



Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance

Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Interim Director

Fulton County, GA

August 6, 2015

Re: 15MT98649C-MT – Forensic Postmortem Toxicology Testing

Dear Bidders:

Attached is one (1) copy of **Addendum 1**, hereby made a part of the above referenced 15MT98649C-MT – Forensic Postmortem Toxicology Testing.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions in the Bid referenced above remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Tyson

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Assistant Purchasing Agent

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This Addendum forms a part of the contract documents and **modifies** the original ITB documents as noted below:

1. Please confirm that 5% of the value of our bid required with our bid.
Response: There is no bid bond required for this project.
2. Article 3 – what does carpet and carpet tile and repair have to do with this contract?
Response: This is a Sample contract that your company will sign if awarded the contract.
3. Which Lab is your current provider, NMS Labs? It appears from the language and reference to panel names, that this bid is written for NMSlabs?
Response: NMS lab is the current vendor. This bid is open to all vendors for competitive bidding.
4. Forms C1, C2 and C3 – how are these applicable to the bid?
Response: Some forms in the document will not apply to this bid. Please respond by writing “Not Applicable.”
5. Is there a list provided on the specific drugs that are required to be included in the basic, expanded and expert panels?
Response:” Basic” is a drugs-of-abuse panel, for example, cocaine, opiates, methamphetamine/amphetamine, benzodiazepines, etc. Expanded is “Basic Plus” routine therapeutic drugs, which may include anti-seizure drugs, anti-hypertensives, anti-depressants, etc. “Expert” is extensive testing for multiple substances. All panels include alcohol. Most of our testing is in the category of basic or expanded.
6. In the “Scope of Work and Technical Specifications” section, it lists ICP/MS – one shot broad screening for metals and metalloids (approximately 72 elements). There is not a specific price request for this on the bid form. Does this need to be priced separately, or included in a panel?
Response: Please price separately.
7. Are all listed accreditations required, or just one or more?
Response: All listed
8. Are FTIR w/microscopy and Ion Chromatography required analytical methods?
Response: Not necessarily, unless the test requires that method. The list is intended to include some possible testing methods which may be available to the laboratory. The actual method is left to the laboratory to determine.
9. Which tests will be done on vitreous fluid only?
Response: Vitreous may be tested for alcohol or for electrolytes.
10. What is the anticipated delivery schedule for the volume of samples?
Response: Weekly delivery of specimens
11. Why is FTIR w/microscopy listed as a requirement? The equipment is used for drug chemistry and criminalistics section of NMS.

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Response: The list just includes some possible testing methods which may be available to the laboratory. The actual method is left to the laboratory to determine.

12. Will any of the cases be for antemortem or only postmortem?

Response: Postmortem only

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

The undersigned proposer acknowledges receipt of this addendum by returning one (1) copy of this form with the proposal package to the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance, Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, Suite 1168, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 by the bid due date and time of **August 12, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.**

This is to acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 1, _____ day of _____, 2015.

Legal Name of Bidder

Signature of Authorized Representative

Title

