

**Department of Public Health & Environment - Division of Environmental Quality
On-Call Hazardous Materials and Emergency Response Service Contracts
Fact Sheet - 2023**

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DDPHE is extending for 180-days the term of two existing contracts for hazardous materials and emergency response services. The City first entered into these contracts in 2018 through competitive bidding. These contracts are 'On-Call' - meaning a contractor is engaged only when the City requires their performance on a discrete project and paid only when their work is completed. Work is assigned on a project-by-project basis, through issuance of a RFP and follow-through with a notice to proceed from the user agency.

This extension in term, to 5 years plus 180-days, is necessary to avoid a gap in essential services to the City while the City is actively engaged in competitive re-bidding.

Purpose and Use of Agreements:

The purpose of these On-Call services contracts is to establish and maintain access to qualified firms to meet the needs of agencies City-wide for professional services relating to both routine and emergency response to containment and disposal of EPA regulated toxic and environmentally hazardous wastes. The majority of services rendered support collection and disposal of hazardous waste solvents, paints, heavy metals, waste oils and PFAS ("forever chemicals") contaminated media generated by DOTI, DEN and DPR. These contracts are also often used to assist Denver Fire and Police in emergency response events involving hazardous chemicals, including clandestine drug lab waste following enforcement actions. Lastly, services frequently include 24/7 response to highway fuel spills and impacts to City land and stormwater systems.

These professional services may include but are not limited to: Routine, planned and unplanned emergency response to contain, package and transport and dispose of hazardous and toxic materials including illegal fireworks. Services may include site stabilization and excavation of contaminated media. Services include waste characterization and profiling to special hazardous and toxic waste disposal sites across the nation, including hazardous waste landfills and incinerators.

Procurement:

In 2018 five contractors were chosen to enter into agreements with the City per the competitive bidding process (directed by GS/ Purchasing using BidNet, etc.). DEDO assessed a 0% goal for these services. The language of each contract allows for a five year term. The City has since received the approval of several contractors to enter into this necessary 180-day extension, with no other changes.

Contracts Description:

The firms selected for these contract extensions are.

- E.T. Technologies, Inc. (initial contract value \$15,000,000; remains unchanged)
- Environmental Hazmat Services, Inc. (contract value \$15,000,000; remains unchanged)

By this extension, departments City-wide, including DDPHE, DEN and Safety, may continue to utilize these on-call contracts for hazmat services through mid-January 2024. Furthermore, these extended term contracts may be cancelled by the City as soon as new contracts for the same services have been completed through the standard City competitive bidding and contracting process which is proceeding now and is guided by GS/Purchasing and CAO.