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ADDENDUM 3

To: All Interested Proposers
From: Linda Gonzalez, Inventory Bid Technician
Date: May 13, 2009
Subject: Bid # 09-034, Toxicology Services for the Medical Examiners Office

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced proposal; the response to the following question:

1. Is National accreditation by College of American Pathology (CAP) acceptable vs. American Board of Forensic Toxicologists as has been accepted in the past?
No. The lab must be certified through the Department of Public Safety.
2. What is the annual number of samples estimated?
240 samples
3. Do most cases include multiple types of samples such as blood, urine and tissue? If so, is blood the most common sample type?
Yes. Blood is the most common sample sent for testing.
4. What are the drugs of abuse to be included in the "Common Basic Screen" and "Common Acidic Screen" or can we propose our standard screen for post mortem samples?
Yes. A standard screen would be accepted.
5. What specific heavy metals are requested or can we submit a panel of common heavy metals we use for post mortem samples?
Heavy metals vary and are rarely requested.
6. What is the CIQ Document Number?
This refers to the Conflict of Interest see page 14 for the list of persons referring to CIQ, on page 15 is the CIQ form, and on page, 16 are step-by-step instructions.