



# FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**REQUEST FOR QUOTE NUMBER: 07RH57449A**

WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 pm WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22, 2007

DESCRIPTION: DNA/PATERNITY TESTING BUCCAL SWAB, FULTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

Return to:

FAX QUOTES ARE  
ACCEPTABLE  
(404) 893-1728, OR  
(404) 893-6587

Fulton County Purchasing Department  
Public Safety Building, Suite 1168  
130 Peachtree Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
(404) 730-5800

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING PURCHASING PROCEDURES OR THE SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ONLY TO THE PURCHASING CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW. BIDDERS MAY NOT HAVE CONTACT WITH COUNTY OFFICERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES REGARDING THIS BID PRIOR TO AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER. VIOLATION OF THIS INSTRUCTION WILL RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.

CONTACT NAME:  
RODNEY HERNE, SENIOR BUYER

E-Mail Address :  
[rodney.herne@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:rodney.herne@fultoncountyga.gov)

Telephone Number:  
(404) 730-4216

All information requested on this sheet must be completed. The signature block and related information on each quote sheet must also be completed. Unless specifications indicate "NO SUBSTITUTE", items determined by Fulton County to be "EQUAL OR BETTER" will be given full consideration. All prices QUOTED must be "FOB DELIVERED" unless otherwise requested, and must be submitted in the format requested. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.

Company Name:

Company Address:

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

E-Mail Address:

RESPONSES MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE PURCHASING OFFICE BY THE DATE INDICATED.

Person submitting QUOTE: (Please Print)

Date

Title

\*Signature of the person submitting QUOTE:

\*This person has binding authority to sign contracts on behalf of the responding company. By signing this form and all attachments, vendor agrees that their quote is an offer to sell. All bidders shall comply with all Fulton County purchasing laws, policies, and procedures, as well as relevant state and federal laws— including compliance with EEOC hiring guidelines and requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

NO BID:

REASON: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST FOR QUOTE  
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The following provisions are hereby made a part of this Request for Quote. Any contract or purchase order awarded as the result of this request shall be governed by these General Terms and Conditions. By signature in the space provided for vendor in these documents, vendor agrees to furnish the product(s) and/or service(s) pursuant to these conditions. The signed form must be submitted with your bid. Failure to do so may result in your bid being found non-responsive.

1. **GENERAL.** These provisions are standard for all County contracts. The County may delete or modify any of these standard provisions for a particular contract or purchase order by indicating a change in the special instructions or provisions. **Any vendor accepting a purchase order award as the result of this request agrees that the provisions included within this Request for Quote shall prevail over any conflicting provision within any standard form contract of the vendor.**
2. **SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES.** Responses may be submitted for quotes on the Vendor Self Service system at [www.fultonvendorselfservice.co.ga.us](http://www.fultonvendorselfservice.co.ga.us), fax, or in person. Responses must be delivered to the Purchasing Office by the date indicated on the Request for Quote cover sheet. Quotes will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the date indicated. Quotes should be submitted on the forms provided by the County. Quotes must be signed by an authorized employee, if submitting a hardcopy.
3. **AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUEST FOR QUOTE.** Any amendment to pricing is valid only if in writing and issued by the County.
4. **NO BID.** Persons desiring not to submit a quote should return the acknowledgement marking it "No-Bid", not later than the stated submittal deadline.
5. **NON-COLLUSION.** Bidder certifies that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Bidder further understands collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards. Bidder agrees to abide by all conditions of this bid and certifies that person signing is authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.
6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Vendor states that no County officer or employee, nor any business entity in which they have an interest: a) Has an interest in the contract awarded; b) Has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of the resulting contract; c) Will be employed in the performance of such contract without immediate disclosure of such fact to the County.
7. **BASIS OF AWARD.** The County shall award to the overall lowest responsible and responsive vendor complying with the provisions of the Request for Quote. The following criteria may be considered by the County in selecting the most advantageous quote: a) Ability to perform the service required within the specified time; b) Conformance to specification; c) The quality of performance in previous contracts; d) Financial ability to perform the contract; e) Item pricing; f) vendor references. The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation and to reject any or all quotes in whole or in part and is not bound to accept any quote if rejection of that quote is determined to be contrary to the best interest of the County.
8. **SAMPLES.** Samples of items when required, must be furnished free of expense to the County and upon request, be returned to the Vendor at the Vendor's expense. Samples of selected items may be retained for comparison purposes.
9. **BRAND NAME SPECIFICATIONS AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS.** Unless otherwise specified, manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in the specifications are intended only to identify the quality and characteristics desired. They are not intended to limit competition. The Vendor may offer any equivalent product which meets or exceeds the specifications. If quotations are based on equivalent

products, the quote must: a) Indicate the alternate manufacturer's name and catalog number; b) Include complete descriptive literature and/or specifications; c) Include proof that the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications. The County reserves the right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable to meet its needs in all respects. If Bidder fails to name a substitute, goods identical to the published standard must be furnished.

10. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents from and against any and all losses (including death), claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to all actions, proceedings, or investigations in respect thereof and any outcome of any such action, proceeding, or investigation), caused by, relating to, based upon or arising out of any act or omission by contractor, its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection with its acceptance, of the performance, or nonperformance, of its obligations under this agreements.
11. **TAXES.** Fulton County is exempt from the State of Georgia sales tax and exemption certificate will be furnished upon request.
12. **DELIVERY.** All prices must be FOB Destination, unloaded inside and assembled unless otherwise indicated.
13. **RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF COUNTY FOR DEFAULT.** If any item furnished by the Vendor fails to conform to specifications, or to the sample submitted by the Vendor, the County may reject it. Upon rejection, the Vendor must promptly reclaim and remove such item without expense to the County, and shall immediately replace all such rejected items with others conforming to such specification and samples. If the Vendor fails to do so, the County has the right to purchase in the open market a corresponding quantity of any such items and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual cost to the County. If the Vendor fails to make prompt delivery of any item, the County has the right to purchase such item in the open market and to deduct from any monies due the Vendor the difference between the prices named in the purchase order and the actual replacement cost to the County. The rights and remedies of the County identified above are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the purchase order.
14. **INVOICES AND PAYMENT TERMS.** Invoices are to be mailed to the County department specified on the resulting purchase order or master agreement. All invoices must include the purchase order number or master agreement number. Failure to comply may result in delayed payments. The County payment terms are Net 30 days unless a cash discount is allowed for payment within not less than twenty (20) days. The payment term shall begin on the date the merchandise is inspected, delivered and accepted by the County and the correct invoice is received in the office specified on the purchase order.
15. **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** Federal, State, County and local ordinances, rules and regulations, and policies shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of quote and disputes about quotes. Lack of knowledge by any Vendor about applicable law is not a defense.
16. **ASSIGNMENT.** Any purchase order awarded shall not be assignable by the Vendor without the express written approval of the County, and shall not become an asset in any bankruptcy, receivership or guardianship proceedings.
17. **REJECTION OF BID.** Bids may be considered irregular and may be rejected if they show omissions, alternations of form, additions not called for, conditions, limitations, unauthorized alternate bids or other irregularities of any kind. The County reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities of bid.
18. **TERMINATION.** In the event any of the provisions of the purchase order are violated, the County may serve written notice of its intention to terminate the purchase order. Such notice will state the reason(s) for such intention, and unless within ten (10) days after serving notice upon the contractor, such violation has ceased and satisfactory arrangements for correction

made, the purchase order shall, upon expiration of ten (10) days, be terminated. Further, the County reserves the right to terminate for its convenience any purchase order in whole or in part upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

19. **DEBARMENT.** If a Bidder is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency which prohibits your firm from participating in any procurement, the Bidder must provide the County with that information as part of its response to this solicitation. Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid from consideration or termination of the purchase order, once awarded.
  
20. **RIGHT TO PROTEST.** Any actual or prospective Bidder who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a contract/purchase order must submit its protest in writing to the Director of Purchasing, 130 Peachtree St. S.W., Suite 1168, Atlanta, GA 30303. A protest must be submitted to the Director of Purchasing in writing within 14 days after such aggrieved entity knows or should have known of the solicitation, the award of contract/purchase order to another or other acts giving rise to a protest. An oral protest or a protest to an official, employee, user department, or other person apart from the Director of Purchasing does not comply with Fulton County Code Section 2-324 and does not toll the protest time period.

**SIGNATURE BELOW IS THAT OF A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE QUOTING COMPANY WHO HAS READ, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

**COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SIGNED FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING FOUND NON-RESPONSIVE.**

## REQUEST FOR QUOTE SPECIFICATIONS

Quote Number: 07RH57449A

Opening Date: August 22, 2007

### DNA/Paternity Testing Buccal Swab Juvenile Court

#### 1. DESCRIPTION

The Fulton County Purchasing Department is soliciting quotes from qualified vendors to provide DNA/Paternity Testing Buccal Swab for Fulton County Juvenile Court from date of award and continuing for twelve (12) consecutive months.

