

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT
RFP NDNR25-01; Perkins County Third-Party EIS Questions & Answers
July 15, 2025

Question 1. The RFP states in multiple places—Scope of Service #2, Page 1; Section I.K.1, Page 7; Section IV.A.1, Page 9; Solicitation Evaluation Criteria Mandatory Requirements #2, Page 38—that the State of Nebraska Request for Proposal For Contractual Services form must be signed in ink, but the actual State of Nebraska Request for Proposal For Contractual Services form on Page 16 of 37 of the RFP states that it can be signed using DocuSign. Can you please confirm that we can sign the form with DocuSign?

Answer 1. The original intention was to receive an original ink signature by the stated Opening Date and Time. However, copy of signed document(s) or form(s) referenced in the question above, will be acceptable to meet the submittal time requirements set for in the Request for Proposal (July 18, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Central Time). A follow-up hard copy of the original signature page(s), signed in ink must be received in the Department's office within seven (7) calendar days of the Opening Date and Time set forth in the Request for Proposal in order to be considered responsive. All other submittal requirements remain unchanged.

Question 2. We would like to confirm that the project will be subject to the new (effective July 3rd) NEPA implementation procedures for USACE projects?

Answer 2. Yes. The new NEPA regulations would be effective for all applications received on or after the effective date of July 3, 2025. The Perkins County Canal Project would be using the new rule. See the following web link for additional information.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/07/03/2025-12360/procedures-for-implementing-nepa-processing-of-department-of-the-army-permits>

Additional Note:

As of July 1, 2025 the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy officially merged into the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. The change occurred by operation of state law, so nothing will be required by respondents to this Request for Proposals. Any resulting contracts will be issued by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment.