

QUESTIONS/RESPONSES For: RFP no. 2009 Water Treatment Services for Kent State University (KSU)

1. Question One: Is prevailing wage required? **Response:** Yes.
2. Does Kent State University provide staffing? **Response:** No. A KSU employee may be available to assist with the water treatment program and respond to emergency situations found through remote monitoring. This employee will need the vendor-provided training specified in the RFP. **The vendor should plan to conduct full testing and application without KSU assistance.**
3. Confirm term of agreement. **Response:** The term of the agreement will be for one (1) year with the option to extend for an additional one (1) year, making this potentially a two-year agreement.
4. Do hot water loops run all year? **Response:** Yes
5. Can you provide the tonnage of all chillers? **Response:** See attached Chilled Water Master Flow Diagrams.
6. Who's responsible for removing empty drums? **Response:** It is the contractor's responsibility to cleanup and remove all empty drums and trash. KSU is not responsible for cleanups.
7. Who's responsible for changing filters? **Response:** The selected vendor is responsible for the associated water filter changes.
8. Who's responsible for replacing failed equipment? **Response:** The selected vendor is responsible for replacing failed equipment as per the RFP.
9. Are the provided estimated loop gallons system total or tower only gallons? **Response:** The handout during the walkthrough loop estimated gallons for the entire system for that building cooling tower system. See attached "Hot Closed Loop Feed Point".

10. What are the annual makeup water volumes for each cooling tower system?

Response: The 10 open cooling systems are estimated to use approximately 20,000,000 gallons of water per year.

11. What is the tonnage and volume of each cooling tower system? **Response:** See attached Chilled Water Master Flow Diagrams

12. What is the annual makeup water volume and total system volume for each closed loop (chilled and hot)? **Response:** Volumes of the various loops have not been calculated. It is the vendor's responsibility to understand the volumes of the various loops by trial or other methods and provide their volume estimates to KSU at the end of the first year of the contract.

13. Are there existing cartridge filters for the closed loop or would we need to provide that (Section 6.7, C #5)? **Response:** The selected vendor is responsible for supplying the associated water filter changes at existing filter stations.

14. Are we retaining ownership of the equipment (controllers and chemical tanks) or transferring it at the end of the contract? **Response:** The equipment supplied by the vendor, such as the controllers and chemical tanks, will remain owned and maintained by the vendor, with an option for KSU to purchase this equipment at the conclusion of the contract.