



Northeast Gas Association (NGA) Issues RFP for Consulting Assistance Regarding Pipeline Safety Management System Development and Implementation

Needham, MA – November 26, 2018 - The Northeast Gas Association (NGA) has announced the release of a Request for Proposal regarding the development and implementation of a Pipeline Safety Management System, or PSMS. Responses are due by end of the business day on January 11, 2019.

Pipeline Safety Management Systems, ANSI/API Recommended Practice 1173 was developed to provide a vehicle and structured approach to transform operational mindsets and ultimately pipeline operations safety culture.

This Request for Proposal (“RFP”) is seeking consulting assistance to determine current membership approaches and progress in adopting RP 1173 core elements into day-to-day operations and to develop strategic and tactical plans to ensure a consistent approach to adopting Pipeline Safety Management System principles. NGA proposes to seek the assistance of a safety management system consultant with specific experience in RP 1173 applications and pipeline operations.

NGA’s Massachusetts Local Distribution Companies (“LDC”) will be participating in this RFP. NGA anticipates that other LDCs from the Northeast States will also participate in this project. Bidders should include in their proposal plans to handle additional companies outside of Massachusetts and impacts to timelines and costs.

The RFP is posted on the NGA website:
https://www.northeastgas.org/pdf/nga_rfp_psms.pdf

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