RFP, the page and section number(s) must be referenced. Written responses to questions, requests for clarifications, or suggestions will be posted on the Internet on or before the date listed on the RFP cover sheet. The DNR's written responses will be considered part of the RFP. If the DNR decides to adopt a suggestion that modifies the RFP, then the DNR will issue Addenda to the RFP. The DNR assumes no responsibility for verbal representations made by its officers or employees, or employees of the Boards, unless such representations are confirmed in writing and incorporated into the RFP.

2.7 Amendment to the RFP

The DNR reserves the right to amend the RFP at any time using an Addendum. The Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of Addenda in its Bid Proposal. If the Addenda occur after the closing date for receipt of Bid Proposals, the DNR may, in its sole discretion, allow Contractors to amend their Bid Proposals in response to the DNR's Addenda if necessary.

2.8 Amendment and Withdrawal of Bid Proposal

The Contractor may amend or withdraw and resubmit its Bid Proposal at any time before the Bid Proposals are due. Contractors must submit any amendments in writing, signed, and submitted by the Contractor and so that such amendments are received by the Issuing Officer by the deadline set for the receipt of Bid Proposals. Electronic mail and faxed amendments will not be accepted. Contractors must notify the Issuing Officer in writing if they wish to completely withdraw their Bid Proposals prior to the due date for Bid Proposals.

2.9 Submission of Bid Proposals

Each Contractor must submit its Bid Proposal so that it is received by the Issuing Officer no later than May 25, 2017 at 12:00 PM Central Time. Any Bid Proposal received after this deadline will be rejected and returned unopened to the Contractor. Contractors mailing Bid Proposals must allow ample mail delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their Bid Proposals. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the Bid Proposal is received prior to the deadline. Postmarking by the due date will not substitute for actual receipt of the Bid Proposal. **Electronic mail and faxed Bid Proposals will not be accepted.** Contractors must furnish all information necessary to evaluate the Bid Proposal. Bid Proposals that fail to meet the mandatory requirements of the RFP shall be disqualified. Verbal information provided by the Contractor shall not be considered part of the Contractor's Bid Proposal unless it is reduced to writing.

2.10 Bid Proposal Opening

The DNR will open Bid Proposals at May 25, 2017 at 1:00 PM Central Time at the Wallace Building 4th Floor, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The names of Contractors who submitted timely Bid Proposals will be publicly available after the Bid Proposal opening. However, the announcement of Contractors who timely submitted Bid Proposals does not mean that an individual Bid Proposal has been deemed technically compliant or accepted for evaluation.

2.11 Costs of Preparing the Bid Proposal

The costs of preparation and delivery of the Bid Proposal are solely the responsibility of the Contractor. The DNR is not responsible for any costs, expenses, or losses incurred by any Contractor in connection with this RFP in the preparation of a Bid Proposal.

2.12 Rejection of Bid Proposals

DNR reserves the right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, in whole or in part, without penalty or liability, at any time prior to the execution of a written contract. Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the DNR to select a Contractor or to execute a binding contract with any Contractor that may be selected. DNR further reserves the right to cancel the RFP, to issue a new RFP, and to provide or perform any or all of the goods and services described in this RFP if it is in the best interests of the DNR. In addition, DNR may terminate or suspend contract negotiations with any selected Contractor, at any time, without penalty or liability. This RFP process is for the benefit of the DNR, and is intended to

provide the Evaluation Committee with competitive information to assist in the selection of a Contractor to provide goods and services. It is not intended to be comprehensive, and each Contractor is responsible for determining all factors necessary for submission of a comprehensive Bid Proposal.

2.13 Disqualification

DNR may reject outright and may not evaluate Bid Proposals for any one of the following reasons:

- 2.13.1** The Contractor fails to deliver the Bid Proposal by the due date and time.
- 2.13.2** The Contractor fails to deliver the cost proposal in a separate envelope.
- 2.13.3** The Contractor's Bid Proposal is not compliant with the requirements of the RFP.
- 2.13.4** The Contractor's Bid Proposal limits the rights of the DNR.
- 2.13.5** The Contractor fails to timely respond to the DNR's request for information, documents, or references.
- 2.13.6** The Contractor fails to include any signature, certification, authorization, stipulation, disclosure, or guarantee requested in section 3 of this RFP.
- 2.13.7** The Contractor presents the information requested by this RFP in a format inconsistent with the instructions of the RFP or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this RFP.
- 2.13.8** The Contractor initiates unauthorized contact regarding the RFP with state employees.
- 2.13.9** The Contractor provides misleading, inaccurate, or unbalanced responses.
- 2.13.10** There is insufficient evidence (including evidence submitted by the Contractor and evidence obtained by the Evaluation Committee from other sources) to satisfy the DNR or any member of the Evaluation Committee that the Contractor is properly qualified to satisfy the requirements of the RFP.

2.14 Nonmaterial Variances

The DNR reserves the right to waive or permit cure of nonmaterial variances in the Bid Proposal if they judge it to be in its best interest to do so. Nonmaterial variances include minor informalities that do not affect responsiveness, that are merely a matter of form or format, that do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other Contractors, that do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP, or that do not reflect a material change in the requirements of the RFP. In the event the DNR waives or permits cure of nonmaterial variances, such waiver or cure will not modify the RFP requirements or excuse the Contractor from full compliance with RFP specifications or other contract requirements if the Contractor is ultimately selected. The determination of materiality is in the sole discretion of the DNR.

2.15 Reference Checks

The DNR reserves the right to contact any reference to assist in the evaluation of the Bid Proposal, to verify information contained in the Bid Proposal and to discuss the Contractor's qualifications and the qualifications of any subcontractor identified in the Bid Proposal.

