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In reply, refer to:
CRC Project No. E-97

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Coordinating Research Council (CRC) invites you to submit a written proposal to provide services for "CRC Mid-level Blend Research" (CRC Project No. E-97). A description of the project is presented in Exhibit A, "Statement of Work."

Please indicate by letter, fax, or email by **June 27th 2011**, whether or not you or your organization intends to submit a written proposal for this research program. CRC will answer technical questions regarding the Request for Proposal if they are submitted in writing. CRC will then return written answers to all of the bidders, along with a copy of the original questions.

A CRC technical group composed of industry and government representatives will evaluate your proposal. CRC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

The reporting requirements will be monthly progress reports and a summary technical report at the end of the contractual period. The reporting requirements are described in more detail in the attachment entitled "Reports" (Exhibit B).

The proposal must be submitted as two separate documents. The technical approach to the problem will be described in part one, and a cost breakdown that is priced by task will be described in part two. The cost proposal document should include all costs associated with conducting the proposed program. The technical proposal shall not be longer than 10 pages in length.

CRC expects to negotiate a cost-plus fixed fee or cost reimbursement contract for the research program.

Contract language for intellectual property and liability clauses is presented in Exhibit C and in Exhibit D, respectively. Bidders are also advised that government funds may be used to support the research, and therefore certain government contract terms and conditions may apply.

Important selection factors to be taken into account are listed in Exhibit E. CRC evaluation procedures require the technical group to complete a thorough technical evaluation before

considering costs. After developing a recommendation based on technical considerations, the costs are revealed and the recommendation is modified as needed.

Thirty (30) copies of the technical proposal and three (3) copies of the cost proposal (or one each electronic-copy) should be submitted to:

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The deadline for receipt of your proposal is **July 18th, 2011**.

Yours truly,

Chris Tennant
Deputy Director

EXHIBIT A
Statement of Work
CRC Mid-level Ethanol Blend Research Summary

The Coordinating Research Council (CRC) is seeking a comprehensive summary of the large CRC research program on mid-level ethanol blends (E15+E20). When use of mid-level blends was first discussed, CRC added E15 and E20 test fuels to a number of ongoing or planned studies. Later, in response to the E15 waiver request, CRC conducted research that was focused on mid-level blends. CRC conducted this research cooperatively with other organizations including DOE, EPA, CARB and RFA. Studies to be covered include (grouped by topic area):

E-65-3 LDV Fuel Permeation Follow-up
E-77-2+2c Enhanced Evaporative Emissions

E-74b CO vs RVP
E-89 EPACT Emissions

E-80 FFV Emissions
E-85, E-85-2, and E-95 Fuel Surveys

E-90,a,b Onboard Diagnostics screening and lab

CM-138-06 Hot Driveability
CM-138-08 Cold-start E85/E15/E20 Driveability
CM-138-09 High Temp/Altitude Driveability
CM-138-09 Hot Fuel Handling & Cold Start Driveability

E-87 Catalyst Durability
E-91 Evaporative Emission Control Durability
AVFL-15 – E20 Fuel Systems Durability
AVFL-15a – E15 Durability Study
CM-136-09 E15/E20 Engine Durability

A-73 Intermediate ethanol blend air quality impacts

This study will include an overview of the entire CRC program on mid-level ethanol blends, as well as a summary of each research project. The study should be organized to group together CRC projects addressing a single topic area such as: exhaust emissions, evaporative emissions or driveability as shown above. The summary of each study and group of related studies should include both methodology and results. Implications for in-use emissions, performance and durability should be included where there are clear findings. The report should also cover studies by other groups that were closely related to the CRC program however there is no need to conduct a broad survey of mid-level blend impacts. Areas of uncertainty and limitations in the CRC program should also be described. Interim reports may be required for release in advance of the final report, which will cover all relevant CRC studies when they conclude in 2012.

EXHIBIT B
REPORTS

MONTHLY TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORTS

The contractor shall submit a monthly technical progress report covering work accomplished during each calendar month of the contract performance. An electronic Microsoft® Word compatible file (<1 MB) of the monthly technical progress report shall be distributed by the contractor within ten (10) calendar days after the end of each reporting period. The report shall contain a description of overall progress, plus a separate description for each task or other logical segment of work on which effort was expended during the reporting period.

FINAL REPORT

The contractor shall submit to or distribute for CRC an electronic pdf-compatible copy (transmittable via email) of a rough draft of a final report within thirty (30) days after completion of the technical effort specified in the contract. The report shall document, in detail, the test program and all of the work performed under the contract. The report shall include tables, graphs, diagrams, curves, sketches, photographs and drawings in sufficient detail to comprehensively explain the test program and results achieved under the contract. The report shall be complete in itself and contain no reference, directly or indirectly, to the monthly report(s).

Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the approved draft copy of the final report, the contractor shall make the requested changes and deliver to CRC thirty (30) hardcopies including a reproducible master copy of the final report. The final report shall also be submitted as an electronic copy in a pdf or pdf-convertible file format. The final report may be prepared using the contractor's standard format, acknowledging author and sponsors. An outside CRC cover page will be provided by CRC. The electronic copy will be made available for posting on the CRC website.

EXHIBIT C

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Title to all inventions, improvements, and data, hereinafter, collectively referred to as (“Inventions”), whether or not patentable, resulting from the performance of work under this Agreement shall be assigned to CRC. Contractor X shall promptly disclose to CRC any Invention which is made or conceived by Contractor X, its employees, agents, or representatives, either alone or jointly with others, during the term of this agreement, which result from the performance of work under this agreement, or are a result of confidential information provided to Contractor X by CRC or its Participants. Contractor X agrees to assign to CRC the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all such Inventions, and to execute and cause its employees or representatives to execute such documents as may be required to file applications and to obtain patents covering such Inventions in CRC’s name or in the name of CRC’s Participants or nominees. At CRC’s expense, Contractor X shall provide reasonable assistance to CRC or its designee in obtaining patents on such Inventions.

To the extent that a CRC member makes available any of its intellectual property (including but not limited to patents, patent applications, copyrighted material, trade secrets, or trademarks) to Contractor X, Contractor X shall have only a limited license to such intellectual property for the sole purpose of performing work pursuant to this Agreement and shall have no other right or license, express or implied, or by estoppel. To the extent a CRC member contributes materials, tangible items, or information for use in the project, Contractor X acknowledges that it obtains only the right to use the materials, items, or information supplied for the purposes of performing the work provided for in this Agreement, and obtains no rights to copy, distribute, disclose, make, use, sell or offer to sell such materials or items outside of the performance of this Agreement.

EXHIBIT D

LIABILITY

It is agreed and understood that _____ is acting as an independent contractor in the performance of any and all work hereunder and, as such, has control over the performance of such work. _____ agrees to indemnify and defend CRC from and against any and all liabilities, claims, and expenses incident thereto (including, for example, reasonable attorneys' fees) which CRC may hereafter incur, become responsible for or pay out as a result of death or bodily injury to any person or destruction or damage to any property, caused, in whole or in part, by _____'s performance of, or failure to perform, the work hereunder or any other act of omission of Contractor in connection therewith.

EXHIBIT E

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 1) Merits of proposed technical approach.
- 2) Previous performance on related research studies.
- 3) Personnel available for proposed study – related experience.
- 4) Timeliness of study completion.
- 5) Cost.