Warm Springs Reservation Geothermal Resource Assessment
Request for Proposal Q&A Addendum

Addendum No. 1 – November 10, 2026

Respondents must acknowledge receipt of this addendum in their proposal cover letter. Except as modified by this addendum, all RFP terms remain unchanged.

Q1: We understand the RFP requests that fixed prices should be provided for Tasks 1, 2, and 5 of the Scope of Work. For Tasks 3 and 4, initial unit rates are requested; however, firm pricing for geophysical services would be determined through the RFQ process. Could you please clarify whether the initial unit prices are expected to remain fixed, or is it understood that fixed prices would be determined at the time of the RFQ?

R1: This response modifies Sections 2.3 and 3.2.6. Respondents should provide projected unit rates for Tasks 3 and 4. These rates may be updated after the selected Contractor completes Tasks 1 and 2 and obtains firm pricing for the Task 3 and 4 work, subject to WSPWE's written approval.

Q2: What is the extent of the proposed study area?

R2: The Warm Springs Reservation. WSPWE will provide the selected Contractor with maps of the areas of the Reservation that are excluded from study.

Q3: Is the intent to expand on the geophysics already performed?

R3: Yes.

Q4: Can additional drilling be performed under this study?

R4: No.

Q5: What budget or not-to-exceed amount is available for this contract, including the Task 3 and 4 survey and modeling allowances?

R5: WSPWE is not disclosing a budget or not-to-exceed value for this solicitation.

Q6: Can respondents review the prior studies and underlying data before proposals are due, including gravity, magnetic and MT data/models, temperature-gradient logs, and geochemical records?

R6: Prior studies will not be available before the proposal deadline. WSPWE will provide the selected Contractor with relevant prior studies.

Q7: Will WSPWE provide common planning quantities or allowances for Tasks 3 and 4? Does your team have any proposed minimum coverage, target-depth or model-resolution requirements to use when developing those assumptions

R7: WSPWE will not provide common planning quantities or allowances for Tasks 3 and 4. Tasks 1 and 2 will inform study aspects such as coverage, target depth, and model resolution. Respondents should state the quantities and assumptions behind their proposed allowances, as required by Section 3.2.6.

Q8: Should the base price cover review and mapping of existing cultural surveys with BNR specialists, or also new field inventories, environmental compliance studies or agency consultation? Which existing surveys and specialist inputs will WSPWE/BNR provide?

R8: Task 1.1 includes review of existing cultural resource surveys with BNR. New cultural resource surveys, new environmental compliance studies (such as NEPA documentation), and agency consultation are not included. The selected Contractor will have access to BNR resources.

Q9: Are there known survey-area exclusions, seasonal access restrictions, or expected permit and Tribal review lead times that respondents should use in their schedule and mobilization assumptions?

R9: WSPWE will provide the selected Contractor with maps of areas excluded from study, and with information on seasonal access restrictions and permit and Tribal review timelines. Respondents should state their schedule assumptions in their proposals.

Q10: Our firm is certified through NNASC as a Native-Owned MBE. Besides that document, is there any other documentation necessary for native preference?

R10: NNASC certification may be submitted as supporting documentation. Respondents claiming Indian preference must also provide the documentation required by Section 3.2.7.

Q11: Is the RFP a consequence of DOE funding of the project above, and if so is the project operating under Federal project compliance regulations and reporting, as well as non-federal cost-share obligations?

R11: The project is not funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). No cost share is required of the selected Contractor. The selected Contractor will support WSPWE's grant reporting through the monthly progress reports described in Section 2.3.

Q12: Since the design of any geophysical survey campaign is ultimately constrained by costs, is there a specific not-to-exceed budget level for the completion of Tasks 1 through 5?

R12: WSPWE is not disclosing a budget or not-to-exceed value for this solicitation.