2.16 Information from Other Sources

The DNR reserves the right to obtain and consider information from other sources concerning a Contractor, such as the Contractor's capability and performance under other contracts, the qualifications of any subcontractor identified in the Bid Proposal, the Contractor's financial stability, past or pending litigation, and other publicly available information.

2.17 Verification of Bid Proposal Contents

The content of a Bid Proposal submitted by a Contractor is subject to verification. If the DNR determines that the content is in any way misleading or inaccurate, the Contractor may be disqualified.

2.18 Bid Proposal Clarification Process

The DNR reserves the right to contact a Contractor at any time after the submission of Bid Proposals for the purpose of clarifying a Bid Proposal or to ensure mutual understanding. This contact may include written questions, interviews, site visits, a review of past performance if the Contractor has provided goods and/or services to the State or any other political subdivision wherever located, or requests for corrective pages in the Contractor's Bid Proposal. An individual authorized to legally bind the Contractor shall sign responses to any request for clarification. Responses shall be submitted to the Issuing Officer within the time specified in the DNR's request. Failure to comply with requests for additional information may result in rejection of the Bid Proposal as non-compliant.

2.19 Disposition of Bid Proposals

All Bid Proposals become the property of the DNR and shall not be returned to the Contractor at the conclusion of the selection process. The contents of all Bid Proposals will be in the public domain and be open to inspection by interested parties subject to exceptions provided in Iowa Code Chapter 22 or other applicable law.

2.20 Public Records and Requests for Confidential Treatment

The DNR may treat all information submitted by a Contractor as public information unless the Contractor properly requests that specific parts of the Bid Proposal be treated as confidential at the time of submitting the Bid Proposal. The DNR's release of information is governed by Iowa Code chapter 22 and 561 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 2. Contractors are encouraged to familiarize themselves with these provisions of law before submitting a Bid Proposal. The DNR will copy and permit examination of public records as required to comply with the public records laws. Any request for confidential treatment of specific information must be included in the transmittal letter with the Contractor's Bid Proposal. In addition, the Contractor must enumerate the specific grounds in Iowa Code Chapter 22 or other applicable law which support treatment of the material as confidential and explain why disclosure is not in the best interest of the public. Pricing information cannot be considered confidential information. The request for confidential treatment of information must also include the name, address, and telephone number of the person authorized by the Contractor to respond to any inquiries by the DNR concerning the confidential status of the materials. Any Bid Proposal submitted which contains specific confidential information must be conspicuously marked on the outside as containing confidential information, and each page upon which confidential information appears must be conspicuously marked as containing confidential information. Failure to properly identify specific information as confidential shall relieve the DNR or State personnel from any responsibility if confidential information is viewed by the public, a competitor, or is in any way released. Identification of the entire Bid Proposal as confidential may be deemed non-responsive and disqualify the Contractor. If the Contractor designates any portion of the RFP as confidential, the Contractor must submit one paper copy of the Bid Proposal marked "Public Copy" from which the confidential information has been excised. This excised copy is in addition to the number of copies requested in section 3 of this RFP. The confidential material must be excised in such a way as to allow the public to determine the general nature of the material removed and to retain as much of the Bid Proposal as possible. If the DNR receives a request for information marked confidential, written notice shall be given to the Contractor in

compliance with 561 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 2 to allow the Contractor to seek injunctive relief pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.8. The DNR will treat the information marked confidential as confidential information only if a court of competent jurisdiction determines the information is confidential under Iowa Code chapter 22 or other applicable law. The Contractor's failure to request confidential treatment of material will be deemed by the Lead Agency as waiver of any right to confidentiality the Contractor may have had.

2.21 Reproduction of the Bid Proposal

By submitting a Bid Proposal, the Contractor agrees that the DNR may copy or reproduce the Bid Proposal for purposes of facilitating the evaluation of the Bid Proposal or to respond to requests for public records. The Contractor consents to such copying and reproduction by submitting a Bid Proposal and warrants that such copying and reproduction will not violate the rights of any third party. The DNR shall have the right to use ideas or adaptations of ideas that are presented in the Bid Proposals.

2.22 Release of Claims

By submitting a Bid Proposal, the Contractor agrees that it will not bring any claim or cause of action against the DNR or the State based on any misunderstanding concerning the information provided herein or concerning the DNR's failure, negligent or otherwise, to provide the Contractor with pertinent information as intended by this RFP.

2.23 Presentations

At the discretion of the DNR and the evaluation committee, a Contractor may be requested to provide either an on-site or web-based Demonstration of the Contractor's product to verify and further evaluate information submitted in the Bid Proposals. Contractors will be allotted **1** hour for a demonstration of the key functions and features described in Section 4 of this RFP. The demonstration will be immediately followed by a 30 minute question and answer period. The DNR will contact qualified Contractors to schedule their demonstration. The demonstration shall not materially change the information contained in the original written Bid Proposal. Contractors who fail to provide a demonstration when requested, shall be disqualified.

2.24 Evaluation of Bid Proposals Submitted

Bid Proposals that are timely submitted and are not subject to disqualification will be reviewed in accordance with Section 5 of the RFP. The DNR and Evaluation Committee will not necessarily select the Contractor(s) offering the lowest cost proposal. Instead, the DNR intends to select the Contractor whose Responsive Bid Proposal the Evaluation Committee believes will provide the best value to the DNR.

2.25 Notice of Selection and Acceptance Period

The DNR will send a notice of intent to negotiate a contract to all Contractors submitting a timely Bid Proposal and may post the notice at the website shown on the RFP cover sheet. It is the intent of the DNR that negotiation and execution of the contract(s) shall be completed no later than **15** days from the date of the Notice of intent to negotiate a contract. If the apparent successful Contractor fails to negotiate and deliver an executed contract by that date, then the DNR may extend the negotiation period, or cancel the selection and negotiate a contract with any remaining Contractor that the DNR believes will provide the best value to the DNR.

2.26 Definition of Contract

The full execution of a written contract shall constitute the making of a contract for the goods and services requested by the RFP, and no Contractor shall acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to any contract for goods and/or services until a separate written contract, with terms and conditions acceptable to the DNR, has been fully executed by the successful Contractor and the DNR. By submitting a Bid Proposal, each Contractor acknowledges that selection of a Contractor shall not create any contract or other obligation until a separate written contract has been executed as described above.

2.27 Choice of Law and Forum

This RFP and the Resulting Contract will be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa. Changes in applicable laws and rules may affect the award process or the resulting Contract. Contractors are responsible for ascertaining pertinent legal requirements and restrictions. Any and all litigation or actions commenced in connection with this RFP, or any resulting contract shall be brought in the Iowa District Court for Polk County, if the jurisdiction is proper. However, if jurisdiction is not proper in the Iowa District Court for Polk County, but is proper only in United States District Court, the matter shall be commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Central Division. This provision shall not be construed as waiving any immunity to suit or liability, in state or federal court, which may be available to the Licensee, including sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or otherwise.

2.28 Restrictions on Gifts and Activities

Iowa Code Chapter 68B restricts gifts which may be given or received by state employees and requires certain individuals to disclose information concerning their activities with state government. Contractors are responsible to determine the applicability of this Chapter 68B to their activities and to comply with the requirements. In addition, pursuant to Iowa Code section 722.1, it is a felony offense to bribe or attempt to bribe a public official.

2.29 No Minimum Guaranteed

The DNR anticipates that the selected Contractor will provide goods and/or services as requested by the DNR. The DNR does not and will not guarantee any minimum compensation to be paid under any Resulting Contract, or any minimum purchase of a selected Contractor's goods or services. In addition, no guarantee is made that a Contractor will be selected or any contract will be executed as a result of this RFP.

2.30 Criminal History and Background Investigation

The Contractor hereby explicitly authorizes the DNR to conduct criminal history and/or other background investigation(s) of the Contractor, its officers, directors, shareholders, or partners and managerial and supervisory personnel retained by the Contractor for the performance of the contract.

2.31 Award

DNR will exercise its right to determine and accept all portions of any apparent successful Contractor's proposal, or the DNR may choose to reject all bids.

2.32 Reservation of Rights

DNR reserves the right to reject any or all offerings presented in a Contractor's proposal, whether included as a response to specifications in this RFP or as an alternative approach, subject to negotiation.

Section 3 Format and Content of Bid Proposals

3.1 Instructions

These instructions prescribe the format and content of the Bid Proposal. They are designed to facilitate a uniform review process. Failure to adhere to the proposal format may result in the disqualification of the Bid Proposal.

3.1.1. The Bid Proposal shall be typewritten on 8.5" x 11" paper (one side only).

3.1.2. The Bid Proposal shall be divided into two parts: (1) the Technical Proposal and (2) the Cost Proposal. Each part (technical, cost) of the Bid Proposal shall be sealed in **separate envelopes**. The cost proposal needs to be in a separate sealed envelope from the technical proposal. One (1) USB Flash Drive with the Technical Proposal only in a sealed envelope shall also be provided. The envelopes shall be labeled with **Attachment #5 Sealed Bid Proposal Labeling**.

The DNR shall not be responsible for misdirected packages or premature opening of Bid Proposals if a Bid Proposal is not properly labeled. **The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not deliver mail or packages directly to the address provided above but rather to the Capitol Complex Mail Room. Extra time should be allotted for proposals sent by the USPS.** Federal Express and UPS shipments and overnight letter/bids to the DNR in the Wallace Building are delivered directly to the 4th floor DNR mailroom. All Federal Express and UPS shipments to the DNR, Wallace Building, are machine-stamped with the date and time to document their receipt by the DNR. If you do not hand-deliver your bid to the DNR mailroom for date/time-stamping as received, the DNR recommends you consider Federal Express or UPS.

The DNR shall not consider bids if they are not received by the DNR, either at its mail room or at its Fourth Floor Reception Desk, by the time and date described on the RFP cover sheet, regardless of whether the bid was mailed prior to that time and date or whether the bid was received at the Capitol Complex Mail Room or other state government locations prior to that time and date.

3.1.3 One (1) original and three (3) copies of the Bid Proposal (Technical, Cost) in separately sealed envelopes per section 3.1.2, shall be timely submitted to the Lead Agency. **One (1) USB Flash Drive with the Technical Proposal only** in a sealed envelope shall be timely submitted to the Lead Agency. The envelopes shall be labeled with **Attachment #5 Sealed Bid Proposal Labeling**. Per section 3.1.2, bid proposals shall be submitted in separately sealed envelopes labeled with **Attachment #5 Sealed Bid Proposal Labeling**. The following shall be timely submitted to the DNR Issuing Officer by the date identified on the RFP cover sheet.

Technical Proposal: One (1) original and three (3) copies;

Cost Proposal: One (1) original and three (3) copies; and

Digital Technical Proposal: One (1) USB Flash Drive with the Technical Proposal only

3.1.4 If the Contractor designates any information in its proposal as confidential pursuant to section 2.21, the Contractor also must submit one (1) hard copy of the Bid Proposal from which confidential information has been excised as provided in section 2.21.

