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February 13, 2015

Dear Prospective Contractors and Interested Parties:

ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE TO INVITATION FOR BIDS NUMBER CMS 13-0013 URINE SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES

Addendum Number One is issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to prospective bidders of the Urine Sample Collection Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Invitation for Bid (IFB) Number CMS 13-0013. Addendum Number One amends sections of the IFB as provided below. Changes only apply to the referenced sections and subsections that are amended or deleted. All other sections remain unchanged.

A prospective bidder's failure to incorporate the requirements of this Addendum Number One may result in their Bid not being considered, as determined at the sole discretion of the County. It is important that all bids be submitted using the revised Bid Price worksheet (Form 21) that is attached to this addendum. Changes to wording in IFB sections in this Addendum Number One include both deletions and additions. Deletions are indicated by strike-outs (~~strike-outs~~) and additions are underlined (underlined).

The following changes, in the order they appear in the IFB, are being made to the IFB:

- I. IFB, PART A – Overview, Section 5.0 – Bidders' Minimum Requirements, is revised to add Subsection 5.3.3.2, to read as follows:
 - 5.3.3.2 CONTRACTOR shall be able to send electronic test results in an encrypted transaction file two times daily (6:00 AM morning and 3:00 PM evening) through a Secured File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) on each business day.
- II. IFB, Part H – Statement of Work, Section 3.0 – Definitions, is amended to add the following definitions:
 - 3.28 EIA - A procedure measuring antibodies to detect the analyte of interest and an enzyme linked to the antigen-antibody complex.
 - 3.29 LC-MS/MS - It is a technique that combines high pressure liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry to identify complex mixtures of proteins and peptides. It is used to identify proteins that are potential biomarkers, for drug development research, and in forensics to identify unknown compounds. Mass spectrometers can also be used for quality control and quality assessment, and to map structure of compounds.

- III. IFB, PART H – Statement of Work, Section 10.0 – Specimen Screening, Analysis, and Certification, Subsection 10.3 is amended to read as follows:

10.3 CONTRACTOR shall perform confirmation of all urine specimens submitted for drug testing which yield positive results in the initial screening process to substantially determine the validity of positive screen results. The Confirmation shall be conducted by utilizing either Liquid Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) or Gas Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS).

- IV. IFB, PART H – Statement of Work, Section 10.0 – Specimen Screening, Analysis, and Certification, Subsection 10.5 is amended to read as follows:

10.5 All drug analyses shall be conducted by a laboratory certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) or accredited by the College of American Pathologists Forensic Urine Drug Testing (CAP/FUDT). CONTRACTOR shall provide proof of certification. The Department may require a selected vendor that is CAP/FUDT accredited to provide annual documentation showing accreditation for each analyte tested at no additional cost to the County. The Department shall utilize its discretion to determine the appropriate annual documentation for submission by the vendor.

- V. IFB, PART H, Statement of Work, Section 16.0 – Test Results, Reports and Invoice, Subsection 16.1.2 is amended to read as follows:

16.1.2 Drug and alcohol testing results should be available through the web based drug test results system according to the following schedule:

16.1.2.1 Negative testing results shall be available within one business day from the end of the day the client provided a urine specimen.

16.1.2.2 Positive alcohol and/or drug testing results shall be available within three business days from the end of the day the client provided a urine specimen.

16.1.2.3 Missed test (No-Show) reports shall be available within one business day from the end of the day that the client was to provide a urine specimen.

16.1.2.4 CONTRACTOR shall be able to send electronic test results in an encrypted transaction file two times daily (6:00 AM morning and 3:00 PM evening) through a Secured File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) on each business day.

16.1.2.5 CONTRACTOR shall send the encrypted transaction file to the COUNTY'S ISD file server via SFTP.

16.1.2.6 CONTRACTOR shall be able to encrypt the electronic test results in an encrypted transactions file using one of the following methods:

16.1.2.6.1 SFTP encryption/decryption

16.1.2.6.2 Secure Shell (SSH2) Public Key

16.1.2.6.3 Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) Open/(PGP) Key

16.1.2.7 Once DCFS verifies the number of transaction records in the CONTRACTOR's electronic test results transaction file using the Trailer Record Count, then the Contractor is to proceed as follows:

16.1.2.7.1 CONTRACTOR will receive a rejection File Message via email from DCFS if the number of transaction records in the CONTRACTOR's electronic test results transaction file does not match the Trailer Record Count.

16.1.2.7.2 CONTRACTOR will receive a DCFS acceptance File Message via email if the number of transaction records in the electronic test results transaction file matches the Trailer Record Count.

16.1.2.7.3 Contractor will ensure that DCFS will receive a test result for all clients in the referral transaction file who are successfully enrolled for testing no later than 72 hours from the time the client provided a urine specimen.

