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7. Issued By: Office of Contracting and Procurement Professional Services Commodity Group IX 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 700 South Washington, DC 20001			8. Address Offer to: Office of Contracting and Procurement 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 703 South, Bid Counter Washington, DC 20001		

NOTE: In sealed bid solicitations "offer" and offeror" means "bid" and "bidder"

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9. Sealed offers in original and 5 copies for furnishing the supplies or services in the Schedule will be received at the place specified in Item 8, or if hand carried to the bid counter located at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 703S, Bid Counter, Washington, DC until 2:00 p.m. local time 18-May-07
(Hour) (Date)

CAUTION: Late Submissions, Modifications and Withdrawals: See 27 DCMR chapters 15 & 16 as applicable. All offers are subject to all terms & conditions contained in this solicitation.

10. For Information Contact	A. Name Angela Turner	B. Telephone (Area Code) (Number) (Ext) 202 724 5446		C. E-mail Address Angela.turner@dc.gov
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OFFER

12. In compliance with the above, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within 7 calendar days from the date for receipt of offers specified above, to furnish any or all items upon which prices are offered at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), within the time specified herein.

13. Discount for Prompt Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Calendar days %	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Calendar days %	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Calendar days %	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Calendar days %
14. Acknowledgement of Amendments (The offeror acknowledges receipt of amendments to the SOLICITATION):	Amendment Number	Date	Amendment Number	Date

15A. Name and Address of Offeror	16. Name and Title of Person Authorized to Sign Offer/Contract	
15B. Telephone (Area Code) (Number) (Ext)	15 C. Check if remittance address is different from above - Refer to Section G <input type="checkbox"/>	17. Signature
18. Offer Date		

AWARD (TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNMENT)

19. Accepted as to Items Numbered	20. Amount	21. Accounting and Appropriation
22. Name of Contracting Officer (Type or Print)	23. Signature of Contracting Officer (District of Columbia)	24. Award Date



Government of the District of Columbia



Office of Contracting & Procurement

SECTION B: SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE

- B.1** The District of Columbia Government, Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the Office of the Office of Attorney General, Child Support Enforcement Division (OAG/CSSD) is seeking the services of a contractor to provide genetic testing.
- B.2** The District contemplates award of a requirements contract with payments based on fixed-unit prices.
- B.2.1** The District will purchase its requirements of the articles or services included herein from the Contractor. The estimated quantities stated herein reflect the best estimates available. The estimate shall not be construed as a representation that the estimated quantity will be required or ordered, or that conditions affecting requirements will be stable. They shall not be construed to limit the quantities which may be ordered from the Contractor by the District or to relieve the Contractor of its obligation to fill all such orders.
- a) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized in accordance with the Ordering Clause, G.10. The District may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations. If the District urgently requires delivery before the earliest date that delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the Contractor shall not accept an order providing for the accelerated delivery, the District may acquire the urgently required goods or services from another source.
 - b) There is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The District may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.
 - c) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and District's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided, that the Contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after contract expiration or termination.

B.3 PRICE SCHEDULE

B.3.1 BASE YEAR

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE ¹	TOTAL PRICE
0001	Genetic Testing for IV-D Case	4000	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
0002	Genetic Testing for Non IV-D Case	800	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
				Estimated Total Base Year	\$ _____

B.3.2 OPTION YEAR ONE

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE ¹	TOTAL PRICE
1001	Genetic Testing for IV-D Case	4000	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
1002	Genetic Testing for Non IV-D Case	800	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
				Estimated Total Option Year 1	\$ _____

¹ Pricing is inclusive of all cost associated with providing the required service, including, but not limited to labor, material and administrative cost assuming that the Contractor shall provide a Phlebotomist at the D.C. Superior Court during the hours specified in C.3.3 and for Special Projects. Refer to C.3.3.4. In the event OAG/CSSD requires the Contractor to also provide a Phlebotomist at CSSD during the hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, the cost of the test will increase by \$____ per test.

B.3.3 OPTION YEAR TWO

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE ¹	TOTAL PRICE
2001	Genetic Testing for IV-D Case	4000	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
2002	Genetic Testing for Non IV-D Case	800	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
				Estimated Total Option Year 2	\$ _____

B.3.4 OPTION YEAR THREE

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE ¹	TOTAL PRICE
3001	Genetic Testing for IV-D Case	4000	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
3002	Genetic Testing for Non IV-D Case	800	Specimen	\$ _____	\$ _____
				Estimated Total Option Year 3	\$ _____

¹ Pricing is inclusive of all cost associated with providing the required service, including, but not limited to labor, material and administrative cost assuming that the Contractor shall provide a Phlebotomist at the D.C. Superior Court during the hours specified in C.3.3 and for Special Projects. Refer to C.3.3.4. In the event OAG/CSSD requires the Contractor to also provide a Phlebotomist at CSSD during the hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, the cost of the test will increase by \$____ per test.