3.1.5 Bid Proposals shall not contain promotional or display materials.

3.1.6 Attachments shall be referenced in the Bid Proposal.

3.2 Technical Proposal

The following documents and responses shall be included in the Bid Proposal in the order given below. For the Contractor's convenience, and to facilitate the review process, Contractors are requested to complete the Requirements Checklist provided as Attachment #3, to ensure that all items in Sections 3.2 are submitted, and to use Attachment #3 as a cover page for its responses to 3.2. Failure to submit these items shall result in rejection of the Bid Proposal as unresponsive.

3.2.1 Transmittal Letter

An individual authorized to legally bind the Contractor shall sign the transmittal letter. The letter shall include the Contractor's mailing address, electronic mail address, fax number, and telephone number. Any request for confidential treatment of information shall be included in the transmittal letter in accordance with the provisions of section 2.21.

3.2.2 Table of Contents and Pagination

The Contractor is encouraged to include a table of contents of its Bid Proposal, to paginate the Bid Proposal and submit Attachment 3, "Requirements Checklist".

3.2.3 Executive Summary

The Contractor shall prepare an executive summary and overview of the goods and services it is offering, including all of the following information:

3.2.3.1 Statements that demonstrate that the Contractor has read, understands and agrees with the terms and conditions of the RFP and the proposed contract.

3.2.4 Scope of Work and Technical Requirements

The Contractor shall address each requirement in Section 4 of the RFP as provided for in that Section and explain how it will comply with each requirement. Bid Proposals must be fully responsive to each requirement. Unless otherwise noted, merely repeating the requirements may be considered non-responsive and may disqualify the Contractor. Bid Proposals must identify any deviations from the requirements of this RFP or requirements the Contractor cannot satisfy. Any deviations from the requirements of the RFP or any requirement of the RFP that the Contractor cannot satisfy may disqualify the Contractor. In addition to addressing the Technical Requirements, Section 4 requires the Contractor to provide a series of work plans describing how the Contractor would accomplish the project.

3.2.5 Background Information

The Contractor shall provide the following general background information:

3.2.5.1 Name, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the Contractor including all d/b/a's or assumed names or other operating names of the Contractor.

3.2.5.2 Form of business entity, *i.e.*, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, 'limited liability company', and whether the entity is registered as a Targeted Small Business.

3.2.5.3 State of incorporation, state of formation, or state of organization.

3.2.5.4 Identification and specification of the location(s) and telephone numbers of the major offices and other facilities that relate to the Contractor's performance under the terms of this RFP.

3.2.5.5 Local office address and phone number (if any).

3.2.5.6 Number of employees.

3.2.5.7 Type of business.

3.2.5.8 Name, address and telephone number of the Contractor's representative to contact regarding all contractual and technical matters concerning this Bid Proposal.

3.2.5.9 Name, address and telephone number of the Contractor's representative to contact regarding scheduling and other arrangements.

3.2.5.10 Name and qualifications of any subcontractors who will be involved with this project.

3.2.5.11 The successful Contractor will be required to register to do business in Iowa. If already registered, provide the date of the Contractor's registration to do business in Iowa and the name of the Contractor's registered agent.

The Contractor shall include similar information for any subcontractors to be engaged in any projects under this contract.

3.2.6 Experience

The Contractor must provide the following information regarding its experience:

3.2.6.1 Number of years in business.

3.2.6.2 Number of years of experience with providing the types of goods and services sought by the RFP.

3.2.6.3 Describe the level of technical experience in providing the types of goods and services sought by the RFP.

3.2.6.4 Demonstrated satisfactory performance on previous and present contracts similar in scope to the subject of this RFP

3.2.6.5 Letters of reference from at least three (3) previous customers or clients knowledgeable of the Contractor's performance in providing goods and/or services similar to the goods and/or services described in this RFP and a contact person and telephone number for each reference.

3.2.6.6 Describe Contractor's capacity to complete all goods and services sought by this RFP including resources, personnel availability, and any pertinent supporting information.

The Contractor shall include similar information for any subcontractors to be engaged in any projects under this contract.

3.2.7 Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

The Contractor shall specifically agree that the Bid Proposal is predicated upon acceptance of all terms and conditions stated in the RFP. If the Contractor objects to any term or condition, the Contractor must specifically refer to the RFP page, and section. Objections or responses that materially alter the RFP may be deemed non-responsive and disqualify the Contractor. See Section 6 for further information and additional requirements.

3.2.8 Certification Letter

The Contractor shall sign and submit with the Bid Proposal, the document included as Attachment #1 (Certification Letter) in which the Contractor shall make the certifications included in Attachment #1.

3.2.9 Authorization to Release Information

The Contractor shall sign and submit with the Bid Proposal the document included as

Attachment #2 (Authorization to Release Information Letter) in which the Contractor authorizes the release of information to the DNR.

3.2.10 Firm Bid Proposal Terms

The Contractor shall guarantee in writing the availability of the goods and/or services offered and that all Bid Proposal terms, including price, will remain firm for a minimum of 90 days following the deadline for submitting Bid Proposals.

3.2.11 Bid Proposal Security

There is no bid bond required by this RFP.

3.3 Cost Proposal

The Contractor shall provide its cost proposal in a separately sealed envelope per **section 3.1.2** for the proposed goods and/or services. **See Attachment 4.**

Section 4 Scope of Work Requirements

4.1 Overview

The DNR reserves the right to determine whether the supportive materials submitted by the Contractor demonstrate the Contractor will be able to comply with the Mandatory Requirements. If the DNR determines the supportive materials do not demonstrate the Contractor will be able to comply with the Mandatory Requirements, the DNR may disqualify the Bid Proposal. The successful Contractor shall be obligated to provide all goods and/or services specified in this Section.

