

# **LEAD HAZARDOUS REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION GRANT**

## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS**

Lead poisoning is a national public health. Concerned with the health impact lead poisoning has on pregnant women and children under six years of age, New Castle County applied and received funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help reduce the hazards of lead poisoning in pre-1978 homes.

Under this Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant (LHRD) and Healthy Homes supplement grant, the Department of Community Services' new Lead Reduction Program will provide lead reduction interim controls and abatements within zip codes: 19703, 19720, 19801, 19802, 19805 and 19806.

The Lead Hazard Reduction program seeking DELAWARE Lead Certified Firms to provide these services starting March 2020 and continuing through the end of the grant, July 3, 2023. All participating contractors must operate in compliance with all EPA, HUD, State, and Local lead hazard reduction regulations, laws and standards of compliance.

All contractors are responsible for having their Lead Renovation, Repair and Paint certification (RRP) as a pre-requisite to being selected as a qualified program contractor.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Firm/Company, ALL Workers\* and Supervisors\*\* must be State of Delaware Lead Certified throughout the length of the period your firm is participating in the program. Visit the DHSS – Division of Public Health at: <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/hsp/leadregcomm.html>
- Must hold valid State of Delaware Business Licenses throughout the program.
- Have or obtain a Dun & Bradstreet, or D-U-N-S Number: <http://www.sba.gov/content/getting-d-u-n-s-number>.
- A \$1,000,000 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance policy including: (a) operations' liability insurance; (b) hazard insurance; and, (c) worker's compensation, naming New Castle County as additionally insured.
- Follow the guidelines and policies established throughout the program in accordance with HUD's Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing (2012 Edition) and Healthy Homes Initiative.

### **PROTOCOLS**

- Lead program bids will only be open to those added to our "qualified" contractor list based upon the program's minimum qualifications listed above.
- Qualified contractors must have the ability to email bids to the Program Manager by established deadlines.
- Qualified contractors must have a company representative at scheduled contractor walk-throughs in order to bid on scope of work.
- Awarded contractors must be able to start and complete job as required in the purchase order and contract. Contractor awards are based on the "lowest most responsible bid."
- The average lead hazardous control contract is 10 business days.
- All Change Orders must be approved by Program Manager in writing prior to the work.
- The Program Manager reserves the right to remove contractors from the qualified contractor list if it is in the best interest of the program and New Castle County.

Meeting will be held: TBD

Location: Gilliam Building Multi-purpose room, 77 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720

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