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Questions and Answers

Drug and Alcohol Testing TR23-0194N

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Becky Lewis, Buyer by date questions were due. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. Navigate to *Current Contracting Opportunities / Services Solicitations*, and then click *Questions and Answers* for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: Who is your current TPA/provider(s) managing your drug/alcohol testing program & SAMHSA LAB conducting the urine testing?

Answer 1: Alcohol and Drug Testing Services (ADTS) / Clinical Reference Laboratory (CRL), Lenexa, KS

Question 2: Can you provide us estimated yearly volumes for the services being requested on the Price Proposal Form?

Answer 2: Annually – approx. 35-40 random tests; 5-10 pre-employment tests; 0-10 reasonable cause tests; 0-2 reasonable suspicion tests; 0-6 follow-up tests

Question 3: Where could we obtain a copy of the current contract in place?

Answer 3: Please submit a Public Disclosure Request (PDR) to [https://tacoma.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/rs/\(S\(xggvfdnpntunuahaazt13h0o\)\)/support/home.aspx](https://tacoma.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/rs/(S(xggvfdnpntunuahaazt13h0o))/support/home.aspx).

Question 4: Regarding the Price Proposal Form, when you are asking for (#9) "After Hours" quote, are you asking for the price of a drug test if performed during those hours, or are you asking for any additional charges above the price of a drug test if performed during those hours

Answer 4: Additional charge above price of drug test if performed during those hours.

Question 5: Regarding the Price Proposal Form, (#17) FRA Post Accident – are you requesting a price for a drug test that is deemed a FRA Post Accident vs the price of any other type of FRA drug test?

Answer 5: Additional charge above price of drug test if performed during those hours.

Question 6: Regarding the Price Proposal Form, (#23) DOT Background Check – what specific services are you wanting a quote on? I ask because some clients do some checks



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themselves, and have their vendors do the rest, so want to make sure I include all appropriate services when quoting.

Answer 6: DOT 49 CFR Part 40 Section 40.25 Drug & Alcohol Testing previous employer report for DOT-regulated testing items; and 49 CFR Parts 240 & 242 Service Record Information (Federal Railroad Administration [FRA])

Question 7: Why is this bid being solicited? Has all renewal option expired, or has there been an interruption with the service?

Answer 7: Soliciting competitive bids. Current contract in place since 1/1/2016

Question 8: Would you like us to quote other DOT-related services that may not be listed/requested on the pricing sheets, in case they were ever needed?

Answer 8: Please list any other services your company may provide that are not listed.

Question 9: How many non-regulated tests are anticipated annually?

Answer 9: None at this time.

Question 10: Oral Fluids Testing – Lab-based or instant testing?

Answer 10: Lab based

Question 11: Can you specify the Oral Fluids Testing panel showing cutoff and confirmation testing levels?

Answer 11: Waiting for 2 laboratories to be confirmed by DOT. I do not have the cutoff or confirmation testing levels.

Question 12: Urine Specimen Collection-10 Panel Lab Based Test (non-DOT) – what drugs and cut-offs are included in the 10-panel urine drug test?

Answer 12: At this time we do not perform non DOT testing.

Question 13: Who is/are the current contractor(s) for this contract?

Answer 13: Alcohol & Drug Testing Services (ADTS)

Question 14: Would you be willing to accept a bid that does not include the non-drug testing items (i.e. background screening and DOT physicals)?

Answer 14: No, the City cannot legally accept a substantial deviation from the bid specification



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Question 15: In regard to post-accident and post-mortem testing, who is currently doing these collections or taking steps to secure the specimens?

Answer 15: Post-accident: collector in conjunction with laboratory (have not had this type of test for 4 years); Post-mortem would be via the medical examiner's office

Question 16: Can you provide a current copy of Tacoma Rail's drug testing program?

Answer 16: [eCFR :: 49 CFR Part 219 Subpart C -- Post-Accident Toxicological Testing](#)

The requirements listed in the link provided are the same as Tacoma Rail's FRA plan

Question 17: How many post-accident rail tests were performed in the past 2 years?

Answer 17: Zero

Question 18: Does this bid also include testing any "right-of-way" sub-contractors who work for the City of Tacoma to maintain the rails (i.e. remove shrubbery, repair rails, etc.)

Answer 18: No

Question 19: Is this bid strictly limited to FRA (Rail) or does Tacoma Rail have any employees that fall under FMCSA (Federal Motor Carriers)?

Answer 19: Strictly FRA (Rail)

Question 20: Is this discount based on the number of tests completed during a year or at a testing event.

A. If a volume discount is offered, provide the quantities at which the price break will be given and the corresponding percentage:

Quantity_____Discount_____%

Quantity_____Discount_____%

Quantity_____Discount_____%

Answer 20: See Addendum 1

Question 21: Our discount pricing structure is somewhat different than the proposal is structured. Can we submit a separate form that allows us to submit this pricing.



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For example, we bundle our collection onsite time, lab, MRO and collection which we believe is more effective in the long run.

Answer 21: No, Please use the form in the specification