The successful Contractor shall provide the goods and/or services to the DNR using the Contract in accordance with the specifications and technical requirements as provided in this Section. The Contractor shall address each requirement in this Section and indicate whether or not it will comply with the requirement. If the context requires more than a yes or no answer or the section specifically indicates, the Contractor shall explain how it will comply with the requirement. Proposals must address each requirement. Merely repeating the requirements may be considered non-responsive and may disqualify the Contractor. Proposals must identify any deviations from the requirements of this RFP or requirements the Contractor cannot satisfy. If the Contractor deviates from or cannot satisfy the requirement(s) of this section, the DNR may reject the Proposal.

4.2 Description of Statement of Work

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit proposals from qualified Contractors for a larval recirculating aquaculture system with self-cleaning, bottom-center draining culture tanks. Each culture tank will utilize a motorized arm to clean both the tank bottom and the side walls of the tank. The filtration system will be designed to meet water quality parameters suitable for raising Walleye larvae in accordance with the following system specifications and requirements. All components will set on concrete, no below grade plumbing or sumps. Three 275L larviculture tanks will be optionally added, tanks are on site and provided by Rathbun.

The system shall be completely fabricated off site and water tested before shipment (tested without three 275L tanks). Proper operation of all components will be verified and water tested to perform to flow specifications. The system shall be fabricated for easy disassembly and re-assembly on site, i.e. flanged pipe fittings, etc. All plumbing materials will be provided. Cleaning arms will be fitted to tanks and tested with feed to assure all surfaces are cleaned sufficiently. All components will be packaged for shipment to Rathbun where final assembly will be done by Rathbun staff according to provided manufacturer specifications and drawings.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.

Culture Volume:	5,625 Liters total: 4,800L in self-cleaning tanks (specifications provided below); 825 L in provided tanks.
Final Biomass Density:	18 kg/m ³
Feed rate on last day:	12.0 %
Feed Protein	50 %
Max temperature:	24°C; initial temperature - 15°C; final temperature 24°C.
Water exchange rate:	initial - 0.5 tank exchanges per hour of recirculation water. final - 2 tank exchanges per hour of recirculation water.
	Replacement water: about 1 Lpm of dechlorinated municipal water or about 20% volume/day.
Solids Removal:	particles ≥ 30 micron

UV dosage: 100mJ/cm²
Heating/chilling Requirement: ΔT 5° C
Clay turbidity: 50 NTU of turbidity will be maintained in the system from day 0 to 21 post hatch to provide the proper culture environment.

CIRCULAR SELF-CLEANING LARVAL TANKS (Qty 2). Dimensions: 72" diameter x 42" deep. Working volume: 2,400 Liters. The tanks shall be constructed of glass fiber reinforced corrosion resistant resin throughout. Minimum overall wall thickness shall be 3/16". Tank bottom shall be flat and reinforced to maintain flatness over time. Flatness is critical to proper cleaning action of the cleaning arm. The tank will include a triangular shaped trough extending from the tank center to the side wall where solids can be removed by siphoning. All inside surfaces of culture tank must be seamless, smooth, polished gel coat. Gel coat exterior should be light grey. Interior tank walls should be black and tank bottom light grey, polished smooth, gel coat. Tank bottom to include galvanized steel leveling legs with a minimum of 3" travel.

Provided tanks: For the purposes of the system capacity and biologic production plan, the details of the added three 275L are included here. Tanks are on site at Rathbun (see picture). These tanks will be stocked and fed at the same rate as other tanks, but on a smaller scale. Tank top height above floor is 47.5 inches, water surface is 41 inches, and water depth is 24 inches (maintained by internal standpipe). Tank height can be increased by lengthening tank support legs, to a reasonable working height. Each has two inch effluent plumbing. The three tanks should be plumbed into the two-tank recirculation system in such a way that they can be removed if not needed. These tanks are cleaned by siphoning settled solids from the tank bottom.

MOTORIZED CLEANING ARM. The motorized cleaning arm will mount to the top of the tank and utilize a rubber squeegee to clean the bottom and deposit debris into the tank siphoning trough. A side wall brush and squeegee attached to the cleaning arm to clean the tank walls. The cleaning arm shall rotate at 1.5 revolutions per hour. Rotation shall be at a steady rate without jumping in the arm causing solids to be re-introduced into the water column. Tank configuration shall be center bottom draining with removable screen. The screen shall be outfitted with aeration ring to keep the screen clean and free of larvae. Four screen sizes will be needed for each tank with mesh sizes of 700 micron, 1 mm, 1.5 mm, and 2 mm, one additional set of spare screens will be included (3 sets of four screen sizes) for clean screen rotations. All wetted components, including hardware, must be 316 stainless steel or plastic. Motor shall be 115V, TEFC, 60Hz, 1 PH.

SOLIDS REMOVAL. An enclosed rotating drum filter with nominal screen pore size of 30 microns shall be provided for solids removal. The drum filter must have sufficient capacity to filter the full system flow with a concentration of 25 mg/L total suspended solids. Automatic backwash controls and high pressure backwash pump shall be included. A bypass shall be provided to route water around drum screen when necessary. Power supply must be 230 Volt and all control panels and junction boxes NEMA 4X.

