

September 17, 2013

Notice to Potential Vendors:

**BULLETIN NUMBER 3
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELEASE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DNA LABORATORY SERVICES
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
RFSQ 503-SH**

This Bulletin Number 3 is being issued to provide responses to questions that were received by September 11, 2013. The responses are final and become part of the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ).

All other Terms and Conditions of the RFSQ remain in effect.

Should you have any questions, please contact Contracts Analyst Sheri Davis via e-mail at srdavis@lasd.org.

Question 1:

Is there any estimate available of the amount of funding expected to be used for outsourcing for the first year of the contract?

Answer:

No.

Question 2:

Is the 3130xl platform acceptable to the SSB (SOW Item 3.3)?

Answer:

Yes.

Question 3:

Does SSB require the use of GMID-X, or will they accept GMID (SOW Item 3.3)?

Answer:

No, we do not. GMID is acceptable.

Question 4:

SOW Item 3.7 says “The utilization of Stochastic Thresholds should allow the use of loci that may have potential alleles that are below the Analytical Threshold or have dropped out.” Could this statement please be technically reviewed to ensure that it accurately reflects what the SSB intends?

Answer:

This statement refers to loci that conform to an analyst’s assumption as to the number of contributors in a mixture and those loci have one or more alleles below the stochastic threshold. What we are talking about is the ability to use a P-anything calculation for the below threshold allele(s).

Question 5:

Would it be acceptable to the agency if Offerors provided large supporting documents in electronic form on a separate CD-ROM?

Answer:

Yes, plus hard copies; must be in compliance with Section 2.7, SOQ Submission, of the RFSQ:

The original SOQ and three (3) exact duplicate, hard, numbered copies; and three (3) Compact Discs, each containing the SOQ in electronic format, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the Vendor and bear the words: “STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR DNA LABORATORY SERVICES RFSQ 503-SH”.

Question 6:

The following is stated in Appendix A, Model Master Agreement, Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Section 12.0, Indemnification and Insurance subsection 12.2.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County on page 13:

“Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor’s General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under the Master Agreement.”

The following stated in Appendix A, Model Master Agreement, Exhibit A, Additional Terms and Conditions, Section 12.0, Indemnification and Insurance subsection 12.2.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage on page 14:

“The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees, and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor’s General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor’s ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of County. County and its Agents additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of Contractor’s acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to Contractor or to County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed County’s minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.”

Would it be acceptable for parties identified above to be listed as certificate holder on the insurance certificates rather than additional insured?

Answer:

The County shall be listed as “additional insured.”