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ADDENDUM 2
RFP #22-0043
LAB SERVICES FOR SARS-CoV-2 TESTING

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The following is to ensure that vendors have complete information prior to submitting a proposal. Here are some clarifications regarding the proposal for *Lab Services* for the *Health Department*.

Questions and/or statements of clarification are in **bold** font, and answers to specific questions are *italicized*.

1. In regard to the turnaround time, how will the collection time be documented?

Answer: Collection time is generally written on the tube, but would also be documented on any form or electronic requisition that would accompany the test.

2. Is the turnaround time calculated 24 hours from the specific time of collection or 24 hours from the day of collection? (example: Tuesday 2:45pm collection, Wednesday 2:45pm result? Or Tuesday collection, Wednesday result?)

Answer: It would be 24 hours from the time of specimen collection.

3. As we would be providing shipping containers, does that mean that the county will be putting the specimens in shipping containers which the lab would be able to pick up to ship to our lab?

Answer: Yes, specimens would be placed in shipping containers by lab staff and/or collection staff to be ready for pick up at designated time/location.

4. In the operations form, there is a space for sample collection (days and time). Based on reading the scope of work, I didn't see anything related to the lab providing specimen collection. Would the county be doing the specimen collection or does the lab need to provide staff to swab patients?

Answer: The county will collect specimens from patients. This line in the operations form is for the days/hours of when the samples will be delivered/dropped off to the Lab.

- 5. Does the requirement of multiplexing mean that you want multiple tests run on a single sample? Is running singleplex on three different targets acceptable?**

Answer: The overall goal of requesting multiplex was to get multiple tests ran off one (1) specimen. It would make little difference to the county if this were done by three (3) separate assays rather than one multiplex. Running three (3) separate tests would generally cost more and take more time/resources. As long as the lab can meet the turn around and reporting needs there will not be any issues.

- 6. Would it be acceptable to report results within 24 hours of receipt instead of 24 hours after collection?**

Answer: Typically, as noted above, it is 24 hours after collection unless done on a weekend and then it is 6pm Monday per the contract requirements.

- 7. Is the county providing the Collection Teams/Staff for these specimens, and how many test sites will be available on a daily basis?**

Answer: This can vary based upon need.

- 8. Is there a cut-off time for collection each day and does this vary by site?**

Answer: Varies by site and is based on need.

- 9. The Scope of Work references need for multiplex test as well as NAAT for SARS-CoV-2, will all specimens be performed as multiplex or is this something that would be offered on a case by case basis? Is the expectation for separate price points for multiplex testing vs. COVID only tests?**

Answer: A Multiplex with Sars Cov-2 along with Flu A/B is what is stated in the contract. It should be a nucleic acid amplification test (such as PCR), with capabilities to test for Sars Cov-2 along with Flu A/B.

- 10. Is there a minimum number of tests that would be sent out in one day?**

Answer: We did not specify a minimum as there are too many factors that could affect the numbers sent out. It will vary based off RFP if we exceed 400 samples per week.

- 11. Is it required that vendors be registered with SoS in Kansas upon submission or can this be completed contingent on award selection?**

Answer: The lab must be connected and approved to KDHE prior to contract.

- 12. Is it required that vendors be interfaced with Kansas DOH Reporting systems upon submission or can this be completed contingent on award selection?**

Answer: The lab must be connected and approved to KDHE prior to contract.

- 13. Are SDOH planning and after action meetings generally held in person, or via video conference?**

Answer: They are held via zoom/video interface.

- 14. Will samples be subject to insurance billing or only private pay/direct billed against the contract?**

Answer: We service underinsured/state funded patients.

- 15. Where will the pickup location be for the specimens and also where should the specimen kits should be sent?**

Answer: Pickup location is not a set location at this time. It could be located at West Central, E 9th or wherever collection is performed. Specimen kits would be dropped off at the same location as specimen pickup.

16. Our firm would like to ask if insurance is required to be active and supplied in order to submit a response, or if this is able to be provided upon notification of intent to award?

Answer: Provided upon notification of intent to award.

Firms interested in submitting a *proposal*, must respond with complete information and **deliver on or before 1:45 pm CDT, July 12, 2022**. Late *proposals* will not be accepted and will not receive consideration for final award.

“PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM ON THE *PROPOSAL* RESPONSE PAGE.”



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