BIOFILTER. Ammonia removal shall be carried out by a moving bed bioreactor (MBBR) with sufficient surface area to maintain NH₃-N below 0.03 mg/L and NO₂-N below 0.20 mg/L. The MBBR may be vertical or horizontal configuration, fiberglass constructed, and all fittings constructed of FRP or PVC. MBBR vessel shall be constructed of corrosion resistant isophthalic resin throughout. Tank walls shall be reinforced with laminated steel support structures to allow no more than a 0.02" deflection. Media shall be made from virgin polyethylene with a specific surface area of 500 m²/m³.

GAS STRIPPING TOWER and LOW HEAD OXYGENATOR. A forced air counter current packed column with a maximum hydraulic flow rate of 15 gpm/ft² shall be provided to control total gas pressure for

influent water to the tanks. The packed column shall be of plastic construction with 3" Tripac media and mounted on a powder coated stainless steel stand. Air shall be provided by a centrifugal fan and integrated into the rack. Air flow will be counter current to the water flow and discharged at the top of the column at velocity to minimize any discharge of water. Downstream of the gas stripping tower a low head oxygenator will increase oxygen content of the water as the water falls through an oxygen saturated chamber before returning to tanks.

PUMPING / UV DISINFECTION / TEMPERATURE / CONTROL SKID. A single, skid mounted pumping system, will be constructed from powder coated stainless steel and include mounting brackets for plumbing, a UV Sterilizer (100mJ/cm²), and inline heater (ΔT 5° C) with titanium heating coil. A chiller designed to maintain a 3-5 C lower water temperature than air temperature of 27 C should be included as new water inflow (1 lpm at 15C) may or may not provide enough cooling. Skid will include a control panel for all pump, UV, and heater/chill disconnects and shall provide for a single point electrical connection. Bypass plumbing will be provided for both UV in-line heater, and chiller.

TANK WATER SURFACE SPRAY SYSTEM. A water pumping system is required to supply system water to surface spray nozzles to facilitate gas bladder inflation. Each nozzle will deliver about 0.4 Lpm. Each 2,400 L tank shall have 6 nozzles and each 275 L tank shall have one nozzle. The three 275 L tanks have existing nozzles and connections but should be included in the pump flow calculations for the spray system. Nozzles are available at <https://hydro-gardens.com/product/plant-shrubbery-nozzles-7354010/> Model 73-500 (90 degree nozzle). Each nozzle shall be fitted onto a valve (to facilitate cleaning nozzles) that is fitted onto a Tee pipe fitting from the main line crossing the tank diameter. Spray should impact the water at a 90 degree angle.

DECHLORINATION: The system will have a fresh or new water exchange rate of up to 20% per day of dechlorinated tap water (estimate of 1 Lpm). Dechlorination will be performed by an activated charcoal filter with a capacity of up to 40 Lpm.

Specific Contract statement of work may include:

Obligation	Task Milestone Date
<p>Task 1: Preliminary Design Description: The Contractor shall provide the DNR with a Preliminary Design including component listing, system diagram, supporting data meeting system requirements. The DNR will have 2 weeks to provide feedback.</p>	<p>30 days from Contract Start Date Or July 7, 2017</p>
<p>Task 2: Final Design Description: The Contractor shall provide the DNR with a Final Design incorporating any feedback from the Preliminary Design review.</p>	<p>14 days from DNR feedback of Preliminary Design or August 4, 2017</p>
<p>Task 3: Larval Recirculating Aquaculture System including Testing Description: The Contractor shall have the larval recirculating aquaculture system with self-cleaning, bottom-center draining culture tanks fully fabricated and assembled for water testing. Water testing results meeting system requirements and complete set of photos shall be sent to the DNR for approval.</p>	<p>90 days from Final Design or December 4, 2017</p>
<p>Task 4: Delivery of Tested Larval Recirculating Aquaculture System Description: The Contractor shall disassemble the system, clean all components, package appropriately, include set of instructions and operational manual and have the fully disassemble system delivered to the Rathbun Fish Hatchery.</p>	<p>14 days from successful testing or December 18, 2017</p>

Section 5 Evaluation of Proposals

5.1 Introduction

This section describes the evaluation process that will be used to determine which Bid Proposal(s) provides the greatest benefit. DNR will not necessarily select the Contractor offering the lowest cost; instead, the DNR will select the Contractor whose Responsive Bid Proposal appears to provide the best value to the State.

5.2 Evaluation Committee

DNR intends to conduct a comprehensive, fair, and impartial evaluation of Bid Proposals received in response to this RFP. DNR will use an evaluation committee as determined by the participating Boards to review and evaluate the Bid Proposals.

5.3 Overview of Evaluation Process

The DNR shall conduct a preliminary evaluation of all submitted Technical Bid Proposals to determine if they comply with the Format and Content requirements described in Section 3.2 (*i.e.* to determine if the Contractor is a responsible Contractor submitting a Responsive Bid Proposal). Proposals that do not comply with the Format and Content requirements may be rejected as unresponsive by the DNR, without further scoring of the technical proposal. Technical proposals that are deemed responsive by the DNR will be forwarded to the members of the DNR evaluation committee for scoring. All Cost Proposals will remain unopened and separated from the Technical Proposals until the DNR evaluation committee has completed its evaluation of the Technical Proposals.

5.4 Preferences

Preferences required by applicable statute or rule shall be applied, where appropriate.

5.5 Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation of proposals will be based on the following criteria, which are not listed in any particular order of importance.

Criterion:

5.5.1 Cost

5.5.2 Contractor's professional experience, performance record, and letters of references.

5.5.3 The capacity of the Contractor to complete responsibilities described in the Statement of Work.

5.5.4 Demonstrated Quality of Craftsmanship - example of similar system including key manufacturing information such as tolerances and performance data for glass fiber reinforced plastic resin aquaculture components with a record of successful in-service performance in similar applications.