16.1.2.7.4 The records in the encrypted test results transaction file will contain the following:

16.1.2.7.4.1 DCFS Sequence Number.

16.1.2.7.4.2 Results for each substance tested.

16.1.2.7.4.3 Testing Date.

16.1.2.7.4.4 Testing Site.

16.1.2.7.4.5 Specimen ID.

16.1.2.7.4.6 Indicator if it is a "No show."

16.1.2.7.4.7 Indicator if specimen is contaminated.

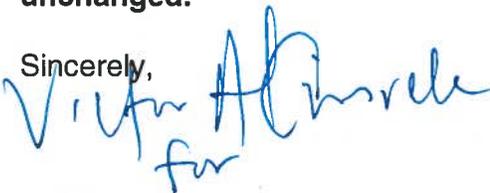
16.1.2.8 CONTRACTOR is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of DCFS client information, in accordance with the Urine Sample Collection for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Contract Part I, Section 8.0, Confidentiality, of the Contract.

VI. IFB, PART D – Required Forms for Submission, Form 21, Bid Price, is amended as attached.

VII. IFB, PART I – Exhibits to the Sample Contract, Exhibit N is deleted in its entirety.

Except as provided by addendum, all other terms and conditions of the IFB remain unchanged.

Sincerely,



Eddie Ota, Section Manager
Contracts Administration Division

**URINE SAMPLE COLLECTION/DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES,
CMS 13-0013**

BID PRICE

_____ (Bidder's Name) hereby offers to perform the services, the scope of which is set forth in the above-identified Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the County of Los Angeles, under all of the terms and conditions specified in the IFB (including, but not limited to the Statement of Work, Performance Requirements Summary, Attachments and Sample Contract).

Prices quoted by Bidder includes all applicable charges and costs associated with the Urine Sample Collection For Drug and Alcohol Testing Services, and any other costs necessary in the performance of all tasks and performance outcomes outlined in, and in accordance with, this IFB.

This price shall be fixed and guaranteed for the Contract term, beginning on the date of commencement of services. Prices quoted by Bidder include all applicable charges and costs associated with collection, chain of custody, screening, confirmation of positive results, storage, administration, provision of seminars and any other costs necessary to properly complete the project as outlined in the Statement of Work and elsewhere in this IFB. Bidder's itemized charges shall also include but are not limited to, the following:

- Labor for all proposed services
- Materials, services, supplies, and other identifiable costs for all proposed services, and
- All applicable taxes, including sales taxes.

There are three (3) pricing categories: A) Urine Testing for BOTH Alcohol and Drugs, B) Urine Testing for Alcohol; and C) D/L Isomer Tests.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING BID PRICE

The bidder is required to submit their total bid price for a month of services based on a projected volume of tests made up of 8300 drug and alcohol tests, 100 tests for alcohol only, and 100 D/L isomer tests. To provide their bid, bidder must fill out the three tables on the following page. Column A of each table contains a quantity level of tests in one month. Bidder must state their cost per sample for each testing level in Column B and then calculate their extended cost on each line in Column C by multiplying the unit cost in Column B by the highest quantity in the range shown in Column A.

Bidder's Overall Total Cost, as stated in Table C, will be used to rank bid prices from the lowest to highest.

NOTE: County does not guarantee a minimum or maximum number of drug and alcohol tests to be conducted. The number of urine sample collection/drug and alcohol testing may vary from month to month.

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The current projected volume of tests is between 6,000 and 8,500 tests per month. Bidder must indicate its price by completing the tables and signature block below. Extended cost in column C will equal the highest value in the range in column A multiplied by the cost per sample in column B:

TABLE A: URINE TESTING FOR BOTH ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

A	B	C
Testing Level	Cost Per Sample	Extended Cost (A times B = C)
0-1,500		
1,501-3,000		
3,001-4,500		
4,501-6,000		
6,001-8300		
All Samples		\$

TABLE B: URINE TESTING FOR ALCOHOL

A	B	C
Testing Level	Cost Per Sample	Extended Cost (A times B = C)
100		
All Samples		\$

TABLE C: URINE TESTING FOR D/L ISOMER TEST

A	B	C
Testing Level	Cost Per Sample	Extended Cost (A times B = C)
100		
All Samples		\$

I, (Printed Name of Authorized Personnel), an authorized agent of (Name of Bidder), hereby certify that (Name of Bidder), agrees upon contract award to perform the said services and adhere to the requirements specified in the Contract, Statement of Work and Performance Requirement Summary at the above listed price for the term of the contract(s).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title of Authorized Personnel: _____

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BID PRICE

BID SHEET/PRICING SCHEDULE

TABLE C: BIDDER'S OVERALL TOTAL COST (To be Completed by the County)	
Total Cost for Table A	\$
Total Cost for Table B	\$
Total Cost for Table C	\$
<i>OVERALL TOTAL COST</i>	\$

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS)

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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS



Notwithstanding what was discussed at the January 5, 2015 Bidders' Conference. Attached are the final responses to all questions.