B.3.5 OPTION YEAR FOUR

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE ¹	TOTAL PRICE
4001	Genetic Testing for IV-D Case	4000	Specimen	\$_____	\$_____
4002	Genetic Testing for Non IV-D Case	800	Specimen	\$_____	\$_____
				Estimated Total Option Year 4	\$_____

¹ Pricing is inclusive of all cost associated with providing the required service, including, but not limited to labor, material and administrative cost assuming that the Contractor shall provide a Phlebotomist at the D.C. Superior Court during the hours specified in C.3.3 and for Special Projects. Refer to C.3.3.4. In the event OAG/CSSD requires the Contractor to also provide a Phlebotomist at CSSD during the hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, the cost of the test will increase by \$_____ per test.

SECTION C: SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

C.1 SCOPE:

The District of Columbia Government, Office of the Attorney General, Child Support Services Division (OAG/CSSD) is seeking the services of a Contractor to provide genetic testing for approximately 4000 specimens per year. Genetic testing shall be provided to mother, putative father and all identified children.

C.1.1 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

Item No.	Title	Date
1	U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety 1/1/06 and Health Standards, 29 C.F.R§1910.1030 (applicable to handling of human blood)	1/1/06
2	D.C. Official Code § 16-909.01 (2006 Supp.) <u>Establishment of paternity by voluntary acknowledgment and based on genetic test results.</u>	3/1/07

C.1.2 DEFINITIONS

C.1.2.1 IV-D – Refers to title IV-D of the Social Security Act: In 1935, Congress enacted legislation establishing the Aid for Dependent Child program (AFDC). AFDC established a partnership between the federal government and the states by providing appropriations to those states which adopt child support State plan approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and required under § 454 of the Social Security Act. The states in turn provide a minimum monthly subsistence payment to families meeting established need requirements. In 1974, Congress passed the Family Support Act (FSA), Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, requiring states receiving AFDC funds to establish and enforce child support obligations. Every state receiving AFDC funds had to establish a child support enforcement agency popularly known as a "IV-D Agency" that was required to meet standards promulgated by the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), a division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

C.1.2.2 IV-D Case – The Child Support Services Division (CSSD) is a IV-D agency. Cases that CSSD have an interest are called IV-D cases. A case becomes an IV-D case either by application directly to the IV-D agency for services by the custodial parent, or by referral

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from a public aid program. Recipients of public assistance under certain Federal programs must be referred to the IV-D agency for paternity establishment and child support enforcement services.

C.1.2.3 Non IV-D Case – A child support case handled by a private attorney as opposed to the State or local child support enforcement (IV-D) agency – e.g. divorce proceeding. A non IV-D case is one where the State:

1. Is not currently providing service under the State's IV-D or public assistance programs.
2. Has not previously provided State services under any of these programs.
3. Has no current application or applicable fee for services paid by either parent.

C.1.2.4 Case Coordinator – District employee or agent who is responsible for scheduling or coordinating genetic testing for the District's IV-D agency.

C.1.2.5 Phlebotomist – One who collects specimens for analysis and is licensed in accordance with local professional licensing standards, as required.

C.1.2.6 Special Project – An event that OAG/CSSD holds outside of the normal business hours that require genetic testing. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

C.2 BACKGROUND

OAG/CSSD functions as the authorized federal IV-D agency for the District of Columbia. OAG/CSSD assists families in locating absent parents, establishing paternity, establishing orders for child and medical support, enforcing delinquent orders of support, seeking modification of orders where appropriate and making determinations of whether non-custodial parents of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients should be referred to Welfare-to-Work programs. OAG/CSSD performs all legal and programmatic functions associated with the District government's child support program.

OAG/CSSD is mandated by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) to have and use procedures under which it can introduce as evidence of paternity the results of any genetic test that is of a type generally acknowledged as reliable by accreditation bodies and is performed by an accredited laboratory. When both conditions are satisfied, the test results can be introduced as evidence of paternity without the need for foundation testimony or other proof of authenticity or accuracy, unless an objection is made. Existing law requires States to have and use procedures under which objections must be made within a specific time period. The law gives States the flexibility to base the time frame for objections on the scheduled hearing date or the date the test result was received.

