



MachH2 Audit Firm Request for Proposals
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1.0 MachH2 Overview

The Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs (H2Hubs) Program invests in hydrogen hubs across America to create a national network of hydrogen producers, consumers, and connective infrastructure while supporting the production, storage, delivery, and end-use of hydrogen. The H2Hubs aim to accelerate the commercial-scale deployment of clean hydrogen, helping to generate clean, dispatchable power, create a new form of energy storage, and decarbonize heavy industry and transportation. They will also help to enable the development of diverse, domestic clean energy pathways across multiple sectors of the economy and serve as a central driver in helping communities benefit from energy investments, good-paying jobs, and improved energy security.

The Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen (MachH2) has been selected by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) to develop a Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub. MachH2 is led by a single entity (MachH2 LLC) as the prime applicant and prime recipient of federal funding through the H2Hub program. From time to time, MachH2 LLC members will make equity contributions as working capital to fund various expenses incurred through this H2Hub award. MachH2 LLC is responsible for using awarded funds prudently and in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and award terms and conditions.

2.0 Technical Scope of Work Definition

MachH2 is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit financial statements for the fiscal years ending 2024 and 2025, with the option of auditing MachH2's financial statements for the two subsequent fiscal years.

The MachH2 Board will review each document prior to its submission to the appropriate recipients. If the option years are exercised, the audit must be completed within 30 days of the end of each. In addition, MachH2 requires that a meeting of the auditors and selected MachH2 members be held to discuss a draft version of the financial statements and that the auditors meet at least yearly with the MachH2 Finance Committee.

3.0 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be scored according to four (4) key areas listed below. A definition of each scoring category along with additional detail around what should be included can be found below.

1. **Proposed Approach:** Ability and approach to meeting the technical scope of work, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - Quality of proposed approach
 - Quality of reporting deliverables
 - Set-up timeline and schedule

2. **Relevant Experience & Capabilities:** Familiarity and demonstrated track record with audit requirements:
 - Proposed team & relative capabilities.
 - Existing tools proposed for deployment and associated reporting capabilities.
 - Prior experience delivering audit services with similar multi-party entities.
 - Prior experience with federal government contracting and requirements.
3. **Business Location & Regional Services:** MachH2 preference is to contract with an organization with local presence and within the MachH2 Midwest regional footprint (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan).
 - Location of Business Headquarters
 - Proximity of Offices to MachH2 Midwest regional footprint
 - Location of Proposed team relative to MachH2 Midwest regional footprint
4. **Price:** Proposed pricing, aligned to MachH2's need to execute successfully while remaining cost effective.
 - Total Cost Proposal
 - Proposed fee structure
 - Adherence to Federally Approved Rate Card

4.0 Proposal Response Requirements

Please provide a written response that addresses the Technical Scope Description, with response to each of the components below.

1. **Proposed Approach:**
 - Describe overall approach, activities, and timeline for meeting requires of the technical scope of work.
 - Descriptions and screenshots/examples of system generated reports.
2. **Relevant Experience & Capabilities:**
 - Describe the firm's experience in providing the described scope of work including experience working with Federal awards and grants.
3. **Business Location & Regional Services:**
 - Please provide your primary office locations and staff size at each
 - Please describe the primary geographies served.
 - Please describe team members expected to be located within the MachH2 Midwest regional footprint.
4. **Price:** Please provide one or more of the following pricing options for consideration:
 - Annual engagement fee for services
 - 2024 and 2025 pricing with options for year two and three
 - T&M Rate Card for optional or incremental services beyond fixed price scope

5.0 Submission Timeline

The table below shows dates relevant to submissions for this RFP. All correspondence, including notices of intent, questions, and final submissions, should be directed to treasurer@MachH2.com. All final submissions should be in PDF format and should not exceed ten pages.

RFP Open	August 25, 2026
Submit Notice of Intent	September 11, 2026
Q&A Period	September 18, 2026
Response Date	September 25, 2026

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Who has access to the treasurer@machh2.com?

6.0 Terms and Conditions

All parties responding to this Request for Proposals acknowledges to comply with requirements of all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, DOE policy and guidance and Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) DE-FOA-0002779.

All parties responding to this RFP must comply with requirements Anti-Kickback Act summarized below:

- a. Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.
- b. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
- c. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

7.0 Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

All parties responding to this RFP must complete and submit the [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form](#), and submit as an attachment to this RFP response.