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*LDNR Seeks Site Restoration Contractors to Restore Orphaned Well Sites with Federal Funds*

It is anticipated the U.S. Department of the Interior will initially award \$25,000,000 in funds to remediate and reclaim orphaned well sites located on State-owned or privately-owned land in Louisiana with the ability to receive significant additional funding. This work will include plugging of orphaned wells, removal of associated facilities, and methane emission and water quality measurements. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources ("LDNR") encourages contractors to respond to upcoming Requests for Qualifications ("RFQs") and submit a proposal to perform oilfield site restoration and environmental services work in Louisiana. LDNR recommends partnerships between larger contractors and smaller and local contractors to cover the entirety of operations included in the RFQs. Orphaned well sites initially planned to be addressed in this program are primarily located in North Louisiana with a smaller number of well sites located in South Louisiana. Major operations under the initial contracts will be centered primarily around LDNR's Shreveport and Monroe districts, which together are home to a total of approximately 3,134 orphaned well sites.

In addition to plugging orphaned wells, funding will also be used for other activities including soil remediation, measurement of methane emissions and water quality before and after site restoration, and decommissioning or removal of associated pipelines, facilities, and infrastructure.

To procure these services, LDNR will use the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) procurement method. This process requires a contractor to complete and submit a response to perform orphaned site restoration work, including well plugging, environmental measurements and sampling, and related services.

RFQ packets will be ready within the next couple of weeks. This announcement provides contractors advanced notice to plan and prepare their response. Companies can provide their contact information to be added to a distribution list concerning this effort.

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