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February 4, 2008

BID NUMBER: S9HK3430
TITLE: Laboratory Testing Services
DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DATE TO OPEN: February 07, 2008 at 10:30 AM

ADDENDUM # 1

TO ALL BIDDERS:

You are hereby notified of the following changes to the above mentioned bid:

Subject Bid No. S9HK3430, "Laboratory Testing Services", is hereby scheduled to open
February 22, 2008 at 10:30 AM.

The City of Philadelphia reserves the right not to accept any additional questions at this time.

Attached are questions and answers resulting from the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting held on
January 22, 2008.

Please sign, date and return this addendum with your bid to the Procurement Department, 1401
J.F.K Boulevard, Bid Room 170A, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1685 as it now becomes a part of the
proposal.

Buyer, T. Vinson

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

FIRM NAME (PRINT)

DATE

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES
INVITATION AND BID NO. #S8HK3430
MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2008**

Question #1

What are the IT ordering and resulting expectations for Day 1 of the contract?

Answer:

The expectation day 1 of the contract is to have an electronic connection to the reference laboratory.

Question #2

What are the IT ordering and resulting expectations for Day 90 of the contract?

Answer:

The expectations of day 90 is to have a fully functional interface between the Novius Information System at the Public Health Laboratory and the vendors information system (IS). Orders in Novius will electronically upload into the vendors IS system and patient results will be electronically downloaded on the Novius system.

Question #3

Will the City make certain that, where specified, methodologies match?

Answer:

The city requires from the vendor a test description -to include the methodology- of the tests where methodologies are defined.

Question #4

Are you going to provide the minutes of the meeting

Answer:

Minutes of the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will not be provided with this Addendum.

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Question #5

Is the security deposit 10% of the bid amount or do we have to calculate according to the Terms and Conditions as printed in the bid package.

Answer:

In accordance with Paragraph 1.6.1 of the Invitation a d Bid, Vendors shall submit a bid executed on the City's forms (attached in the bid document) in the amount of 10% of the total amount of the bid. Paragraph 2 of the Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract does not apply to this Invitation and Bid.

Question #6

Is the processing fees to be accompanied fixed or we have to calculate according to the Terms and Conditions as printed in the bid package

Answer:

Bidders shall calculate the total of their Bid Processing Fee submittal in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract.

Question #7

Can you provide the excel spread sheet for the tests for this bid?

Answer:

In accordance with Paragraph 1.8.4 of the Invitation and Bid, all pricing must be completed on the forms provided; be complete, and be in ink or typed. There will be no excel spread sheet provided nor permitted with this bid submittal.

Question #8

Can you provide the CPT codes for the tests required to be performed under this bid contract. Currently the Quest codes are mentioned which in our opinion is conflict of interest. Additionally these codes for quest is different based on their regional laboratories and can be misleading for any vendor.

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Answer:

Bidders must provide the CPT codes with their bid submittal. The Quest codes listed in the Invitation and Bid are for reference only.

Question #9

In Section 2.2.b, it indicates that specimen pickup needs to be scheduled between 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM at the Public Health Laboratory, is this all the locations listed in 2.2.d or is this just the location at 500 S. Broad Street.

Answer:

The scheduled pickup between 6:30 PM and 7 PM is only for the Public Health Laboratory site at 500 S. Broad Street.

Question #10

On Page 22 of the solicitation in Section 5.1, there is a statement indicating that an X = Contractor's Discretion on Methodology to be used for the Laboratory Testing Services. Is there any requirement that a laboratory must use an FDA approved methodology, if one exists. Can the vendor utilize a laboratory developed methodology for a test that has an FDA approved methodology? If there is a requirement for the use of an FDA approved methodology, how should that be indicated in the submission?

Answer:

The vendor must use FDA approved methods for all tests.

Question #11

On the price list the following are not valid Quest test codes based on a search of Quest's website.

0006449 *HIV – 1SCR (REFL)
0034487 HIV – 1 GENOTYPING PRI
0034487 HIV – 1 GENOTYPING RTI
0036209 ANA TITER & PATTERN
0005489 RFL – MICR (INC)
0000680 *VITAMIN D, 25 – OH

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Answer:

The Quest test codes were provided for reference only in the event that there were questions regarding the test abbreviation.

