

Questions and Answers
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1. Q. If a District puts a proposal together how will the employee work in Albany and at the District at the same time?
 - A. For both RFPs, the position would be held by a District employee. Under contract with the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the employee would work in the State Committee Albany Office to support State Committee functions.

Page 4 of both RFPs defines the *Location*: *"the official workstation [of the contractor] will be located at the State Committee office, 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY. Personnel assigned to this contract will be expected to report to the State Committee office on a daily basis to perform duties as described in the scope of services."*

Please refer to the RFP for more details.

2. Q. What counties would be considered New York Oceans and Great Lakes Ecosystems Conservation Council counties?
 - A. New York Oceans and Great Lakes Ecosystems Conservation Council counties would be those that have lands within the coastal waters as defined by Environmental Conservation Law, Article 14, Section 14-0105 – *"Coastal waters means lakes Erie and Ontario, the St. Lawrence and Niagara rivers, the Hudson river south of the federal dam at Troy, the East river, the Harlem river, the Kill von Kull, and Arthur Kill, Long Island sound, and the Atlantic ocean, and their connecting water bodies, bays, harbors, shallows, and marshes. "* For more information please contact: <http://www.nyoglecc.org/>.
3. Q. How does the Technical Training Coordination described in the Ecosystems Based Management/Technical Advancement Program Request for Proposals fit with what the State Committee and the NYS Conservation District Employees Association has been trying to accomplish in our Training Development Committee?
 - A. The technical training coordination as described in the scope of services in the Ecosystems Based Management/Technical Advancement Program RFP is a continuation of comparable services that is provided to the State Committee Albany office. The current contract for those services expires on June 30, 2010. Through the RFP, the State Committee will procure the continuation of those services.
4. Q. It is stated in both RFPs there would be a one-time 25% upfront payment for the contract. Is this on an annual basis or one time only?
 - A. The 25% upfront payment may be made for each renewal.

5. Q. If this is an RFP and not a bid process, then why is it the Budget in a separate envelope marked bid?

A. The budget is in a separate envelop because the cost associated with each proposal will be evaluated separately from the District's qualification.