

**MARYLAND STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE**  
**Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building**  
**Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR GEOLOGICAL TESTING**  
**RFP #GT-02292016**

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Q-1. The RFP references wells located in Western Maryland. Where in Western Maryland? What County/City/Area?

A-1. We currently need two sites tested, possibly three, all of which are located in Garrett County. Any future requests in the Western Maryland geographic area can include Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties.

Q-2. Do you only require testing for chloride level in the soil, or are there other parameters?

A-2. Yes, the State is seeking testing on chlorides levels and the identifying the various chloride types, as well as other mineral deposits. See Section 2.03 Required Services of the IFB.

Q-3. At what depth do you want the soil tested?

A-3. We expect soil samples to be at depths of one to two feet, but no more than three.

Q-4. How many tests per site?

A-4. Tests conducted per site can vary depending on the distance from the well to the State Road.

Q-5. How many total sites do you intend to sample?

A-5. Two or more.

Q-6. 2.03.2 reference a report with "recommendations for options **to correct** the well's water condition." This implies that you already know something is wrong with the wells. Please provide information regarding the existing wells.

- a. Have you already sampled the existing wells? If so, can you provide the analysis for each well?
- b. Does this RFP involve any additional sampling of the individual wells? If so, what parameters?
- c. Between the compounds/impact on the well, home, etc. as a result of the testing?

A-6. a. This solicitation is for an independent analysis.

b. See Section 2.03 Required Services of the IFB.

c. See Section 2.03 Required Services of the IFB.

Q-7. If individual well sampling is required, do you have permission from the home owners to sample their wells?

A-7. For the wells to currently be tested, the State has received permission. For future sites, if any, permission will be obtained by the State.