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URINE SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

1.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>a) If this IFB is only for urine sample collections, what vendor is providing the laboratory services?</p> <p>b) The IFB is labeled as “Urine Sample Collection for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services” and refers to sample collection only throughout the IFB. Part H, Section 10 refers to laboratory services. Please verify that this IFB is for both sample collection and testing services.</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a and b) The selected vendor will provide both sample collection and drug and alcohol testing services.</p>

2.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>a) This IFB was previously issued and withdrawn. What was the reason for withdrawing the IFB?</p> <p>b) We recall that a very similar bid was released by the DCFS last year, which was subsequently cancelled. Can the DCFS please explain what prompted the cancellation and why the bid has been released again this year?</p> <p>c) Why did the agency decide not to award a contract in 2013?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a, b and c) The County decided that it was its best interest to cancel the IFB. County may, at its sole discretion, reject any or all bids submitted in response to this solicitation. The County also reserves the right to cancel this IFB, at its sole discretion, at any time prior to approval of a contract by Board of Supervisors. Please refer to IFB, Part B, Section 6.0 on page 8.</p>

3.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>a) What are the fees you currently pay for these services?</p> <p>b) Can I please have a pricing list for diagnostics and services?</p>
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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a and b) The current costs to the County are as follows: Alcohol and Drug Testing: \$17.50 Alcohol only Test: \$9.00</p> <p>The County will select the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder who meets the minimum requirements. The prospective bidders are to provide their bid prices in response to the solicitation.</p>
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4.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>Would the DCFS accept any additional pricing for items such as K2/Spice testing, Bath Salts testing or other specialty tests not currently listed, but possibly desired?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>These types of tests are not part of this contract for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services.</p>

5.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>Is the current contract available for examination? The original contract and any addendum/extension for 2014.</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Yes, to obtain a copy of the current contract, please log into the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors web page at http://bos.lacounty.gov, click on the Board meeting link and go to Statement of Proceedings, on the right side of the screen in the date range to be searched; search the following dates and agenda item numbers or use the link provided:</p> <p>12/09/2008 Agenda item #15, recommendation #3 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/46398.pdf 12/06/2011 Agenda item #15 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/65220.pdf 06/04/2013 Agenda item #25 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/77059.pdf 05/20/2014 Agenda item #17 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/85017.pdf</p> <p>This will take you to the copies of the current contract and Board filed amendments.</p>

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6.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>PDF page 32 #3.5 states “Bidder must respond only to this IFB as it is written including any written addenda discussed in Part C, Section 3.6 below. Bidder is not to attach any documentation, which is not required or requested under this IFB.”</p> <p>a) Does the Agency want bidders to include any sort of narrative or “technical proposal” with their bids?</p> <p>b) If so, in which section should it be provided?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a and b) No, bidders are not asked to include a narrative or technical proposal in their bids.</p>
7.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>If our legal counsel has questions or exceptions to the terms and conditions in the sample contract, by what date must these questions and/or exceptions be submitted to the agency? And by what means (email, letter, redline, etc.)?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>DCFS will attempt to negotiate a contract with the lowest cost, responsible and responsive bidder. DCFS has the discretion to reject any bidder who does not accept County’s terms and conditions as stated in the IFB document. Please see Part D, Form 24, Offer to Perform and Acceptance of Terms and Conditions.</p>
8.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>Does the agency anticipate requesting tests for any other panels or individual drugs in addition to the 5-drug panel indicated in the RFP? If so, what substances?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>This contract will only include tests for drugs on the 5-drug panel.</p>

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9.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> Can you provide us with a list of the current collection sites, including addresses?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> The list of current collection sites was handed out during the Mandatory Bidders' Conference on January 5, 2015. If you would like to obtain another copy, please send a request via email to Syed Uraizee, Contract Analyst at uraizs@dcfs.lacounty.gov .
10.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> I am assuming each vendor is only eligible to submit one bid. May an agency seeking to act as a subcontracted collection site apply with one or more vendors?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> Yes, subcontracted collection sites may apply with one or more prospective bidders.
11.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> a) Will any DCFS clients be under 18 years of old? b) Are any of the clients under the age of 18?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> a and b) Testing of minors (under 18 years of age) are handled through a process that is not part of this contract.
12.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> Testing Schedule – Random is Monday – Friday only? Testing Schedule – Weekly is Monday – Friday only? Testing Schedule – On-Demand + Makeup Sunday – Saturday?

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Random testing sample collection must be provided Monday through Friday. Weekly testing sample collection must be provided Monday through Friday. On-demand and make-up testing sample collection may be required on any day of the week when testing services are available through the contract.</p>
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	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>What is the cutoff for each drug being tested?</p>
13.	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The cutoff for each drug being tested is not specified in the IFB. DCFS is seeking drug testing to be performed at one or more certified laboratories accredited by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) or the College of American Pathologists Forensic Urine Drug Testing (CAP/FUDT) or similar accreditation of equal or greater technical rigor, and in accordance with standards and regulations set by SAMHSA, CAP/FUDT, or similar accreditation organization.</p>

	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>How many daily were donated per location?</p>
14.	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Department does not collect the data needed to respond to this question.</p>

