

**Title:** Lead-Safe Auditor: Professional Auditing Services of the Lead-Safe Certification Process Request for Proposals

**Brief Description:** The City of Cleveland's Department of Building and Housing is issuing a Request for Proposals to invite qualified independent public accounting and consulting firms to submit proposals for performance audit services. Performance audit monitoring for the years 2024–2027 will examine the functions, operations, management systems, and policies and procedures of the Lead–Safe Certificate program of the City of Cleveland to assess whether it is achieving efficiency and effectiveness in the employment of available resources.

Need for the RFP: Cleveland Code of Ordinances section 365.05 mandates that the City designate a Lead–Safe Auditor to monitor the City's lead–safe certification process to "ensure efficiency and effectiveness." In addition to monitoring the Lead–Safe Certificate program's performance, the Lead–Safe Auditor is a mandated member of the City's Lead–Safe Advisory Board, which meets at least quarterly. The focus of the performance audit is on the Department of Building & Housing's process for issuing lead–safe certificates or exemptions, the process for seeking compliance, and an assessment of the effectiveness of those certificates and/or exemptions in achieving the policy goal of helping to "prevent the poisoning of children by requiring that the presence of deteriorated lead–based paint on the interior and exterior of residential rental structures built before January 1, 1978 be identified and be correctly addressed by reducing and controlling lead–based paint hazards which may be present, in order to prevent human exposure to these hazards."

Open Date: August 15, 2024

Closing Date: Originally October 10, 2024; Extended to October 28, 2024

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Meeting Info: Interviews conducted with identified finalist Vendors (if necessary) on

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## **RFP Attachments:**

- Vendor Entry Form
- Cost Detail Table
- Cleveland Area Business Code Notice to Bidders & OEO Schedules
- OEO Vendor Forms
- Non-Collusion Affidavit
- Non-Competitive Bid Contract Form
- Professional Services Contracts Reimbursables Policy
- W-9
- Northern Ireland Fair Employment Practices Disclosure