The requirement that States choose accredited laboratories for paternity testing in order to expedite contested cases reflects the widespread acceptance in scientific and legal circles of the validity of particular genetic tests for paternity, as well as for existing standards, such as chain-of-custody for safeguarding test results. A customary means of assuring the reliability and validity of genetic tests for paternity is for testing laboratories to voluntarily seek accreditation under the standards and requirements set by recognized accrediting bodies, such

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as the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB). Additionally, D.C. Official Code § 16-909.01 (2006 Supp.) provides that paternity may be established by a genetic test and an affidavit from a laboratory approved by an accreditation body designated by the Department of Health and Human Services, that affirms at least a 99% probability that the putative father is the father of the child.

C.3 REQUIREMENTS

C.3.1 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all information provided by the District or the subjects of genetic testing, including the identity of any person from whom samples are collected. The Contractor shall only use confidential information for purposes of fulfilling its contractual requirements with the District and shall not disclose confidential information in any information or document produced or maintained by the Contractor and intended for, or subject to, public disclosure, unless otherwise required by law. All contract staff, including subcontractors, shall be required to sign confidentiality statements reflecting this requirement, prior to gaining access to any such confidential information.

C.3.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND CAPACITY

C.3.2.1 The Contractor shall be approved and accredited by the Parentage Testing Committee of the AABB for the type of parentage testing that the Contractor performs.

C.3.2.2 The Contractor shall possess expertise and experience in conducting genetic testing in multiple jurisdictions and coordinating all aspects of genetic testing for the determination of paternity in any interstate or international case. This expertise and experience shall include, at a minimum, the following: sending genetic specimen collection kits to interstate or international jurisdictions after a referral is made; retrieving, processing and analyzing genetic sampling kits sent to the interstate or international jurisdiction; and simultaneously scheduling and processing test subjects in the District of Columbia and analyzing samples obtained from local subjects and interstate and international subjects to arrive at genetic test results.

C.3.2.3 The Contractor shall have the capacity to provide genetic testing services for approximately 4000 specimens a year, including coordinating and arranging out-of-state genetic testing. The Contractor shall provide testing to each of the following individuals per case: mother, putative father, and all identified children. When necessary, the Contractor shall provide motherless testing, collect specimens from incarcerated individuals, and test autopsy specimens.

C.3.3 SPECIMAN COLLECTION

C. 3.3.1 The Contractor shall obtain samples by buccal swab or similar medically acceptable technique used in DNA testing, which involves the collection of blood, bodily tissue or bodily fluids containing DNA suitable for use in parentage testing.

- C.3.3.2** The Contractor shall comply with the Blood Borne Pathogens provisions of the U.S. Department of Labor regulations concerning Occupational Safety and Health Standards, 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1030, in fulfilling the requirements of this contract.
- C.3.3.3** The Contractor shall provide a Phlebotomist(s) to collect specimens Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except District of Columbia holidays, at the D.C. Superior Court, JM Level, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. The Contractor may also be required to provide a Phlebotomist to collect specimens at Child Support Services Division CSSD.
- C.3.3.4** The Contractor shall provide a Phlebotomist(s) to collect specimens outside of the normal business hours for Special Projects. Special Projects will require the need of an onsite Phlebotomist at a minimum the following location:
- Special Project Location
Child Support Services Division
441 4th St., NW, Suite 550N,
Washington, DC, 20001
- C.3.3.4.1** OAG/CSSD will provide prior notice of time and any additional Special Project location sites.
- C.3.3.5** The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all necessary equipment, including the following: examination table, draw chair, desk, facsimile machine, photocopier, instant camera, removable privacy partition, secretarial chair, secure file cabinet, secure waste container, secure medical supply cabinet, and 4 waiting chairs for each collection site.
- C.3.3.6** The Contractor shall immediately notify the COTR if the regular Phlebotomist is unable to come or must leave early due to an emergency, and shall have a replacement at the collection site within 1 hour of the Phlebotomist notifying the Contractor of the emergency. The Contractor shall ensure that a Phlebotomist is on-duty at the collection site(s) during the hours specified in C.3.3.3. The District will monitor the Phlebotomist attendance on a daily basis. The Contractor's failure to fulfill this requirement on any day in any monthly billing period will result in a five (5%) percent reduction in the monthly invoiced amount to be paid.
- C.3.3.7** The Contractor shall provide Phlebotomists that have proven capabilities in performing the work set forth in the requirements and previous training in the form of testing used by the Contractor. A complete written Phlebotomist job description shall be included in the Contractor's file and be available upon request. The job description shall include education, experience and certification criteria, a description of duties and responsibilities, hours of work, and performance evaluation criteria. The Contractor immediately shall replace any Phlebotomist at the COTR's request.
- C.3.3.8** The Contractor's Phlebotomists shall inquire, prior to collection of paternity samples, if any party has had a blood transfusion within the past ninety (90) days or

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a bone marrow or stem cell transplant at any time and shall make such notification on the notarized genetic test report.

