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ADDENDUM 2

To: All Interested Proposers

From: Linda Mena, Inventory Bid Technician

Date: March 22, 2010

Subject: Bid # 10-017, Re-bid Transportation of the Deceased for the Office of the Medical Examiner

Please Note:
Bid opening has been extended to Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Description of Services: page 4 of the bid

e. In route within 15 minutes of being dispatched to a scene (additional time will be considered if call is outside city limits)

1. **From the time of dispatch to arrival on scene, what is the expected response time?**
Answer: Within the hour

i. Background checks on all personnel to include driving history

2. **Texas Department of State Health Service criteria for criminal background checks on EMT/Paramedic personnel require fingerprints through the Fingerprint Applicant Service of Texas (FAST) for Texas/FBI criminal history check. Does this criterion meet the requirements of the contract?**

Answer: Yes

k. Provide vaccines for transport staff to include Hepatitis B and TB

3. **What vaccines specifically are required, and if an employee has declined to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine, is the employee allowed to continue providing services under this contract?**

Answer: Hepatitis B and TB are recommended. Yes, the employee will be allowed to continue at the discretion of the vendor.

4. **Is it required for personnel to receive the actual TB vaccine or just be tested for TB on an annual basis or when possible exposure has taken place?**

Answer: The TB vaccine is recommended. The vendor shall abide by their policies and procedures when an exposure has taken place.

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4. All bids are for new equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified.

5. **Is it required that all equipment being utilized for this contract be brand new?**

Answer: This pertains only when purchasing equipment or merchandise.

5. F.O.B. destination if otherwise, show exact cost to deliver.

6. **What are the specific expectations of this particular condition?**

Answer: This pertains only when purchasing merchandise.

Additional Clarification

7. **If awarded this contract is there the option to subcontract (in emergency situations)?**

Answer: Yes