#### 2. CONTACT PERSON

Please contact Rodney Herne, Senior Buyer at (404) 730-4216 or by e-mail [rodney.herne@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:rodney.herne@fultoncountyga.gov), with any procedural or technical questions. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing contact person. Any responses made by the County will be provided in writing to all Bidders by addendum. No verbal responses shall be authoritative.

#### 3. PRODUCT/SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

Fulton County Juvenile Court is desirous of a reliable and reputable vendor with a minimum of five years of experience in conducting accurate HLA, DNA and paternity testing, using the buccal swab (epithelial cheek sample method) procedure, for very young children. The situation which normally occurs is that a child with his/her mother or guardian and a putative father appear before the Juvenile Court. The DNA/paternity test is required to determine if the male is actually the biological father. The Court requires a test which is highly reliable and expects to receive results in the 98.7 - 99.5% accuracy range. Such results must be made available by mail and facsimile to the Child Advocate, on behalf of the presiding Judge in the case, within twenty-five days (25) of the test. The genetics laboratory may use any one or combination of local labs for phlebotomy and sample collection purposes, provided that there are numerous sites within metro Atlanta which are conveniently located to public transportation, MARTA, for our clients. Test results must be made readily available to the Court and not delay the adjudicatory process.

It is not envisioned that testing will be done on an exhumed body, but in the case of an unavailable or deceased father, the Judge may at his/her discretion request that samples from the child's alleged paternal grandparents (the alleged father's parents) be submitted and tested. In these cases, the laboratory would perform a "grand parentage" test, which determines whether the alleged paternal grandparents are excluded. The chance that they could transmit the genes necessary to be the biological father, through the son, would be calculated and presented to the Court. A calculation would yield an estimated probability of paternity for the deceased, alleged father. The Court is aware that this type of case can present an interpretation issue. This is not the typical test being sought by the Juvenile Court, but would be the exception. As such, the Court will seek two price

quotes, the first for basic DNA/paternity exam, and the second for the more involved and rare grand parentage test.

The Court prefers that for children under six months of age, the buccal swab method, which collects epithelial or cheek cells from the inside of the mouth, be used because it is less invasive and less traumatic for young infants. The DNA testing performed is not affected by the DNA of bacteria, common foods, tobacco, or mother's milk.

- 1. The Court requests the following brief explanations from all respondents about how they avoid mistakes and mismatching of samples, to ensure reporting requests are actually genuinely from the samples in question and have not been mixed up with other samples.

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- 2. How many tests are run on each party? Why are multiple tests needed?

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- 3. Could you explain the difference between HLA and DNA testing?

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- 4. Are there any social histories issues which our court staff need to inform you of that could affect the test outcome?

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**4. PRICING SHEETS**

Price Quote: \$\_\_\_\_\_per Basic DNA Test per child, mother and father

Total Flat Fee X 32 Basic DNA tests= \_\_\_\_\_

Flat Fee: \$\_\_\_\_\_per Grand parentage DNA Test per child, mother, paternal grandparent.

Total Flat Fee X 10 Grand parentage DNA Test(s)\*\*= \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If these Grand parentage tests have not been used by mid October, the Court may elect to use for regular DNA tests, if that quantity has been exhausted and the contract term is near exhaustion.

**5. SPECIAL CONDITIONS/INSTRUCTIONS**

All invoices and test results shall be forwarded to the addresses shown below:

Invoicing shall be sent to:  
Juvenile Court Accounting Office  
Attn: Wanda Wright  
395 Pryor Street SW, Ste 1023  
Atlanta, GA 30312-2713

Test Results Shall be sent to:  
Juvenile Court Child Advocate Office  
Attn: Maggie Broadnax  
395 Pryor Street SW, Ste 3128  
Atlanta, Georgia 30312-2713

All DNA testing shall be authorized solely by the office of The Child Advocate Attorneys on behalf of the Judiciary, and based solely upon a signed judicial court order, which has been provided to Maggie Broadnax. Under no circumstances for purposes of the contract service shall any other party be authorized to approve DNA tests on behalf of the Fulton County Juvenile Court, except by a member of the office of The Child Advocate Attorneys. Similarly, the successful provider shall not be paid for any tests administered for which no juvenile court order or authorization has been provided in advance.

**6. INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS**

Not require for this quote