C.3.3.9 The Contractor's Phlebotomists shall follow clear chain of custody procedures to ensure accurate identification of all specimens collected. The Contractor shall create and preserve an adequate documentary record of the custody of the samples collected in every case sufficient to withstand evidentiary objections in District courts. Such record shall be adequate to provide a legally acceptable foundation for the testimony of an expert witness or witnesses in the case.

C.3.3.10 The Contractor's Phlebotomists shall record identifying information from the individual's government-issued identification or other identification documents on the paperwork completed at the draw site.

C.3.3.10.1 The Contractor's Phlebotomists shall photocopy

1. a government issued picture identification card from all adult subjects prior to collection of their specimen, and
2. the court order, administrative order, or letter issued by the Case Coordinator directing the collection.

C.3.3.10.2 The Contractor's Phlebotomists shall obtain fingerprints of all of the adult subject if he/she does not have a government-issued identification card.

C.3.3.10.3 The Contractor shall turn over all of the aforementioned copies to the COTR or destroy them, and provide proof of destruction, as the COTR directs at the end of the contract.

C.3.3.11 The Contractor's Phlebotomists shall follow the following steps if a party appears for testing without an order or letter from the Case Coordinator directing a specimen collection:

- a) The Phlebotomist shall have the individual return to the courtroom s/he just left to retrieve a copy of the court order if the person had a hearing on the same day they are appearing for testing.
- b) If the person is appearing for testing on a day other than the hearing date or if the person informs the Phlebotomist that an administrative order was issued and not a court order (meaning the parties completed the paperwork at OAG/CSSD's office whereby they agreed to submit to genetic testing), then the Phlebotomist shall check its files or check with the lab to see if a copy of the order has already been produced by another party to the case.
- c) If an individual is unwilling to return to the courtroom to get a copy of the order or if the Phlebotomist cannot locate a copy of the order instructing the collection, then the Phlebotomist shall first try to contact the Case Coordinator. If the Phlebotomist cannot reach the Case Coordinator, then the phlebotomist shall attempt to contact the COTR. The Phlebotomist shall request that the COTR confirms that a collection should be performed, fax the Phlebotomist a copy of the order directing the genetic test.
- d) As a last resort, the Phlebotomist shall direct the individual to go to Room 4335 in the Court (Clerk's Office) where the court jackets are maintained to

get a copy of the court order, or direct the person to go to OAG/CSSD's office located at 1 Judiciary Square, Suite 550N to retrieve a copy of the administrative order.

C.3.3.12 The Contractor's Phlebotomists shall take instant photographs of the putative father, mother, and child(ren) involved in a case and attach these photographs to the genetic test reports.

C.3.3.13 The Contractor shall schedule specimen collections for test subjects in interstate and international cases within 48 hours of the Case Coordinator's request, and notify the Case Coordinator of the date, time, and location of such scheduled collections. The Contractor shall arrange for samples to be collected within no more than a 25 mile radius from the subject's principle place of residence. The Contractor shall ensure that the facility collecting the samples receives all necessary documentation and collection kits prior to the scheduled appointment. The Contractor shall notify the Case Coordinator in writing of an individual's failure to appear for a scheduled appointment, within 24 business hours of the missed appointment.

C.3.4 SANITATION & BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

C.3.4.1 The Contractor shall collect, securely store and dispose of all bio-hazardous waste generated in specified areas identified for specimen collection in a manner conforming to federal, state and local requirements.

C.3.4.2 The Contractor shall remove all waste from the secured waste container daily.

C.3.5 SPECIMAN TESTING

C.3.5.1 The Contractor shall perform genetic testing on all collected specimens sufficient to affirm at least a 99% probability that the putative father is or is not the father of the child.

C.3.5.1.1 The Contractor shall provide results of genetic testing fifteen (15) calendar days after the last party is tested to the Case Coordinator.

C.3.5.2 The Contractor shall provide reconfirmation in each exclusionary test result by performing a double testing, which shall involve the secondary analysis of the putative father.

C.3.5.3 The Contractor shall not dispose of any specimen collected without receiving the prior consent of the Case Coordinator or the COTR.

