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**