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Requisition No. 51093

Amendment No. 1

Hour and date specified for receipt of offers is changed: No Yes, to: _____ CST

Pursuant to OAC 260:115-7-30(d), this document shall serve as official notice of amendment to the solicitation identified above. Such notice is being provided to all suppliers to which the original solicitation was sent.

Suppliers submitting bids or quotations shall acknowledge receipt of this solicitation amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation as follows:

Sign and return a copy of this amendment with the solicitation response being submitted; or,

If the supplier has already submitted a response, this acknowledgement must be signed and returned prior to the solicitation deadline. All amendment acknowledgements submitted separately shall have the solicitation number and bid opening date in the subject line of the email.

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RETURN WITH BID DOCUMENTATION

Description of Amendment:

a. This is to incorporate the following:

1. **Question: Would a separate report be required per case sent? Or would you allow a batch-style report containing multiple cases on 1 report?**
Answer: A separate report is required per case sent. A batch-style report would not be allowed.
2. **Question: Given the possibility for multi-vendor awards, is a vendor able to bid on a portion of the cases (less than the minimum of 50 required per 60 days)?**
Answer: Yes, a vendor is able to bid on a portion of the cases.
3. **Question: Please confirm the required timeframe for completion of the 400-600 cases. Would all 600 need to be completed in year 1 of the contract?**
Answer: It is anticipated that the OSBI will send an estimated number of between 400 and 600 each year. However, the actual number could be more or less.
4. **Question: For the non SAECK submissions, what is the expected number of items per case?**
Answer: This is undetermined. While the majority of cases submitted to the OSBI contain a SAECK, there are cases that do not have a SAECK and the number of items submitted ranges generally between 1 and 5 items.
5. **Question: Are any case submissions expected in the renewal years of the contract?**
Answer: It is anticipated that the OSBI will send an estimated number of between 400 and 600 each year. However, the actual number could be more or less.
6. **Question: D.3 requires a minimum of 50 cases in 60 days while E.8 asks that capacity in excess of 20 cases per month be noted. Please confirm the minimum throughput required to be considered responsive.**
Answer: **Please strike "Capacity in excess of 20 cases per month shall be noted" from E.8 on the solicitation D.3 indicates a bid that cannot certify a throughput of at least 50 cases may be deemed non-responsive. However, if the vendor is only bidding on a portion of the cases (see question 2), this may be a reason a throughput of less than 50 cases per 60 days may not be deemed non-responsive.
7. **Question: The documents required in E.10 are quite voluminous in nature. Is it acceptable to provide a list of validations and only provide the validation documents and performance checks following a contract award?**
Answer: The lab should provide validations, as requested in E.10, applicable to the bid.

8. **Question:** In reference to H.6, what turnaround time would be considered “expedited processing” and how often is this expected to be utilized?
Answer: “expedited processing” would be within 30 days of notification. It is anticipated only to be utilized if a court date is set that the OSBI was unaware of prior to shipping the case to the vendor.
9. **Question:** Can you please clarify point C.4.3.2?
Answer: For non-intimate items, such as clothing (except underwear), bedding, etc., a vendor may opt to employ screening test for seminal fluid to identify and narrow down potential staining for confirmatory testing (p30/sperm). Presumptive tests must not be used on intimate items, such as swabs and/or underwear.
10. **Question:** Could you provide the percentage of cases that would include items listed in sections 3, 4 and 5 of the pricing sheet (clothing, bedding, other large item)? Just wondering if these larger items are to be expected in most cases or is this a small sub-set?
Answer: The percentage of cases that contain items other than SAECKs is unknown at this time. The standard practice for our laboratory is to take the kit initially and only accept other items if the case circumstances indicate the necessity to analyze the other items. In cases that contain an SAECK and other items, per C.43.1.9, “if the kit is positive for p30 and/or spermatozoa, the remaining evidence shall not be screened unless otherwise indicated”
11. **Question:** Due to Covid-19, we request that OBSI consider changing the request for a hard copy of the submission to only electronic.
Answer: The OSBI will accept the technical portion of the bid (Section E) by electronic submission via Flash Drive, CD, DVD. The OSBI requests that the “Purchasing Documents” such as this addendum be responded to and returned in “hard copy” format. NO E-MAIL PLEASE.
12. **Question:** Is this a traditional serology only evidence processing contract?
Answer: Yes this is a traditional serology only contract
13. **Question:** Could Y-Screening be used to help identify candidate items for traditional serology?
No, Y-screen cannot be used under this contract.
14. **Question:** C.3.3. For swabs, when staining is present, are we to only treat the stained portion as sample to be tested? In other words, are we allowed to use 20% of the swab or only 20% of the stained portion of the swab?
Answer: Per C.4.1.2, “The vendor shall use no more than 20% of any questioned evidence item (swab or stain) for analysis unless prior approval is received from the OSBI Forensic Biology Discipline Technical Manager.” So, vendor laboratory may use 20% of the swab, but if staining is present, they should include 20% of the staining available, if possible, within the portion of the swab sampled, i.e. test ~1/5 (20%) of the swab head and if staining is present, leave behind ~80% of the observable staining after taking an ~1/5 (20%) cutting of the swab head for serological testing.
15. **Question:** C.4.1.5. & C.4.2.3. Saliva testing seems to be optional based on a laboratory’s capabilities. However, for bid costing would the State consider adding a specific line for Optional Saliva Testing or make it a mandatory requirement to make the bidding process more transparent?
Answer: No, this will not be mandatory, but would like to know the laboratories capabilities. See Line 7 on revised Attachment A. below.
16. **Question:** Does the State consider RSID Saliva Test confirmatory for the purposes of C.4.1.5?
Answer: Yes, if defined as such by the vendor laboratory’s procedures.
17. **Question:** C.4.1.6 Would the State accept phenolphthalein as a presumptive test for blood?
Answer: Yes, phenolphthalein (Kastle-Meyer) is recognized as a presumptive test for blood.
18. **Question:** C.4.3.4 For underwear, all stains may be left on the original item. Does this mean that we are to leave the stain itself on the underwear and use only a portion of it that is absolutely necessary to perform AP, P30 and sperm searches?
Answer: Yes
19. **Question:** C.4.2.1. States Each swab from a set of swabs (i.e. two anal swabs) must be tested. H.1 Standard SAECK processing shall include testing of up to four items. All swabs taken from the same area will be considered one evidence item for the purposes of counting items examined.