C.3.5.4 The Contractor shall assume all costs in the event of re-collection of specimens due to the negligence of the Contractor or its employees assigned to this contract. Non-exclusive examples of negligence are:

1. A break in the chain of custody

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2. Failure to label the specimen with the proper identifiers to indicate the donor
3. Samples that can not be located while in storage
4. Insufficient amount of sample taken

C.3.5.5 The Contractor shall provide, upon request from the D.C. Superior Court or OAG/CSSD, a qualified expert witness who possesses a degree in Medicine (M.D.) or a Ph.D. in an applicable scientific field, and who is familiar with various State Child Support Enforcement Programs so as to testify in cases before the D.C. Superior Court. The qualified expert witness shall be an expert in the area of genetic testing, including, but not limited to, how test results are determined, how DNA is compared, how a paternity percentage is determined from probabilities within the population group, chain of custody, and procedures surrounding genetic testing. The expert witness shall be a qualified witness with respect to any test performed at both the D.C. Superior Court and the 1 Judiciary Square locations pursuant to this contract. In addition, the expert witness shall be able to defend the test and their determination of results. The District will notify the Contractor of the need for an expert witness at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the actual court hearing date.

C.3.6 REPORTS

C.3.6.1 The Contractor shall provide notarized genetic test reports on paternity evaluations. The reports will include the following: results of the genetic marker for each person tested for each genetic system evaluated; paternity index for each test performed; combined paternity index for all the tests performed; relative probability of paternity for the putative father expressed in both a percentage and a written opinion; cumulative exclusion rate for each test performed; and race of each person tested.

C.3.6.1.1 The Contractor shall forward all genetic test reports, including local, interstate, international, and second test reports, to the Case Coordinator within 15 calendar days of the collection of specimen from all parties involved in a case, unless advance written approval (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) is granted by the Case Coordinator to deliver a report beyond the 14 day requirement.

C.3.6.2 Where a second genetic test is requested and granted by a D.C. Superior Court judge or magistrate, the Contractor shall arrange that the second test be performed by an independent genetic testing laboratory, meaning an independent laboratory will analyze the specimens for all individuals in a case, after the Contractor re-collects the specimens and sends them to the independent laboratory. The independent genetic testing laboratory shall be recognized and accredited by the AABB, and shall follow all operative provisions of the contract.

C.3.6.2.1 The Contractor shall forward second genetic test reports, to the Case Coordinator within 15 calendar days of the collection of specimen from the last party.

C.3.6.3 The Contractor's failure to forward genetic test reports, in accordance with this Section C.3.6.1.1 in any month, may result in a ten (10%) reduction in the amount to be paid for monthly invoice.

C.3.6.4 The Contractor shall provide the Case Coordinator by noon of the following Monday, (in the event of a holiday provide by the next business day), a list identifying the following information:

- a) names of each person that appeared and submitted a specimen the previous week.
- b) the collection date and the docket number or IV-D case number, and indicate whether the collection is a redraw, next to the individual's name on the list.
- c) an explanation as to why a second specimen collection was necessary for all redraws.

C.3.6.4.1 The Contractor's failure to provide the required weekly list, in accordance with this Section C.3.6.4 in any month, will result in a ten (10%) reduction in the amount to be paid for the monthly invoice.

C.3.6.5 The Contractor shall provide to the Case Coordinator the 10th of each month, a project status report containing the following information:

- a) total number of specimen collections performed the prior month;
- b) the name and collection date of each person submitting a specimen the prior month, in addition to the IV-D case number with which the collection is associated;
- c) services rendered (i.e. initial draw or re-draw) for each specimen collected the prior month; and
- d) total number of cases completed the prior month, meaning all parties to the case submitted specimens and the genetic test analysis was completed by the last day of the prior month, broken down by those in which there was an exclusion of paternity and those in which there was a presumption of paternity.

C.3.6.5.1 The Contractor's failure to provide the required monthly status report in any month will result in a ten (10%) reduction in the amount to be paid for the following billing period's monthly invoice.

C.3.6.5.2 The Contractor shall also provide other reports as requested by the COTR from time to time. The Contractor shall receive the COTR's prior written consent to proceed with preparing any such reports for which the Contractor will charge the District an additional fee.

C.3.6.5.3 The Contractor shall submit to the COTR an annual project status report summarizing all dates of services delivered, accomplishments, issues and recommendations, no later than close of business on the day of contract expiration.

C.3.6.5.4 The Contractor shall provide a written decision on complaints within fourteen (14) calendar days of the COTR's request in accordance with Section C.3.7.1.