Question #12

There are three listings for the same test description, one without a Quest test code and two with two different Quest codes. Can the City provide the correct Quest code for the following duplicate items? The HIV – 1 SCR (REFL) has been in most laboratories replaced with the HIV ½ with reflex to WB, is there a specific requirement for the HIV – 1 SCR only?

HIV ½ with reflex to WB
0019728 HIV ½ AB SCR W/RFLS
0037694 HIV – ½ REFL, WB

Answer:

*HIV1/2 with reflex to WB - is a HIV1/2 screen and if positive a WB is performed.
HIV 1/2 Reflex WB - is just a WB test - a HIV screen is not performed
HIV 1/2 Ab SCR W/RFLS - is the same as HIV 1/2 with reflex to WB*

Question #13

The two items, HIV – 1 Genotyping PRI and HIV – 1 Genotyping RTI, are typically performed as a single analyte as is listed in Items 5.1.404 and 5.1.350. Can all of these items be combined into a single line item?

Answer:

Bidders are required to price these items separately.

Question #14

Can the full names of the following tests listed be provided?

Item #	Service Name
5.1.260	RFL-MICR (Inc)
5.1.372	RH, Weak D (DU)
5.1.408	Maternal Serum Scr 5

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- 5.1.437 Misc-Corning
- 5.1.438 Misc-Amer Med
- 5.1.526 Tartrate Resist Acid
- 5.1.529 Antibody Panel x 1
- 5.1.530 Antibody Panel x 2
- 5.1.531 Antibody Panel x 3
- 5.1.548 Shared Assay Comp
- 5.1.549 Shared Assay Comp
- 5.1.566 Orasure HIV Screen
- 5.1.567 Orasure Western Blot

Answer:

- 5.1.260 *RFL- Micro – Is hereby deleted from this Invitation and Bid*
- 5.1.372 *Rh, Weak D (DU) - To identify Rh immune globulin*
- 5.1.408 *Maternal Serum Scr 5 - includes AFP, HcG, Free Estriol, Dimeric Inhibin A and ITA Maternal screen.*
- 5.1.437 *Misc Corning- Is hereby deleted from this Invitation and Bid*
- 5.1.438 *Misc Amer Med – Is hereby deleted from this Invitation and Bid*
- 5.1.526 *Tartrate Resist Acid - Tartarate Resistanance Acid Phosphatase*
- 5.1.529 *Antibody Panel x1 - Ab ID using one Ab ID panel of cells*
- 5.1.530 *Antibody Panel x2 - Ab ID using two Ab ID panel of cells*
- 5.1.531 *Antibody Panel x3 - Ab ID using three Ab ID panel of cells*
- 5.1.548 *Shared Assay Comp – Is hereby deleted from this Invitation and Bid*
- 5.1.549 *Shared Assay Comp – Is hereby deleted from this Invitation and Bid*
- 5.1.566 *Orasure HIV Screen – Reference is made to response provided in Question #16 of this Addendum.*
- 5.1.567 *Orasure HIV WB – Reference is made to the response provided in Question #16 of this Addendum.*

Question #15

Can the following 2 tests listed as Miscellaneous be explained in more detail? Can the panel components be provided?

- 5.1.437 Misc-Corning
- 5.1.438 Misc-Amer Med

Answer:

Reference is made to the response provided in Question #14 of this Addendum.

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Question #16

Can the following tests be explained in more detail? Is Orasure a Methodology?

- 5.1.566 Orasure HIV Screen
- 5.1.567 Orasure HIV Western Blot

Answer:

Orasure Technologies has an FDA approval oral HIV collection device. The Department of Health uses this device to collect HIV specimens from some of our patients. The City is requesting the contracted reference laboratory to be able to perform the Orasure HIV screen testing as well as the confirmatory Western Blot on the oral fluid collected on the Orasure collection device.

Question #17

Can a test utilization be provided in an excel format?

Answer:

Reference is made to the Response provided in Question #7 of this Addendum.

ADDITIONAL REVISION:

Page 5, Paragraph 1.8.7 Bid Processing Fee

Paragraph 17 of the “Terms and Conditions of Bidding and Contract” is hereby revised to Paragraph 3.