	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>What is the average daily specimens collected?</p>
15.	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Department does not collect the data needed to respond to this question. For all of the calendar year 2014, there were 94,924 tests conducted, with an average of 7,910 per month.</p>

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16.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> How many users will have access to the results?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> Access to the results may be up to 4,000 users after the results are transferred by the contractor to DCFS as described in Statement of Work (SOW) section 16.1.2 (See addendum number one.)
17.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> Does DCFS care if the client called in or not to obtain their schedule?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> No, DCFS is only concerned with whether the client completed the test or not.
18.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> Will after hours testing be required?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> The hours of testing are 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday or Sunday as described in section 8.0 of the SOW
19.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> Can the vendor expand the requirement to capture if the client did not call in?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> No, notwithstanding what was discussed at the January 5, 2015 Bidders' Conference. Clients are not required to identify themselves when they call the 800 number.
20.	<u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u> Will expert witnesses be required to attend court?

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>It is unlikely that contractor staff will be asked to testify as an expert witness. But contractor staff may be subpoenaed to testify in Juvenile Court as a witness.</p>
21.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>What testing is done on Saturdays?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Notwithstanding what was discussed at the January 5, 2015 Bidders' Conference, on-demand and/or make-up tests may be scheduled on weekends.</p>
22.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>Why was the 7 AM to 7 PM schedule selected?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The hours were selected to improve customer service delivery and to accommodate clients who work.</p>
23.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>When will the on-demand test orders be generated?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>On-demand tests can be generated on any day of the week.</p>
24.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>How many cases are expected to be seen in court?</p>

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The majority of cases served by the Department whereby a client will be testing through the contract are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. As of January 2014, the Department has approximately 25,341 active cases.</p>
25.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>How many positive tests were in 2013 and 2014?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The positive tests for the calendar year 2013 was approximately 12,927 tests and for the calendar year 2014 it was approximately 13,669 tests. This includes both alcohol only as well as drug/alcohol tests. The Department does not have the data broken down by type of drug.</p>
26.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>Will the DCFS consider looking at pricing by test instead of generic unit? GC/MS and LC/MS/MS confirms are costly; separating out the type of test (screen versus confirm) and the collection fee will ensure that the DCFS only pays extra when confirms are actually required, instead of building that potential cost into the unit price of every test.</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No, DCFS' requirement is for the cost of the confirmatory test to be included in the unit price.</p>
27.	<p><u>GENERAL QUESTION:</u></p> <p>What is the current percent positive rate for each type of test (alcohol only, drugs & alcohol, D/L isomer)?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Department does not have the data broken down by type of drug.</p>

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PART A – OVERVIEW

<p>28.</p>	<p>PART A, Section #10.0, Paragraph #10.1, Page #6</p> <p>a) Regarding the Procurement Timetable on page 5, Part A, section 9.0: For the Mandatory Bidders' Conference, will the DCFS consider any teleconferencing by vendors who are not located within the County? If so, could you please provide a call-in number?</p> <p>b) We recently opened the referenced bid and would very much like to compete, however, all our team will be conducting trainings the week of the mandatory pre-bid meeting. Is there any way we can participate by telephone? We simply can't get out of what we're doing.</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a and b) No, we do not have the ability to complete a mandatory Bidders' Conference via teleconference.</p>
<p>29.</p>	<p>PART A, Section #5.0, Paragraph #5.2, Page #3</p> <p>On page 3, Part A, section 5.2, the DCFS requires, "SAMHSA, CAP-FUDT or similar accreditation of equal or greater technical rigor. "Will the DCFS accept CLIA licensure as accreditation of equal technical rigor?"</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No. Our research indicates the CLIA refers to approval of waivers for home testing. Waived tests include test systems cleared by the FDA for home use and those tests approved for waiver under the CLIA criteria. Although CLIA requires that waived tests must be simple and have a low risk of erroneous results, this does not mean that waived tests are completely error-proof. Errors can occur anywhere in the testing process, particularly when the manufacturer's instructions are not followed and when testing personnel are not familiar with all aspects of the test system. For this reason, the CLIA is not acceptable as a sole source of certification comparable to SAMHSA or CAP/FUDT accreditation.</p>

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30.	<p>PART A, Section #7.0, Paragraph #7.1, Page #5</p> <p>a) What may cause testing volume to decrease?</p> <p>b) On page 5, Part A, section 7.1.2, the DCFS shows reduced volume rates. Is a significant reduction in volume expected in the next three years, or is the DCFS just implying that volumes are not guaranteed?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a and b) The Department may move away from weekly testing in favor of random testing. This may reduce the number of weekly tests. Further, the County continues to take advantage of opportunities to educate social workers and their supervisors, through training, on the use of alcohol and drug testing, which may lead to more appropriate use of this service and include a possible decrease of testing.</p>

PART B – IFB GENERAL INFORMATION: NO QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR PART B.

PART C – INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS: NO QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR PART C.

