

# PSTD NEWS

## Director's Corner

Welcome to the most recent addition of PSTD News. My hope is that this newsletter will serve as another way to communicate with you. If you have suggestions on how to improve this newsletter or you want different content, please call or e-mail Cara Parent at (405) 522-2529 or [c.parent@occemail.com](mailto:c.parent@occemail.com).

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## Competitive Bidding

To clear up some confusion that still persists pertaining to the necessity for competitive bids on remediation corrective action work, we think it's appropriate to remind everyone of current statutes and rules governing this requirement, and reprint the guidance document posted on our web site under the section, "Forms and Guidance".

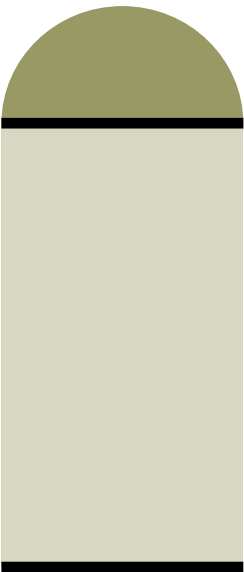
### COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS FOR REASONABLE COST DETERMINATION

Per state statute, Title 17, Section 356.C.1.a, all acquisitions, contracts and/or subcontracts for corrective actions, labor or equipment comprising a single task or scope of work which exceeds \$2,500.00 from any one vendor, or subcontractor, for any one site, shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, based on a competitive bid process. Also, by statute, an affidavit of non-

collusion, such as the example contained in Section 85.22 of Title 74, modified in wording as appropriate, and signed by both the bid soliciting party and the bidding subcontractor is required to accompany all submitted competitive bids. A PSTD approved "Non-Collusion Statement" form is posted on the OCC/PSTD web site and may be used in the competitive bid process. Both the bid and its accompanying statement of non-collusion must be dated and contain the original signature of a person within each signing company who has authority to submit the document. The PSTD will not accept competitive bids without the properly executed affidavit of non-collusion. Services provided by a case's licensed Remediation Consultant of Record are not subject to the bidding requirement, and will be reimbursed at current, approved reasonable costs.

## Operator Training

PSTD is in the process of developing an internet training program to meet the 2005 Energy Act Operator Training Requirements. This training program will be provided FREE to tank owners and should be available fall of 2009 via a link on the OCC website. Correspondence will be sent in the next few months notifying tank owners of the training program and providing them with instructions on how to access the site.



## Non Compliance Fines

Recently EPA issued a fine to an Oklahoma tank owner for \$86,012. The fine was for failing to comply with regulatory requirements such as release detection, reporting, and investigation. It is extremely important for owners and operators to become knowledgeable of the requirements to operate underground storage tanks and their responsibility in protecting human health, safety, and the environment. If you don't understand the requirements for operating a UST please read the OCC guidance document titled "The ABC's of UST's" and call 405-521-2487 with any questions. Although this document does not cover everything, it does explain the general requirements for operating a UST in layman's terms.

## Bulk Plants

Don't forget that the upgrade deadline for bulk plant facilities with above-ground storage tanks is July 15, 2010!

## Rules

July 1, 2009 the proposed rules for chapters 25,26,27 and 29 became effective.

**State Holidays**— Just a reminder that the state offices will be closed on the following dates:

September 7th—Labor Day

November 11th—Veteran's Day

November 26th and 27th—Thanksgiving

December 25th—Christmas

