

COUNTY OF FRESNO
ADDENDUM NUMBER: ONE (1)
RFQ NUMBER: 962-5245
TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY SERVICE

March 11, 2014

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IMPORTANT: SUBMIT QUOTATION IN SEALED PACKAGE WITH QUOTATION NUMBER, CLOSING DATE AND BUYER'S NAME MARKED CLEARLY ON THE OUTSIDE TO:

COUNTY OF FRESNO, Purchasing
4525 EAST HAMILTON AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR
FRESNO, CA 93702-4599

CLOSING DATE OF BID WILL BE AT 2:00 P.M., ON MARCH 18, 2014.

QUOTES WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE WHEN THE OFFICIAL PURCHASING TIME CLOCK READS 2:00 P.M.

All quotation information will be available for review after contract award.

Clarification of specifications is to be directed to: **Debbie L. Scharnick**, phone (559) 600-7111, e-mail CountyPurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us, fax (559) 600-7126.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NUMBER: 962-5245 AND INCLUDE THEM IN YOUR RESPONSE. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS ADDENDUM WITH YOUR QUOTATION.

➤ The following are questions and answers received for clarification of this RFQ.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE (1) TO RFQ 962-5245

COMPANY NAME: _____
(PRINT)

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME & TITLE: _____
(PRINT)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1. Who does the Specimen Collection?

A1. The Coroner's office collects the specimen and/or hospital.

Q2. What is the exact the number of Locations needed for collection or pick-up of samples?

A2. One, Coroner office.

Q3. What type of Lab certification do you require?

A3. Forensic lab certified

Q4. Is there a need for a Medical Review Officer and if there is who expenses for it?

A4. No

Q5. Is it testing requirement to be DOT or nonDOT?

A5. N/A

Q6. Who is the current vendor?

A6. Mineral King Laboratory

Q7. What is the current price?

A7. Price varies

Q8. Please indicate when the project will begin.

A8. July 1, 2014

Q9. If able, can you please provide to AIT Labs a copy of the current contract, including pricing.

A9. No

Q10. Please confirm that the total annual estimate is 3,820 tests as indicated on pages 16-17. Does this include the following counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings and Tulare – and both coroner and sheriff cases?

A10. Only Fresno County. Case number can increase or decrease based on case load.

Q11. AIT Labs standard turn-around time on forensic toxicology testing is 10 days, is this acceptable based on the requirements of this RFP. On high profile and urgent cases, we are able to provide results sooner if necessary.

A11. Yes

Q12. Our laboratory is located in Indianapolis, IN. We currently provide forensic toxicology services to nearly 600 clients nationwide including law enforcement, MEs, coroners, state bureaus of investigations, etc. Based on the requirements of the bid, is it necessary to partner with a CA based laboratory under State Code Title 17, Chapter 5; or is it acceptable to complete any forensic alcohol analysis at AIT Labs?

A12. Vendor preference.

Q13. Are the requirements of the bid to maintain storage of samples for 1 year or a minimum of 5 years?

A13. Minimum of 3 years.

Q14. On page 16, under the quotation schedule for item #3, the analysis indicates "blood drug screen" for 7 classes. Is this a screen only test or screen/confirm?

A14. Screen confirmation

Q15. On page 16, under the quotation schedule for item #4, the analysis indicates "urine drug screen" for 10 classes. Is this a screen only test or screen/confirm?

A15. Screen confirmation

Q16. On page 16, under the quotation schedule for item #5, please confirm that this is a standard drugs of abuse panel. What % is tissue vs blood? Please confirm this is screen only.

A16. 95% blood (5% liver), screen confirmation.

Q17. On page 16, under the quotation schedule for item #6, please confirm that this is a standard drugs of abuse panel. Also that this is screen and confirm for blood.

A17. Yes

Q18. On page 16, under the quotation schedule for item #7, what esoteric test is this specifically?

A18. Esoteric blood screen is something that cannot be tested routinely in the lab, testing is outside the standard panel.

Q19. On page 17, under the quotation schedule for item #17, what type of microbiology test are you requesting?

A19. Routine cultures such as blood, lung, bacterial and viral.

Q20. On page 17, under the quotation schedule for item #18, what is an "all scan screen"? Is this a screen for a single specific prescription drug? Please clarify.

A20. Comprehensive drug screen.