C.3.7 CUSTOMER SERVICE

C.3.7.1 The Contractor shall directly handle all genetic testing related inquiries and complaints from individuals referred by OAG/CSSD through its customer service system and, if requested by the COTR, provide the COTR with a resolution of the issue in writing within 14 calendar days of the COTR's request of such resolution.

C.3.7.1.1 The Contractor shall provide a customer service system that can be used to inquire as to which interstate or international collection site is the nearest and most convenient for a specific jurisdiction.

C.3.7.1.2 The Contractor shall provide a customer service system that is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, except District of Columbia holidays.

C.3.7.2 The Contractor shall provide a specifically identified Contract Manager for the term of the contract. The Contract Manager shall serve as the initial point of contact for any inquiries made by the District. The Contractor must provide contact information wherein the Case Coordinator or COTR can reach the Contract Manager from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except District of Columbia holidays. The Contractor shall notify the COTR in writing of any changes to Contract Manager assigned to this contract, within 30 days of such changes being made.

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SECTION D: PACKAGING AND MARKING

Not Applicable

SECTION E: INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- E.1** The inspection and acceptance requirements for the resultant contract shall be governed by clause number six (6), Inspection of Services, of the Government of the District of Columbia's Standard Contract Provisions for use with Supplies and Services Contracts, dated March 2007.

- E.2** The Contractor shall provide the COTR or other authorized representatives of the District, access to its facility, records and staff, as the COTR deems necessary for monitoring purposes.

SECTION F: DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE**F.1 TERM OF CONTRACT**

The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year from date of award specified on the cover page of the contract.

F.2 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT

F.2.1 The District may extend the term of this contract for a period of four (1) one-year, option periods, or successive fractions thereof, by written notice to the Contractor before the expiration of the contract; provided that the District will give the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least thirty (30) days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the District to an extension. The exercise of this option is subject to the availability of funds at the time of the exercise of this option. The Contractor may waive the thirty (30) day preliminary notice requirement by providing a written waiver to the Contracting Officer prior to expiration of the contract.

F.2.2 If the District exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision.

F.2.3 The price for the option period shall be as specified in the contract.

F.2.4 The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed five (5) years.

F.3 DELIVERABLES

The deliverables of this contract are set forth below.

Deliverable No.	Deliverable	Quantity/Format Method of Delivery	Due Date	To Whom
1	Notarized Genetic Test Report, including, interstate, international, and local test reports as described in C.3.5.1.1 & C.3.6.1.	1 soft copy 1 hard copy	Within 15 calendar days of the collection of specimen from all parties involved in a case.	Case Coordinator
2	Genetic Test Report provided by independent	1 soft copy 1 hard copy	Within 15 calendar days of the collection of	Case Coordinator

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	genetic testing laboratory as stated in C.3.6.2.		specimen from the last party involved in a case.	
3	Weekly Report - Identifying the names of each person that appeared and submitted a specimen the previous week.	1 soft copy 1 hard copy	By noon on the following Monday, (in the event of a holiday, provide by the next business day).	Case Coordinator
4	Project Status Report as described in C.3.6.5.	1 soft copy 1 hard copy	No later than the 10 th of each month.	Case Coordinator
5	Necessary Equipment: Examination table, draw chair, desk, facsimile machine, photocopier, instant camera, removable privacy partition, secretarial chair, secure file cabinet, secure waste container, secure medical supply cabinet, and 4 waiting chairs for each collection site.	As specified in Section C.3.3.5 of the contract.	Effective date of contract.	Collection Site
6	Notification of change in Phlebotomist as specified in Section C.3.3.6 of the contract.	As specified in Section C.3.3.6 of the contract.	As specified in Section C.3.3.6 of the contract.	COTR
7	Written Phlebotomist job description as stated in C.3.3.7.	As specified in Section C.3.3.7 of the contract.	Upon request by COTR.	COTR
8	Other reports requested from	1 soft copy 1 hard copy	As in accordance with Section	COTR

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	time to time as described in C.3.6.5.2.		C.3.6.5.2 of the contract.	
9	Annual Project Status Report summarizing all dates of services delivered, accomplishments, issues and recommendations as described in C.3.6.5.3.	1 soft copy 1 hard copy	No later than close of business on the day of contract expiration.	COTR
10	Written decision on complaint as stated in C.3.6.5.4.	1 soft copy 1 hard copy	Within fourteen calendar days of COTR's request in accordance with Section C.3.7.1.	COTR
11	Notification of change in Contract Manager as stated in C.3.7.2.	As specified in C.3.7.2 of the contract.	As specified in Section C.3.7.2 of the contract.	Case Coordinator / COTR

F.3.1 The Contractor shall submit to the District, as a deliverable, the report described in section H.5.5 of this contract that is required by the 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement. If the Contractor does not submit the report as part of the deliverables, final payment to the Contractor may not be paid.