5.5.5 Quality Control Standards including tolerances - documented quality control procedures including tolerances and/or for the proposal submitted. Indicate dimensions, capacities, performance characteristics, finishes for materials, and installation instructions for each type of product indicated. Self-cleaning tank bottom flatness should be +/- 0.016 inches variance (or less) and maintain flatness over time. The wiper arm and squeegee should maintain even contact the tank bottom to remove settled debris uniformly from the tank bottom and control

buildup of biofilms. Indicate FRP vessel sidewall thickness tolerances. Process surfaces free of blisters, chips, crazing, entrapped air, exposed glass, pits, foreign matter, scratches, and wrinkles.

Section 6 Contractual Terms and Conditions

6.0 Preface

Any contract(s) resulting from this RFP between the State and the successful Contractor shall be a combination of the specifications, terms and conditions of this RFP; the offer of the Contractor contained in the Contractor's proposal; written clarifications or changes made in accordance with the provisions herein; and any other terms deemed necessary or acceptable by the DNR.

Any resulting contract shall be available to the public as part of the public record in accordance with applicable law.

6.1 Selection Contingent Upon Contract Negotiations

The initial selection of a Contractor means that the DNR will negotiate in good faith with the selected Contractor in expectation of executing a contract. If the DNR determines within its sole discretion that it cannot execute a contract with the selected Contractor, then it may select a new Contractor based on the next highest score or reissue an RFP at a later time.

6.2 Duration of Contract Term, and Amendments to Extend Duration of Contract

The term of the Contract shall be 6 months unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the contract. The effective date of the contract shall not precede the date upon which both parties have signed the contract and the date upon which the contract is approved by the Natural Resources Commission, if such approval is required. DNR shall have the sole option to renew and extend this Contract for subsequent periods, adding up to no more than 6 years total, by executing a signed Contract prior to the expiration of this Contract.

6.3 Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

By submitting a proposal, each Contractor acknowledges its acceptance of the specifications, terms and conditions of a contract contained in this RFP, without change except as otherwise expressly stated in its proposal, and of the specifications, terms and conditions of the "Special Conditions" and "General Conditions" found at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RFPBidLettings.aspx>. If a Contractor takes exception to any contract provision, the Contractor must state the reason for the exception and set forth in its proposal the specific contract language it proposes to include in place of the provision. Exceptions that materially change these terms or the requirements of the RFP may be deemed non-responsive by the DNR, as determined in its sole discretion, resulting in possible disqualification of the Contractor's proposal. With regard to the "Special Conditions" portion of the contract forms, DNR and the successful Contractor may agree to modifications to the terms of the "Special Conditions" as necessary to negotiate the terms of a contract.

A Contractor's failure to state an exception to any provision and propose alternative language may be deemed by the DNR to constitute Contractor's acceptance thereof. The State reserves the right to refuse to enter into a contract with the successful Contractor for any reason, even after delivery of notice of selection or intent to award a contract.

The terms and conditions as stated herein relate only to this RFP, and do not extend to other or future contracts a prospective Contractor may currently have or may have in the future with the DNR, nor do the terms and conditions as stated herein relate to any other DNR procurement which may be in process.

6.4 Deadline for Execution of Contract

By submitting a proposal, each Contractor agrees that any and all contracts resulting from this RFP must be negotiated and signed by all parties no later than **June 9, 2017**, unless such deadline is extended by the DNR in writing. Any failure by a successful Contractor or its third party Contractors to negotiate and sign a contract with the State of Iowa prior to this deadline may result in suspension or termination of negotiations with the successful Contractor, and the DNR may elect to negotiate with any other Contractor.

**Attachment # 1
Certification Letter**

Alterations to this document are prohibited, see section 2.14.15.

[Date]

Michael Gulick, Issuing Officer
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
502 E 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Re: Request for Proposal Number **17CRDFBAJOHN-101**
PROPOSAL CERTIFICATIONS

Dear **Michael Gulick**:

I certify that the contents of the Proposal submitted on behalf of **[Name of Contractor]**_____ (Contractor) in response to **DNR** for Request for Proposal Number **17CRDFBAJOHN-101** for **Larval Recirculation Aquaculture system** are true and accurate. I also certify that Contractor has not knowingly made any false statements in its Proposal.

Certification of Independence

I certify that I am a representative of Contractor expressly authorized to make the following certifications in behalf of Contractor. By submitting a Proposal in response to the RFP, I certify in behalf of the Contractor the following:

1. The Proposal has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement with any employee or consultant to the Agency or with any person serving as a member of the evaluation committee.
2. The Proposal has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor or parties for the purpose of restricting competition.
3. Unless otherwise required by law, the information found in the Proposal has not been and will not be knowingly disclosed, directly or indirectly prior to Agency's issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award the contract.
4. No attempt has been made or will be made by Contractor to induce any other contractor to submit or not to submit a Proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
5. No relationship exists or will exist during the contract period between Contractor and the Agency or any other State agency that interferes with fair competition or constitutes a conflict of interest.

Certification Regarding Debarment

6. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, neither Contractor nor any of its principals: (a) are presently or have been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a Federal Agency or State Agency; (b) have within a three year period preceding this Proposal been convicted of, or had a civil judgment

rendered against them for commission of fraud, a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of antitrust statutes; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; (c) are presently indicted for or criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in (b) of this certification; and (d) have not within a three year period preceding this Proposal had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which the Agency has relied upon when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available, the Agency may pursue available remedies including suspension, debarment, or termination of the contract.

