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Mr. Ron Curry
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RE: Explo Systems, Inc. Site, Camp Minden, Louisiana
Notification of Contractors and Alternative Method

Dear Mr. Curry:

Louisiana Military Depart (LMD) is submitting for EPA’s approval notification of a recommended vendor and alternative disposal method in compliance with Item VII.11 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement) between the Louisiana Military Department and USEPA Region 6, dated 28 October 2014, EPA Region 6 memo dated 15 January 2015, and EPA Region 6 Action Memo dated 18 March 2015.

The Louisiana Military Department has conducted an extensive review and assessment of ten quotes for alternative disposal methods. This review and assessment was conducted by an evaluation committee consisting of members of the LMD, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office, EPA Region 6 and representatives from the EPA Dialogue Committee. Based on the recommendation of this committee, LMD recommends Explosive Service International (ESI) and their Contained Burn method of disposal be utilized for the disposal of the M6 Propellant and Clean Burning Igniter.

The cost for this Contained Burn method is as follows (see enclosure 6):

Base price	\$23,438,947
Option 003-01 ADVANCED PAS	\$2,872,497
Option 003-02 BEST AVAILABLE PAS	\$1,327,000
Option 004 BASIC CONTINUOUS EMISSIONS MONITORING SYSTEM...	\$342,375
Option 004-01 CEMS (NOx Analyzer).....	\$22,550
Option 004-02 CEMS (THC Analyzer).....	\$27,115
Option 004-03 CEMS Stack Flow Meter.....	\$31,900

The total cost is Twenty-eight million, Sixty-two thousand, Three hundred eighty-four dollars (\$28,062,384).

NOTE: This total cost excludes potential contingency costs for unforeseen items/issues necessary to complete the entire project.

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Vendor Selection

LMD recommends Explosive Service International, Inc. (ESI) to perform the removal action of approximately 15,687,247 pounds of M6 propellant and approximately 320,890 pounds of Clean Burning Igniter (CBI) abandoned at the Explo Systems, Inc. Site, Camp Minden based on their quote submitted on March 18, 2015. ESI is teaming with El Dorado Engineering, Inc. (EDE) and they have extensive planning, constructing and operating experience in disposing of propellants. The Contained Burn System is a proven method offering a projected throughput of approximately 63,000 pounds per day. You will find enclosed an organizational chart, key personnel information, relevant project information for both companies, and key advantages of the recommended alternative method. The committee and LMD's recommendation includes accepting the advanced air pollution control options to maximize safety and flexibility in handling the rapidly decomposing materials and deteriorating storage and packaging materials. Additionally, the pollution controls recommended are directly related to minimizing environmental emissions and in consideration of the attributes recommended by the EPA's Dialogue Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this notification or the information provided, please contact the undersigned at 318-641-5396 or email owen.w.monconduit.nfg@mail.mil.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director, Contracting & Purchasing

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1. Organizational Chart
2. Key Personnel
3. Relevant projects ESI
4. Relevant projects EDE
5. Key Advantages of the recommended method
6. Pricing

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Mr. Greg Fife, Federal On-Scene Coordinator