PART D – REQUIRED FORMS (IFB SUBMISSION PACKET)

31.	<p>PART D, Required Form #21, Page #70</p> <p>(On page 70, Part D, regarding the pricing per volume ranges in Tables A, B, and C, how will the Total Cost be weighted?) (Will there be any consideration given if bidders vary in which one provides the lowest cost depending on volume for a single range (or multiple ranges)?) For example, what if one vendor is lower for the 1501-3,000 range of Table A but another is lower for the 6,001-7,500 range? Do you have ranges that are more realistic and weighted more heavily, or is this an average of all range prices?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Please quote your organization's unit cost per test for the volumes indicated in each section and multiply your unit price by highest volume listed in each range. Each bid will be based on a month of services at a projected volume of tests that includes 8300 drug and alcohol tests, 100 alcohol tests, and 100 D/L isomer tests. Please refer to the IFB part E, Bid Review and Selection Process, Section 2.0, Part I: Determination of the lowest price and the revised Bid Price worksheet in Addendum One, Form 21.</p>

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32.	<p>PART D, Required Form #21, Page #70</p> <p>Do you want a single price per specimen that includes confirmation? Or would you prefer confirmation fees to be shown separately, and if so, in what format?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Department requires a single price that includes collection, testing, confirmation, reporting of results, and all other services described in the contract.</p>

PART E – SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA: NO QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR PART E.

PART F – PROTEST POLICY TRANSMITTAL FORMS: NO QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR PART F.

PART G – SAMPLE CONTRACT: NO QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR PART G.

PART H – STATEMENT OF WORK

33.	<p>PART H, Section #8.0, Page #'s 11-12</p> <p>Are all of the site locations required to be open Saturday and Sunday (or seven days a week) even if there is no random, weekly, monthly, on-demand, or make up testing scheduled?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The collection sites are required to be open even if there are no scheduled tests. On-demand tests may be scheduled at any time, seven days a week. Therefore, collection sites need to be open to provide this service. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Section 8.0 on pages 11-12.</p>

34.	<p>PART H, Section #10.0, Paragraph #10.1, Sub-Paragraph #10.1.1, Page #14</p> <p>Please confirm that you want specimens picked up from collection sites every day of the week, regardless of the volume of specimens collected by a particular site on a particular day.</p>
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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>All specimens are expected to be collected each day from all the collection sites and be delivered to the laboratory for screening each day they are collected regardless of volume. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Section 10.0; Sub-Paragraph 10.1.1 on page 14.</p>
35.	<p>PART H, Section #14.0, Page #16</p> <p>Is DCFS open to changing the specifications regarding the schedules sorting by first letter of last name?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No, the Department intends to maintain the current method using the first letter of client's last name. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Paragraph 14.0 on page 16.</p>
36.	<p>PART H, Section #12.0, Paragraph #12.1, Page #15</p> <p>a) Can a copy of the Chain of Custody Form be provided to the bidders?</p> <p>b) I would like to request a current chain of custody form. I would also like a copy of your current contract?</p>

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a and b) <u>Chain of Custody</u>: The Department does not have a Chain of Custody Form. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Paragraph 12; Section 12.1 on page 15.</p> <p>b) <u>Copy of Current Contract</u>: See information below or to obtain a copy send a request via email to Syed Uraizee, Contract Analyst at uraizs@dcfs.lacounty.gov.</p> <p>Please log into the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors web page at http://bos.lacounty.gov, click on the Board meeting link and go to Statement of Proceedings, on the right side of the screen in the date range to be searched; search the following dates and agenda item numbers:</p> <table data-bbox="402 856 1193 1003"><tr><td>12/09/2008</td><td>Agenda item #15, recommendation #3</td></tr><tr><td>12/06/2011</td><td>Agenda item #15</td></tr><tr><td>06/04/2013</td><td>Agenda item #25</td></tr><tr><td>05/20/2014</td><td>Agenda item #17</td></tr></table> <p>This will take you to the copies of the current contract and Board filed amendments.</p>	12/09/2008	Agenda item #15, recommendation #3	12/06/2011	Agenda item #15	06/04/2013	Agenda item #25	05/20/2014	Agenda item #17
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37.	<p>PART H, Section #14.0, Page #16</p> <p>How will the clients obtain their testing schedule?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>An 800 number, maintained by the contractor, will be provided to the client by their assigned social worker. The client will call the 800 number Sunday through Thursday to find out whether they must test the next day. Clients who are testing on-demand will receive instructions on when to test from their assigned social worker. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Section 14.0 on page 16.</p>								
38.	<p>PART H, Section #14.0, Page #16</p> <p>Is the vendor selecting the dates of the random testing and implementing the weekly schedule?</p>								

