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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711

June 29, 1979

Gentlemen:

Subject: Request for Proposal No. DU-79-B188 - Determinants of Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease Mortality In Asbestos Mining Counties of California

You are invited to submit to the Environmental Protection Agency, a proposal for the development of a study protocol and questionnaire that will be used to investigate the association between ambient exposure to asbestos and mortality from respiratory cancer, mesothelioma, and cardiovascular diseases. The site of the proposed study would be Calaveras, Fresno and San Benito Counties, California.

The Period of Performance for completion of the work called for in the enclosed Statement of Work shall be six (6) months. It is anticipated that a cost plus fixed fee contract will result from this solicitation; however, the Government reserves the right to award another type of contract.

Your technical proposal shall be submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed "Technical Proposal Instructions." Your price or cost breakdown shall be submitted by separately identifiable tasks, utilizing Optional Form 60 or DD Form 633-4, which shall be completed in accordance with the enclosed "General Instructions for the Preparation and Submission of Cost or Price Proposals." The technical proposal and the cost or price breakdown shall be separate and complete in themselves so that evaluation of each may be accomplished concurrently and independently. The technical proposal shall be precise, factual, and complete, and not contain any reference to cost.

This request does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the submission of your proposal or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation thereof, nor to procure or contract for the service or supplies. It is also brought to your attention that the Contracting Officer is the only individual who can commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds in connection with any contract resulting from this request.

Your proposal shall be submitted with an original and four (4) copies to the following address by 4:30 p.m. local time, on July 30, 1979 :

EPA Contracts Management Division (MD-33)
Attention: James F. Kempf (NCCM-6)
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