

May 07, 2015 – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST (RSOI) FOR N62473-15-2-0009: INVERTEBRATE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

Question 1: What is the extent of the backlogged material and how it is being stored (dry, frozen, wet, etc.)?

Answer 1: Estimated 150,000 specimens (perhaps more). Approximately 100,000 specimens in alcohol, the rest dried and mounted. Currently being stored in cabinets, kept out of natural light, to prevent fading of colors. Monitored frequently to prevent loss to specimen beetles and other dangers. Such level of precautionary care will be continued under new agreement.

Question 2: From the RSOI, it seem as though the base year does not really entail fieldwork, just identification/validation and cataloging... is this correct?

Answer 2: Yes.

NOTE: All other paragraphs, provisions, and conditions to subject RSOI remain unchanged.