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Yes. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Section 14.0 on page 16.</p>
39.	<p>PART H, Section #14.0, Paragraph #14.3, Page 16</p> <p>Will the County entertain alternatives to Random “Alphabetical Selection System”, such as IVR (Interactive Voice Response) system if it accomplishes the needs for Random Drug Testing program for DCFS?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No. The Department has determined that the random alphabetical selection system is working well for drug and alcohol testing services because it does not require clients to identify themselves or enter a unique code.</p>
40.	<p>Part H, Section #11.0, Page #'s 14-15</p> <p>Would the DCFS consider oral fluids testing as an option? The same drug tests requested in the IFB for urine could be performed in oral fluids. Case workers would be able to perform gender-neutral collections themselves, saving the DCFS a considerable amount of money. They would then merely send the specimens to a laboratory for screening and/or confirmation, which could be performed within the same amount of time as a urine specimen test. This could be utilized as a way to “spot check” a client during a routine visit if recent use is suspected.</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No. The prospective bidder will be selected to collect urine samples for drug and alcohol testing. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H, Section 11.0 on pages 14-15.</p>
41.	<p>PART H, Section #10.0, Paragraph #10.3, Sub-Paragraph #10.3.1, Page # 14</p> <p>(On page 70, Part D, we notice D/L isomer tests is being given separate consideration from regular drug tests.) This is not a common test in the industry and is often not practical to run. (For what purpose does the DCFS currently utilize this test?) Does the DCFS find that this test adds substantial value to your interpretation of tests that a standard confirmation test does not already provide?</p>

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Yes, the Department believes that the test adds value. DCFS utilizes this test to be informed of a client's possible abuse of Amphetamines versus non-abuse. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Section 10.0, Paragraph 10.3, Sub-Paragraph 10.3.1 on page 14.</p>
42.	<p>PART H, Section #10.0, Paragraph #10.5, Page #14</p> <p>DCFS has contracted with a SAMHSA certified laboratory provider for the drug testing portion of the instant IFB for at least the last 15 years. Additionally, the laboratory is accredited by The College of American Pathologist's Forensic Drug Testing program (CAP-FDT). The federal SAMHSA certification program requires the certified laboratory to meet specific and demanding quality performance criteria established FOR EACH AND EVERY DRUG contained in the routine DCFS monitoring panel. The CAP-FDT program does not. Should the proposed, less stringent, requirements defined in the IFB be accepted, a laboratory that has successfully received only the CAP-FDT accreditation (not certification) for a portion of the drugs tested for in the routine DCFS panel could be awarded the service agreement. Will the department take steps to ensure that laboratories that only participate in voluntary programs such as CAP-FDT, are, in-fact, accredited for each and every target analyte? What experts does the department have at its disposal to ensure that the voluntary accreditation programs are current and in place for each target analyte?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>All drug analyses shall be conducted by a laboratory that is certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) or is accredited by the College of American Pathologists Forensic Urine Drug Testing (CAP/FUDT). Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Section 10.0, Paragraph 10.5 on page 14.</p> <p>The Department will require that a selected vendor that is CAP/FUDT accredited to provide annual documentation that each analyte is tested at no additional cost to the County. The Department will utilize its discretion to determine the appropriate annual documentation for submission by the vendor. As needed, the Department may solicit a consultant from within or outside the County at its sole discretion.</p> <p>Please see Addendum One to the IFB.</p>
43.	<p>PART H, Section #10.0, Paragraph #10.5, Page #14</p> <p>Which Lab certifications are required?</p>

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>All drug analyses shall be conducted by a laboratory that is certified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) or is accredited by the College of American Pathologists Forensic Urine Drug Testing (CAP/FUDT). Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Section 10, Paragraph 10.5 on page 14.</p>
44.	<p>PART H, Section #3.0, Paragraph #3.15, Page #3</p> <p>On page 3 of Part H, section 3.15, we would like to point out that “EMIT” is a term used in the industry for a screening process utilizing one specific manufacturer’s reagent. Enzyme immunoassay (EIA) is the generic term for the same process. In contrast, in Part N, page 240, paragraph e, the instructions refer to a generic “immunoassay which meets the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration for commercial distribution” which is standard. Will the DCFS accept a screen done by enzyme immunoassay in general, or are you requiring EMIT specifically?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>DCFS will accept EIA as an alternative to EMIT.</p> <p>Please see Addendum One to the IFB.</p>
45.	<p>PART H, Section #10.0, Page #14</p> <p>The IFB is labeled as “Urine Sample Collection for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services” and refers to sample collection only throughout the IFB. Part H, Section 10 refers to laboratory services. Please verify that this IFB is for both sample collection and testing services.</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The IFB is for both sample collection and drug and alcohol testing services</p>
46.	<p>PART H, Section #10.0, Paragraph #10.2, Page #14</p> <p>a) What is the historical or estimated positivity rate, overall and broken down by type of drug?</p> <p>b) What are the number of positives for each drug over the past Fiscal Year? Part H, 10.2, Page 14. All urine specimens, which are positive in the initial screen, shall be subjected to further confirmation of positive results.</p>