SECTION G : CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 INVOICE PAYMENT

- G.1.1** The District will make payments to the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices, at the prices stipulated in this contract, for supplies delivered and accepted or services performed and accepted, less any discounts, allowances or adjustments provided for in this contract.
- G.1.2** The District will pay the Contractor on or before the 30th day after receiving a proper invoice from the Contractor.

G.2 INVOICE SUBMITTAL

- G.2.1** The Contractor shall submit proper invoices on a monthly basis or as otherwise specified in Section G.4. Invoices shall be prepared in duplicate and submitted to the agency Chief Financial Officer (CFO) with concurrent copies to the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) specified in Section G.9 below. The address of the CFO is:

Agency Chief Financial Officer
Office of the Attorney General
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 1060 North
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone No. (202) 724-5607

- G.2.2** The Contractor shall identify the individual's name, the last four digits of the social security number, IV-D case number, role (mother, father, or child), and collection date, as well as the amount being charged, for each specimen collection appearing on an invoice.
- G.2.3** To constitute a proper invoice, the Contractor shall also submit the following information on the invoice:
- G.2.3.1** Contractor's name, federal tax ID and invoice date (Contractors shall date invoices as of the date of mailing or transmittal);
 - G.2.3.2** Contract number and invoice number;
 - G.2.3.3** Description, price, quantity and the date(s) that the supplies or services were delivered or performed;
 - G.2.3.4** Other supporting documentation or information, as required by the Contracting Officer;
 - G.2.3.5** Name, title, telephone number and complete mailing address of the responsible official to whom payment is to be sent;
 - G.2.3.6** Name, title, phone number of person preparing the invoice;

G.2.3.7 Name, title, phone number and mailing address of person (if different from the person identified in G.2.2.6 above) to be notified in the event of a defective invoice; and

G.2.3.8 Authorized signature.

G.3 FIRST SOURCE AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT

G.3.1 For contracts subject to the 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements, final request for payment must be accompanied by the report or a waiver of compliance discussed in section H.5.5.

G.3.2 No final payment shall be made to the Contractor until the CFO has received the Contracting Officer's final determination or approval of waiver of the Contractor's compliance with 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements.

G.4 PAYMENT

The District will pay the Contractor in accordance with the Price Schedule in Section B.3.

G.5 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS

G.5.1 In accordance with 27 DCMR 3250, the Contractor may assign funds due or to become due as a result of the performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution.

G.5.2 Any assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts payable under this contract, and shall not be made to more than one party.

G.5.3 Notwithstanding an assignment of contract payments, the Contractor, not the assignee, is required to prepare invoices. Where such an assignment has been made, the original copy of the invoice must refer to the assignment and must show that payment of the invoice is to be made directly to the assignee as follows:

Pursuant to the instrument of assignment dated _____,
make payment of this invoice to _____
(name and address of assignee).

G.6 THE QUICK PAYMENT CLAUSE

G.6.1 Interest Penalties to Contractors

G.6.1.1 The District will pay interest penalties on amounts due to the Contractor under the Quick Payment Act, D.C. Official Code §2-221.01 *et seq.*, for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:

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- a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
- b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
- c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.

G.6.1.2 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.6.2 Payments to Subcontractors

G.6.2.1 The Contractor must take one of the following actions within 7 days of receipt of any amount paid to the Contractor by the District for work performed by any subcontractor under a contract:

- a) Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the District that is attributable to the subcontractor for work performed under the contract; or
- b) Notify the District and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or part of the subcontractor's payment and state the reason for the nonpayment.

G.6.2.2 The Contractor must pay any lower-tier subcontractor or supplier interest penalties on amounts due to the subcontractor or supplier beginning on the day after the payment is due and ending on the date on which the payment is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid on the following if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:

- a) the 3rd day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
- b) the 5th day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
- c) the 15th day after the required payment date for any other item.

G.6.2.3 Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid by the Contractor at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt to the subcontractor and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

G.6.2.4 A dispute between the Contractor and subcontractor relating to the amounts or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under the Quick Payment Act does not constitute a dispute to which the District of Columbia is a party. The District of Columbia may not be interpleaded in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving such a dispute.

