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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Proposers

From: Claudia Sepulveda, Bid Clerk/Buyer

Date: August 21, 2006

Subject: Bid# 06-061, Toxicology Services for the Medical Examiner's Office

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced proposal. The Medical Examiner's Office has responded to the following questions:

1) Page 5; Services, Bullet #3:

Is the required accreditation for the crime laboratory expected to be from the American Society of Crime Lab Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB), which is currently the only accreditation or Crime Laboratories that is nationally recognized?

There are two requirements:

a. Certification by at least one of the following:

- ASCLAD
- ABFT
- FQS
- CAP
- SAMHSA

b. Texas Department of Public Safety Certifications

2) Page 5, Services, Bullet #6:

The "Common Basic Screen" and "Common Acidic Screen" can capture many different substances. Is it acceptable for NMS Labs to submit our laboratories most commonly requested post mortem panels and a listing of the substances they include? If no, please state specifically what you expect in each panel.

Yes

3) What are the required reporting limits?

Reporting limits should be those established by the certifying bodies

4) Page 5, Cost of Services, Bullet #1:

Is it acceptable for us to quote a single price for the analysis on blood sample(s), which is the most commonly requested specimen type submitted for post-mortem analysis? If yes, should we provide an additional quote for the analysis on non-routine sample(s) i.e. urine, tissues, gastric contents, etc.?

Yes

5) What is the estimated number of cases per year?

300 cases per year

6) What is the expected term of the contract?

A one year contract which gives the County the option to terminate with one month notice