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a, and b) The number of positive tests for the calendar year 2013 were approximately 12,927 tests and for the calendar year 2014, it was approximately 13,669 tests. This includes both alcohol only as well as drug/alcohol tests. The Department does not maintain the data broken down by type of drug.</p>
47.	<p>PART H, Section # 10.0, Paragraph # 10.3, Page # 14</p> <p>(Are participants permitted to take prescription medications that are known to cross react during the screening process?) If yes, are all of these presumptive positives required to go through the GC/MS confirmation process? Part H, 10.3, Page 14. 'CONTRACTOR shall perform confirmation of all urine specimens submitted for drug testing which yield positive results in the initial screening process to substantially determine the validity of positive screen results. (The confirmation shall be conducted utilizing Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GCMS)).</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Yes, all these presumptive positives are required to go through confirmation process. The Department cannot advise clients not to take prescription medication.</p> <p>Please refer to Addendum One to the IFB that allows use of LC-MS/MS.</p>
48.	<p>PART H, Section # 3.0 Paragraph # 3.1, Page # 2</p> <p>What type of urine alcohol is being used? Part H, 3.1, Page 4. 'Alcohol Testing – A method of measuring the presence of alcohol in a person's body through analysis of urine specimen.'</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Department does not have the information on the type of urine alcohol being used.</p>

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<p>49.</p>	<p>PART H, Section # 3.0 Paragraph # 3.17, Page # 4 PART H, Section # 10.0, Paragraph # 10.3, Page # 14</p> <p>a) On page 3 of Part H, section 3.17, we notice that the DCFS only mentions GC/MS as a confirmation methodology. However, liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS) is widely utilized in the industry as a comparable confirmation methodology. LC/MS/MS confirmation method is more sensitive and specific than GC/MS, and increases compound identification specificity through the use of two mass spectrometers, versus a single one for GC/MS methods. In Volume 73, No. 228, page 71868 of the Federal Register, the Department of Health & Human Services indicates that LC/MS/MS methodologies have proven to be reliable to test specimens, and produce forensically and scientifically supportable results. Moreover, LC/MS/MS results have proven to be defensible in courts of law across the country. (Will the DCFS accept LC/MS/MS as another acceptable methodology for confirmation of certain drugs?)</p> <p>b) Can LC/MS/MS be used in place of GC/MS? Part H, 10.3.</p> <p>c) Will LC/MS/MS be an alternative for GC/MS as a method of confirmation?</p> <p>d) SOW #10.3 – Will the Agency accept LC-MS/MS as a confirmatory method? (While gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) has long been considered to be the “gold standard” of confirmatory testing, however, due to significant scientific and technical advances, in 2014 the “platinum standard” is LC-MS/MS. An analysis of the 2014 summary results for College of American Pathologist (CAP) Forensic Urine Drug Test Confirmatory proficiency test indicates that LC-MS/MS is a defensible, increasingly common method, and is even the preferred methodology for certain analytes.)</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a, b, c and d) Yes, the Department will accept LC-MS/MS as another acceptable methodology for confirmation.</p> <p>Please see Addendum One to the IFB.</p>

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50.	<p>PART H, Section # 13.0, Paragraph # 13.1, Page # 15</p> <p>Requirement regarding answering of the Warm Line: PacTox currently receives an average of 5500 calls/month on the warm line from CSW's. Approximately 60% of these calls are unrelated to PacTox and require a DCFS staff member to respond or are calls for testing results from DCFS employees who are not authorized to access client reports. Will DCFS have a mechanism to decrease these types of calls, or will the "Contractor" continue to field calls that it cannot or should have to respond to.</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Subsection 16.1.2 requirements in the Statement of Work, has been revised to include that the selected vendor is to provide the Department with test results twice a day and the Department will have the results made available to its appropriate staff. The Department is of the opinion that this process will significantly decrease the number of calls received by the vendor.</p> <p>Please see Addendum One to the IFB.</p>
51.	<p>PART H, Section # 6.0, Paragraph # 6.3, Page # 8</p> <p>SOW #6.3 – What is the detailed process for court ordered (on-demand) testing? How frequently does this occur?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>All the referrals, court-ordered or not, for on-demand (including random and weekly) testing, are submitted by the assigned social worker through the DCFS' electronic referral system throughout the work day and after hours, including weekends and holidays.</p>
52.	<p>PART H, Section # 6.5, Paragraph # 6.5.1, Pages # 8-9</p> <p>SOW #6.5 – Will the agency provide all of the data points/information listed in 6.5.1? (Sub-items a through n) For example, whether a client is diabetic or not.</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Yes, DCFS will provide all the data points/information, including if a client is diabetic if known.</p>

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53.	PART H, Section # 6.5, Paragraph # 6.5.1, Page # 8 SOW #6.5 – a) Which of the data elements in 6.5.1 need to be presented on the test result report? b) Does any of this information need to be presented in a separate report? If so, in which report(s)?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> a and b) All of the data elements need to be presented on one test result report. Information does not need to be presented in a separate report.
54.	PART H, Section # 1.0, Paragraph #11.1, Page # 4-15 SOW #11.0 – Please confirm that client may be selected for Drug Testing only, Alcohol testing only, or Drug and Alcohol testing.
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> The client will be referred for alcohol testing only or alcohol and drug testing.
55.	PART H, Section #11.0, Page #14-15 SOW #11.0 – Does the Agency want the contractor to perform Ethanol alcohol testing or EtG/EtS testing?
	<u>RESPONSE:</u> The Department has determined that Ethanol alcohol testing is sufficient.
56.	PART H, Section #14.0, Page #16 SOW #14.0 Toll Free Number – in lieu of the “alphabet” randomization method, would you accept the vendor’s randomization program if it replicates the testing frequency requirements indicated in the IFB?

