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ADDENDUM #1

RFP NO. 2010-119

RFP FOR OFFENDER SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND DRUG TESTING SERVICES

1. Questions and Answers:

Questions received by the due date and their responses are included in this Addendum #1.

2. Changes/Additions:

- A. Discard Page 40 of the original RFP package and replace with the revised page dated September 22, 2010. **Changes are highlighted.**

This Addendum must be signed and the original and six (6) copies must be returned with Proposal.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY:

E-Mail Address _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Tel. No. _____

Fax No: _____

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QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

1. How do we input the data on pages 6, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54-77 and Attachment A since they contain interactive fields and/or signature lines and subsequently must be incorporated into the response package while abiding by the clause outlined on page 3 that states, "Forms that have been retyped or altered may result in rejection of proposal"?

Response:

When viewing the forms on the website, information can be typed in the blanks requiring data entry. The forms should then be printed and inserted into your proposal submission. The forms cannot be saved on the Tarrant County website. An alternative option is to print the blank forms, handwrite the required information and insert the forms into your proposal submission. Note: Forms that require signature must have an original signature.

2. What does the County intend to do with the requested staffing information?

Response:

CSCD will utilize the information to analyze the vendors staffing plan to determine the feasibility of the plan to accomplish the collections/test/etc. CSCD does not want names of staff just a detailed description of how the staff will be able to accomplish the requirements detailed in the RFP (see page 54 & 63).

3. How will the requested staffing information be used in determining the RFP winner?

Response:

See response to Question 2.

4. Will a new vendor be required to keep all the current collection staff?

Response:

No.

5. Does a new vendor need to have the IVR system in place prior to the award date?

Response:

No, refer to implementation plan stated on page 42, Section XVI.K of the RFP.

6. On what day will the award be given?

Response:

We anticipate award will be effective November 1, 2010.

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7. If a vendor was going to develop a local presence (a fully operational laboratory), would the County be willing to allow the vendor time to develop this facility? If yes, how much time will be available?

Response:

Refer to implementation plan, Page 42, Section XVI.K of the RFP.

8. Can we get a demonstration of the data upload through a web presentation rather than in person?

Response:

No.

9. On the list of individual drug test starting on page 75, would the County be interested in screening price on all the substances listed in addition to confirmation pricing?

Response:

The “Request for Additional Testing” form is utilized to request testing after an initial test has been conducted. Therefore, there would not be a need to request a screen on a drug that has already been screened/confirmed. Also, some of the other drug tests are only confirmatory tests.

10. Would the County allow a vendor to perform analyzer pre-screening for ETG?

Response:

We could consider it, but unsure of the feasibility. Vendor can provide the information which will be considered as additional information.

11. Why are samples retained for 14 days? This is an exceptionally long period of time given the volume of testing. Our standard operating procedures call for preserving negative samples for 24 hours on site. Would this be sufficient?

Response:

Under our current system fourteen (14) days is a minimum. In reference to Question 9, if we need to Request additional Testing” it takes time for us prepare and submit the request. A shorter time could be explored if a method was devised to submit the request at the time of the collection.

12. Would the County consider a shorter time period for sample retention?

Response:

At this time, no.

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13. The RFP references an independent information system for the drug court on page 39. Will this system need to have information up loaded to it by the vendor? If so, does it use the same format as the main system?

Response:

Vendor must provide a program/system for tracking, randomization and results independent of the CSCD File Layouts detailed on page 26 of the RFP. See last page of Addendum #1.

14. What panels will the County be testing for? Section 5H list 6 panels, but the County has up to 13 panel test in the cost Matrix?

Response:

We are currently using two (2) six (6) panel options. We intend to stay with that, but would like to explore other options depending on the cost and reasoning for expanding the panels.

15. On page 57, the County has requested pricing on cassette, dip, split cup testing and others. Can a vendor only give pricing on one or two of the options named on the table?

Response:

Vendor should provide pricing for the three (3) devices listed on pages 56 and 57 of the RFP. Please reference page 12, III. Cost Specification. Device should fit into the operational plan.

16. Does the County want Validity and Substitution testing performed on all test? (Field kits, screens and confirmations)

Response:

Per RFP, provide options with appropriate costs for each and how they will be worked into the collection process.

17. Please describe what will trigger a confirmation in field kits and screens?

Response:

The officer will determine if a positive screen is submitted for further testing.

18. Please confirm that the headers on pages 61 through 74 are correct? On page 65, the use of 95% and 5% flip from "all Specimens are PRE-SCREENED" to "all collections are sent directly to lab" and vice versa.

Response:

Yes, they are correct.

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19. If a vendor is going to be open on random Saturdays, will individuals coming in have to report on that Saturday or will they continue to have the ability to report on Monday?

Response:

Individuals in the randomization system would have the option to report on Friday or Saturday. However, other individuals maybe required to report on Saturday only.

20. Will the County support a random program that has occasional Saturday testing?

Response:

Per the RFP, CSCD is requesting information for services provided Monday through Friday, Monday through Saturday and Monday through Friday with random Saturdays.

21. How can we get a copy of the current contract?

Response:

Submit a request in accordance with Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of Texas Government Code.

