January 10, 2018

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Re: Orphan Well Program Contractor Opportunities

Mr. Stewart,

Please forward this message to your members.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Oil & Gas Resources Management (DOGRM) is currently seeking contractors to preform well plugging and site restoration services for the Orphan Well Program. The Orphan Well Program plugs abandoned oil and natural gas wells. If unaddressed, orphan wells may pose a significant threat to public health and safety, the environment, conservation of natural resources and economic development.

In the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2018, the Orphan Well Program has put forth contracts to plug 40 orphan wells and has encumbered $2.8 million dollars. Under the current biennium budget, the program is allocated $6 million dollars this fiscal year and FY2019 to plug orphan wells. The Orphan Well Program puts forward multiple plugging projects per month, each consisting of multiple wells.

Companies that wish to plug orphan wells must become qualified under a Multiple Award Contract administered by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Companies that wish to do this work may respond to a Request for Proposals currently available through DAS:

RFP Number: CSP907118
Index Number: MAC110
UNSPSC Category: 71141100

RFP Issued: January 8, 2018
Inquiry Period Begins: January 15, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
Pre-Proposal Conference: January 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Proposal Due Date: February 12, 2018 by 1:00 p.m.
The Request for Proposals is available on the DAS Procurement website through the following link: https://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?oppID=14016.

For more information about the Orphan Well Program, please contact Steve Irwin at (614) 265-6644 or steven.irwin@dnr.state.oh.us or visit our website at: http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/.

Thank you,

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