

## 3160007024 Questions and Answer

### IFB # 3160007024 Customized Testing and Reporting Services for DNA Sexual Assault Kits for MSFL

December 20, 2024

Question 1:

Under DNA Extraction/Purification, the second bullet requires evidence to be extracted using a Qiagen silica-based purification method. Would a Qiagen bead-based purification method be acceptable (e.g., EZ1/EZ2)?

**Answer: Yes**

Question 2:

Under date presentation, the scope of work list minimum RFU requirements that may not align with our established validation parameters. Is it acceptable to use our validated parameters?

**Answer: Yes. Please provide your validated parameters in your bid response.**

Question 3:

In Attachment B, the pricing page calls for a description, a price, and an annual total price. Can the MSFL provide the number of cases expected to be sent each year so that an annual total may be calculated?

**Answer: Currently, we have 396 SAK to be worked. We are unsure how our influx of kits due to MS Code 99-51-1 will affect our annual cases submitted.**

Question 4:

Would you please consider a one-week extension of the Bid Submission Deadline to give Bidders additional time to submit the response. Alternatively, please consider allowing Bidders to submit the response electronically.

**Answer: The bid submission deadline will remain the same as listed in the timeline section 1.1.1 page 2. Bidders are to submit bids as listed in section 1.1 Bid Acceptance period page 2 of IFB solicitation.**

Question 5:

Section 2.3 (Term) states that there will be approximately 2,164 samples and indicates that these will consist of drug samples. Is that included in error? If so, is there an estimated number of SAEKs that the MSFL wishes to have tested under this contract?

**Answer: The statement “There will be approximately 2,164 samples and indicates that these will consist of drug samples” was included in error. Currently, we have 396 SAK to be worked. We are unsure how our influx of kits due to MS Code 99-51-1 will affect our annual cases submitted.**

Question 6:

Section 2.2 states that testing of SAEKs will proceed based on analysis batch sizes determined by the vendor laboratory's proposals and the turn-around times outlined therein. Is it acceptable to provide this information in a cover letter or is there a different preferred form or method?

**Answer: Yes, this is acceptable.**

**I acknowledge and accept all terms and conditions of the Invitation for Bid (IFB), Amendments, and Question & Answer. I hereby, certify that I am authorized to sign for my company.**

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