22. What is the overall positivity rate for specimens?

Response:

Refer to RFP, page 22, Section V.H. and Page 23, Section V.L. – generally the overall Positive Rate is 18% -19% of all the specimens collected but can vary widely depending on unknown factors.

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23. What laboratory certification is required CLIA, SAMHSA?

Response:

Refer to Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part 1, Chapter 28, Subchapter 1, Rule §28.144 as follows:

Texas Administrative Code

<u>TITLE 37</u>	PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
<u>PART 1</u>	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
<u>CHAPTER 28</u>	DNA, CODIS, FORENSIC ANALYSIS, AND CRIME LABORATORIES
<u>SUBCHAPTER I</u>	ACCREDITATION
RULE §28.144	List of Recognized Accrediting Bodies

(a) The director recognizes the following accrediting bodies, subject to the stated discipline or subdiscipline limitations:

(1) American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT)--recognized for accreditation of toxicology discipline only.

(2) American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB)--recognized for accreditation of all disciplines which are eligible for accreditation under this subchapter.

(3) Forensic Quality Services (FQS and FQS-I); formerly known as the National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC)--recognized for accreditation of all disciplines which are eligible for accreditation under this subchapter.

(4) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS/SAMHA), formerly known as the National Institute on Drug Abuse of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS/NIDA)--recognized for accreditation of toxicology discipline in the subdiscipline of Urine Drug Testing for all classes of drugs approved by the accrediting body.

(5) College of American Pathologists (CAP)--recognized for accreditation of toxicology discipline.

(b) If an accrediting body is recognized under subsection (a) of this section and the recognized body approves a new discipline, subdiscipline, or procedure, the director may temporarily recognize the new discipline, subdiscipline, or procedure. A temporary approval shall be effective for 120 days.

Source Note: The provisions of this §28.144 adopted to be effective June 1, 2010, 35 TexReg 4438; amended to be effective August 19, 2010, 35 TexReg 7079

Each laboratory must apply in accordance to rule to be eligible to provide services.

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24. Does Tarrant County CSCD require drug screening kits with an accuracy rate of 97% or greater?

Response:

No, since there is no certification standard.

25. What are the current instant drug screening devices being used by the CSCD?

Response:

Drug Detection Devices (3D) Split Cups, PharmaTech QuickScreen, and Quantisail Saliva.

26. Please provide an estimate of how many probationers will be using the IVR system?

Response:

Our current level 1 population is approximately 1,100-1,200.

27. How many collectors were used in total for all of the collection sites?

Response:

Page 21 of the RFP details how many collectors are currently used for the collection sites.

28. Please confirm that the collector staffing at the collection sites will be employees of the vendor and not Tarrant County?

Response:

Yes, staff at collection sites will be employees of the vendor. Refer to RFP, Section V. General Information, F, page 21.

29. Please confirm that for field tests, the vendor provides only the instant testing device, and that the collection is done by Tarrant County personnel?

Response:

Vendor and Tarrant County employees will be required to provide collection for instant testing. Refer to RFP, V. General Information, F, page 21 and X Section 1 B 3, page 38.

30. For the IDT program, which staff is responsible for the collections, Tarrant County or the vendor staff?

Response:

Currently it is the Tarrant County Staff, no change is anticipated.

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31. For the IDT program, where will the collections take place?

Response:

650 Justice Blvd, Mansfield, Texas.

32. Are sub-vendors, sub-contractors, third party vendors and partnerships allowed?

Response:

Yes. If the vender responding to the RFP is going to have another entity perform part of the contract the responding vendor must submit the following with their RFP response:

- Identify the other entity(ies) who will perform services;
- Provide detailed explanation of the full extent of their participation,; and
- Provide applicable information of the entity.

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- D. Vendor must provide a program/system for tracking, randomization and results independent of the CSCD File Layouts detailed on page 26.**
- E.** NOTE: All locations/addresses subject to change. Periodically, a unit/program may be located to another office or another building as provided by the County.
- F.** Provide pricing on Proposed Pricing Form located on pages 72 – 74. On separate pages describe proposed staffing and scheduling plan.

XV. SECTION 6 – REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL TESTING

- A. In addition to the standard panels listed on proposal price sheets, the vendor must be able to provide testing for additional drugs listed below. The cost of these tests shall be a flat fee in addition to any standard panel initially requested.
 - 1. Alcohol.
 - 2. Alcohol – EtG.
 - 3. Amphetamine/Methamphetamine.
 - 4. D vs L Isomer.
 - 5. Anabolic Steroids.
 - 6. Barbiturates.
 - 7. Benzodiazepine.
 - 8. Buprenorphine.
 - 9. Cocaine.
 - 10. Gammahydroxybutyrate (GHB).
 - 11. Hydrocodone.
 - 12. LSD.
 - 13. MDMA (Ecstasy).
 - 14. Methadone.
 - 15. Opiates.
 - 16. Fentanyl (opiate family).
 - 17. Oxycodone.
 - 18. Phencyclidine (PCP).
 - 19. THC (Cannabinoids).
- B. Other tests may be required on occasion. Vendors are encouraged to suggested additional tests based on their experience in other areas of new technology.
- C. Provide pricing on Proposed Pricing Form located on pages 75 – 77.