Does the State define “Item” as “area” such that there may be multiple swabs from an area so there could be 8 or more swabs that will require independent testing? In other words, for this example eight P30 cassettes and sperm slides for microscopy or will the State allow “pooling” of swabs from the same item?
Answer: As stated, “All swabs taken from the same area will be considered one evidence item...” Per C.4.2.1, “Each swab from a set of swabs (i.e. two anal swabs) must be tested. However, cuttings of swabs from the same location that are packaged together may be combined for testing if allowed by lab procedures.”
20. **What is the difference between H.4 and H.5? Can you provide an example of the items expected to be submitted under H.5?**
Answer: H.4 states item of bedding while H.5 says any large item (other than clothing or bedding). Some examples of items that would fall under H.5 are a couch cushion, a piece of carpet, etc.
21. **Approximately how many cases will include items from categories H.4 and H.5?**

Answer: This is undetermined. The majority of sexual assault cases submitted to the OSBI contain a SAECK, but there are a few cases where items that fall under H.4 and H.5 are submitted.

b. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Supplier Company Name (**PRINT**)

Date

Authorized Representative Name (**PRINT**) Title

Authorized Representative Signature

**REVISED Attachment A
Price Sheet**

Each vendor shall provide a price for each and every enumerated item within the list below. Failure to do so may result in the Vendor's submission being deemed non-responsive. If there is no additional cost for addition testing, the vendor shall write "No Cost" in the price box for that item.

| Item # | Description | Price Year 1 | Price Year 2 | Price Year 3 | Price Year 4 | Price Year 5 |
|---------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Flat rate for analysis per sexual assault evidence collection kit (SAECK) only to be tested with confirmatory testing for seminal fluid and/or saliva. Standard SAECK processing shall include testing of up to four items. | | | | | |
| 2 | Flat rate for analysis per small item (i.e. additional swab item from SAECK, victim's underwear, other miscellaneous swabs, etc.) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva. | | | | | |
| 3 | Flat rate for analysis per item of clothing (i.e. shirt, pants, etc.) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva. | | | | | |
| 4 | Flat rate for analysis per item of bedding (i.e. sheet, comforter, etc.) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva. | | | | | |
| 5 | Flat rate for analysis per large item (other than clothing or bedding) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva | | | | | |
| 6 | Expedited Processing per case | | | | | |
| 7 | Optional: Flat rate for saliva testing per item, if requested by OSBI, in addition to testing for seminal fluid. | | | | | |

REVISED SECTION H. PRICE AND COST

Bids shall include all the following:

- H.1. Flat rate for analysis per sexual assault evidence collection kit (SAECK) only to be tested with confirmatory testing for seminal fluid and/or saliva. Standard SAECK processing shall include testing of up to four items. All swabs taken from the same area will be considered one evidence item for the purposes of counting items examined. For example, if four vaginal swabs are present in the SAECK, this would count as one item to be tested.
- H.2. Flat rate for analysis per small item (i.e. additional swab item from SAECK, victim's underwear, other miscellaneous swabs, etc.) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva.
- H.3. Flat rate for analysis per item of clothing (i.e. shirt, pants, etc.) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva.
- H.4. Flat rate for analysis per item of bedding (i.e. sheet, comforter, etc.) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva.
- H.5. Flat rate for analysis per large item (other than clothing or bedding) to be tested for seminal fluid and/or saliva.
- H.6. Rates for expedited processing
- H.7. Optional: Flat rate for saliva testing per item, if requested by OSBI, in addition to testing for seminal fluid