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# **ADDENDUM 4**

To: All Interested Proposers

From: Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician

Date: January 17, 2008

Subject: Bid # 07-172, Drug Testing Services for the Family Drug Court Program

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

1) Who is the current laboratory providing drug testing services for the Family Drug Court Program?

ACCESS DRUG TESTING, INC.

2) What is the current pricing for laboratory screening?

\$20.00/TEST PER PANEL

3) What is the current pricing for GC/MS Confirmation?

SAME AS ABOVE

- 4) How many samples does the department expect to send to the lab annually? APPROXIMATELY 360 ANNUALLY
- 5) How many samples were sent in the last year for screening?

SAME AS ABOVE

6) How many confirmations does the department expect will be performed by the lab?

**APPROXIMATELY 36** 

7) How many confirmations were performed last year?

**APPROXIMATELY 20** 

8) How many requests for LSD testing does the department expect it will make?

It is difficult to estimate this number as we did do any LSD testing in the last year.

On page 7 of the contract it states "the provider must participate in the 65th District Court Judge and Treatment Team members."

9) Can the participation be through conference call?

No. The provider cannot participate through conference call. The provider must be present and available for random drug testing and present fro any explanation of results when necessary.

10) Is the department going to perform the collections or is the awarded contractor expected to? Please clarify.

The contractor of services must collect all specimens for testing. A male and and female must be available for all collections.

11) The bid open date is set of Dec. 26 of 2007, which is the day after a major holiday. Will the department consider extending the bid open dated to a more reasonable date in the near future to accommodate delivery and avoid unnecessary delays in delivery?

The date has already been extended to Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

12) If a lab is College of American Pathology Certified, will that be considered qualified?

Yes, if it uses required measures for retesting and if they possess the required qualifications to administer panel testing. Correction to this Bid as follows:

Please replace page 10 with the following corrected page. Note: under <u>Output</u> <u>Measures</u>

"Contractor to provide services as listed under Scope of Services described in paragraph VIII" has been deleted.

All service delivery staff to include subcontract staff must be appropriately certified and or licensed, as required by the State of Texas, and as appropriate to the services to be delivered.

• The contractor and his/her subcontractors must have professional liability insurance.

## **CLIENT ELIGIBILITY**

Only those person(s) referred by the 65<sup>th</sup> District Court Family Drug Treatment Program (CPS cases) are eligible.

## **CONTRACT GOALS, OUTPUTS, AND OUTCOME MEASURES**

The contractor shall provide the services described in Services Description and must be measured on performance in accordance with the following provisions:

### Goal:

To develop sufficient drug/alcohol testing service sites to provide CPS staff with resources to obtain adequate and appropriate information to aid in the development of comprehensive recommendations to the court pertaining to continued parental rights parental access and visitation of the children, and the risk associated with that decision.

### Output Measures:

Accurate substance abuse laboratory test results.

The contractor conducted the testing and reporting within the time period specified by the Contract.

Clear accurate court testimony

#### Efficiency and Effectiveness Outcomes:

Testing and Reporting is conducted and meets all requirements necessary to retain appropriate certifications,

The contractor is available for court testimony upon request.

Contractor provides services only after receiving a properly completed service authorization form.

Contractor retains the required documentation.