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No. The Department is interested in maintaining the current method of sorting by the first letter of client's last name. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H; Paragraph 14.0 on page 16.</p>
57.	<p>PART H, Section #14.0, Page #16</p> <p>a. SOW #14.0 – Do you want two different toll-free phone numbers, one for the monthly test schedule and one for the weekly test schedule?</p> <p>b. SOW #14.1 – If we can provide notification to all DCFS clients with one single toll-free phone line for weekly, monthly, and random testing, will that be acceptable to the Agency?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>a and b) The toll free “800” Client Hotline Service will be one number with two options for the caller, one for random testing and one for weekly testing.</p>
58.	<p>PART H, Section # 14.0, Paragraph # 14.5, Page # 16</p> <p>SOW #14.5 – What are the reasons for requiring that the recorded message be changed between 6:00 and 6:30 each day? Can the recorded message be changed at midnight instead?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Department has determined that the current procedures of the recorded message and notification that are a requirement in the IFB are serving the DCFS Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Program and our clients very well. We will not be making any changes to the IFB deliverable on use of the recorded message and notification to clients.</p>

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59.	<p>PART H</p> <p>Are all of the requirements outlined in the Statement of Work (Section H) being met today? In other words, does the statement of work represent the way testing is performed by the current contractor? If not, please provide a detailed description of how services are provided currently, highlighting the differences between the IFB requirements and the current program.</p> <p>RESPONSE:</p> <p>The current Statement of Work (SOW) is not identical to the SOW included in this IFB. The current Statement of Work can be found in the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors web page links below:</p> <p>12/09/2008 Agenda item #15, recommendation #3 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/46398.pdf 12/06/2011 Agenda item #15 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/65220.pdf 06/04/2013 Agenda item #25 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/77059.pdf 05/20/2014 Agenda item #17 http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/85017.pdf</p> <p>This will take you to the copies of the current contract and Board filed amendments.</p>
60.	<p>PART H, Section #11.0, Page #14-15</p> <p>Would a Breath Alcohol Test be an acceptable alternative? Part H, 3.1, Page 4, 'Alcohol Testing – A method of measuring the presence of alcohol in a person's body through analysis of urine specimen.'</p> <p>RESPONSE:</p> <p>No, please refer to Statement of Work, Part H, Section 11.0 on Pages 14-15.</p>
61.	<p>PART H, Section # 11.0, Paragraph # 11.3, Page # 15</p> <p>(How are glucose positive samples identified currently?) Part H, 11.3, Page 15. 'If CONTRACTOR identifies as glucose positive a urine specimen of a client who has not been identified as diabetic by COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY, within one business day from the end of the day in which the glucose positive was identified.'</p>

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	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Department is not knowledgeable of the details of the current process to test for urine glucose.</p>
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62.	<p>PART H, Section #16.0, Paragraph #16.1, Sub-Paragraph #16.1.2, Page 17</p> <p>Regarding results turnaround (as described on Part H, page 14, section 10.1.1), would the DCFS accept a 24-hour for negatives and 72-hour for positives from receipt of specimen at the testing lab instead of from time of sample collection? For out-of-county labs, the first 24 hours may be required for overnight transportation of the specimen. This will also allow more vendors to participate in the bid.</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No. Please refer to Statement of Work, Part H, Section 16.0, Paragraph 16.1, Sub-Paragraph 16.1.2 on page 17.</p>

63.	<p>PART H, Section # 11, Paragraph # 11.2, Page # 15</p> <p>(Regarding the test to determine possible production of alcohol from a diabetes condition (in Part H, section 11.2 on page 15), will the DCFS accept a test for yeast as opposed to one for glucose?) Yeast testing would not require that a preservative be added to a specimen, as glucose does.</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>No.</p>

PART I – EXHIBITS TO SAMPLE CONTRACT:

64.	<p>PART I, Exhibit #N, Page #241</p> <p>On Part N, page 241, paragraph g, it looks like the DCFS is requiring an MRO to review results. Please confirm that this is an outside MRO hired by the DCFS and it is not required to be part of the vendor's proposal/pricing.</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Exhibit N has been removed in its entirety. Please see Addendum One to the IFB.</p>

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65.	<p>PART I, Exhibit #N, Page #242</p> <p>On Part N, page 242, section h(i), it looks like a “split specimen collection” may be required. However, this process is generally only utilized for SAMHSA employee/DOT testing. Is split specimen collection required?</p>
	<p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Exhibit N has been removed in its entirety. Please see Addendum One to the IFB.</p>

PART J – APPENDICES: NO QUESTIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR PART J.