Certification Regarding Registration, Collection, and Remission of Sales and Use Tax

7. Pursuant to *Iowa Code sections 423.2(10) and 423.5(8) (2009)* a retailer in Iowa or a retailer maintaining a business in Iowa that enters into a contract with a state agency must register, collect, and remit Iowa sales tax and Iowa use tax levied under *Iowa Code chapter 423* on all sales of tangible personal property and enumerated services. The Act also requires Contractors to certify their compliance with sales tax registration, collection, and remission requirements and provides potential consequences if the certification is false or fraudulent.

By submitting a Proposal in response to the (RFP), the Contractor certifies the following: (check the applicable box)

- Contractor is registered with the Iowa Department of Revenue, collects, and remits Iowa sales and use taxes as required by *Iowa Code Chapter 432*; or
- Contractor is not a “retailer” or a “retailer maintaining a place of business in this state” as those terms are defined in *Iowa Code subsections 423.1(42) and (43)*.

Contractor also acknowledges that the Agency may declare the Contractor’s Proposal or resulting contract void if the above certification is false. The Contractor also understands that fraudulent certification may result in the Agency or its representative filing for damages for breach of contract in addition to other remedies available to Agency.

Sincerely,

[Name and Title]

Attachment #2

Authorization to Release Information Letter

Alterations to this document are prohibited, see section 2.14.15.

[Date]

Michael Gulick, Issuing Officer
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
502 E 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Re: Request for Proposal Number **17CRDFBAJOHN-101**
AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Dear **Michael Gulick**:

[Name of Contractor]_____ (**Contractor**) hereby authorizes the **DNR** ("Agency") or a member of the Evaluation Committee to obtain information regarding its performance on other contracts, agreements or other business arrangements, its business reputation, and any other matter pertinent to evaluation and the selection of a successful Contractor in response to Request for Proposal (RFP) Number **17CRDFBAJOHN-101**.

The Contractor acknowledges that it may not agree with the information and opinions given by such person or entity in response to a reference request. The Contractor acknowledges that the information and opinions given by such person or entity may hurt its chances to receive contract awards from the State or may otherwise hurt its reputation or operations. The Contractor is willing to take that risk.

The Contractor hereby releases, acquits and forever discharges the State of Iowa, the Agency, their officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all liability whatsoever, including all claims, demands and causes of action of every nature and kind affecting the undersigned that it may have or ever claim to have relating to information, data, opinions, and references obtained by the Agency or the Evaluation Committee in the evaluation and selection of a successful Contractor in response to the RFP.

The Contractor authorizes representatives of the Agency or the Evaluation Committee to contact any and all of the persons, entities, and references which are, directly or indirectly, listed, submitted, or referenced in the Contractor's Proposal submitted in response to RFP.

The Contractor further authorizes any and all persons and entities to provide information, data, and opinions with regard to its performance under any contract, agreement, or other business arrangement, its ability to perform, business reputation, and any other matter pertinent to the evaluation of the Contractor's Proposal. The Contractor hereby releases, acquits and forever discharges any such person or entity and their officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all liability whatsoever, including all claims, demands and causes of action of every nature and kind affecting the Contractor that it may have or ever claim to have relating to information, data, opinions, and references supplied to the

Agency or the Evaluation Committee in the evaluation and selection of a successful Contractor in response to RFP.

A photocopy or facsimile of this signed Authorization is as valid as an original.

Sincerely,

[Printed Name of Contractor Organization]

[Name and Title of Authorized Representative]

Date

**Attachment # 3
Contractor Requirement Check List**

RFP Section	RFP Requirement	Included
3.2.1	Four (4) copies of the Technical Bid Proposal in Sealed Envelope Labeled Correctly	
3.2.1	One (1) USB Flash Drive with <u>Technical Proposal only</u> in Sealed Envelope Labeled Correctly	
3.2.1	Four (4) copies of the Cost Bid Proposal in Sealed Envelope Labeled Correctly	
3.2.2	As applicable, One (1) Public Copy with Confidential Information Excised in Sealed Envelope Labeled Correctly	
3.3.1	Transmittal Letter	
3.3.2	Contractor Requirement Checklist Attachment #3	
3.3.3	Executive Summary	
3.3.4	Scope of Work and Technical Requirements including Work Plans	
3.3.5	Contractor Background Information	
3.3.6	Contractor Experience including Letters of Reference and Capacity	
3.3.9	Acceptance of Terms and Conditions	
3.3.10	Certification Letter Attachment #1	
3.3.11	Authorization to Release Information Attachment #2	
3.3.12	Firm Proposal Terms	

ATTACHMENT # 4 (In Separately Sealed Envelope)

Payment Terms

Per *Iowa Code § 8A.514* the State of Iowa is allowed sixty (60) days to pay an invoice submitted by a Contractor.

Cost Proposal

Contractor’s Cost Proposal shall include an all-inclusive, itemized, total cost in U.S. Dollars (including all travel, expenses, etc. in prices). All pricing to be FOB Destination, freight cost and all expenses included; and based on Net 60 Days Payment Terms. The following template is required. Please use additional pages to provide any additional narrative support for the costing information.

Deliverable Item	Firm US Dollars
Task 1 – Preliminary Design	
Task 2 – Final Design	
Task 3 - Larval Recirculating Aquaculture System including Testing	
Task 4 - Delivery of Tested Larval Recirculating Aquaculture System	
TOTAL COST:	

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Name of Contractor Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Attachment #5 Sealed Bid Proposal Labeling

17CRDFBAJOHN-101 SEALED BID – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Larval Recirculation Aquaculture System RFP

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