G.7 CONTRACTING OFFICER (CO)

Contracts will be entered into and signed on behalf of the District only by contracting officers. The name, address and telephone number of the Contracting Officer is:

Gena Johnson
Contracting Officer
Office of Contracting and Procurement

441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 700S
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone No. (202) 724-5194

G.8 AUTHORIZED CHANGES BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

- G.8.1** The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to approve changes in any of the requirements of this contract.
- G.8.2** The Contractor shall not comply with any order, directive or request that changes or modifies the requirements of this contract, unless issued in writing and signed by the Contracting Officer.
- G.8.3** In the event the Contractor effects any change at the instruction or request of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any cost increase incurred as a result thereof.

G.9 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE (COTR)

- G.9.1** The COTR is responsible for general administration of the contract and advising the Contracting Officer as to the Contractor's compliance or noncompliance with the contract. In addition, the COTR is responsible for the day-to-day monitoring and supervision of the contract, of ensuring that the work conforms to the requirements of this contract and such other responsibilities and authorities as may be specified in the contract. The COTR for this contract is:

Clivens Dorvil
Office of the Attorney General
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 450N
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: 202-724-2288

- G.9.2** The COTR shall not have authority to make any changes in the specifications or scope of work or terms and conditions of the contract.
- G.9.3** The Contractor may be held fully responsible for any changes not authorized in advance, in writing, by the Contracting Officer; may be denied compensation or other relief for any additional work performed that is not so authorized; and may also be required, at no additional cost to the District, to take all corrective action necessitated by reason of the unauthorized changes.

SECTION H: SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

H.1 HIRING OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS AS APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

H.1.1 For all new employment resulting from this contract or subcontracts hereto, as defined in Mayor's Order 83-265 and implementing instructions, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to comply with the following basic goal and objectives for utilization of bona fide residents of the District of Columbia in each project's labor force:

H.1.1.1 at least fifty-one (51) percent of apprentices and trainees employed shall be residents of the District of Columbia registered in programs approved by the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council.

H.1.2 The Contractor shall negotiate an Employment Agreement with the DOES for jobs created as a result of this contract. The DOES shall be the Contractor's first source of referral for qualified apprentices and trainees in the implementation of employment goals contained in this clause.

H.2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE DETERMINATIONS

The Contractor shall be bound by the Wage Determination No. 2005-2103, Revision 2 dated 11/7/06, issued by the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Service Contract Act (41 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.*) and incorporated herein as Section J.1.1 of this solicitation. The Contractor shall be bound by the wage rates for the term of the contract. If an option is exercised, the Contractor shall be bound by the applicable wage rate at the time of the option. If the option is exercised and the Contracting Officer obtains a revised wage determination, the revised wage determination is applicable for the option periods and the Contractor may be entitled to an equitable adjustment.

H.3 PUBLICITY

The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval from the Contracting Officer before it, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after expiration or termination of the contract, make any statement, or issue any material, for publication through any medium of communication, bearing on the work performed or data collected under this contract.

H.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, at D.C. Official Code § 2-532 (a-3), requires the District to make available for inspection and copying any record produced or collected pursuant to a District contract with a private contractor to perform a public function, to the same extent as if the record were maintained by the agency on whose behalf the contract is made. If the Contractor receives a request for such information, the Contractor shall immediately send the request to the COTR designated in subsection G.9 who will provide the request to the FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic responsibility in accordance with the D.C. Freedom of Information Act. If the agency with programmatic responsibility receives a request for a record maintained by the Contractor

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pursuant to the contract, the COTR will forward a copy to the Contractor. In either event, the Contractor is required by law to provide all responsive records to the COTR within the timeframe designated by the COTR. The FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic responsibility will determine the releasability of the records. The District will reimburse the Contractor for the costs of searching and copying the records in accordance with D.C. Official Code §2-532 and Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the *D.C. Municipal Regulations*.

H.5 51% DISTRICT RESIDENTS NEW HIRES REQUIREMENTS AND FIRST SOURCE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

H.5.1 The Contractor shall comply with the First Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984, as amended, D.C. Official Code §2-219.01 et seq. (“First Source Act”).

H.5.2 The Contractor shall enter into and maintain, during the term of the contract, a First Source Employment Agreement, (Section J.2.4) in which the Contractor shall agree that:

- (1) The first source for finding employees to fill all jobs created in order to perform this contract shall be the Department of Employment Services (“DOES”); and
- (2) The first source for finding employees to fill any vacancy occurring in all jobs covered by the First Source Employment Agreement shall be the First Source Register.

H.5.3 The Contractor shall submit to DOES, no later than the 10th each month following execution of the contract, a First Source Agreement Contract Compliance Report (“contract compliance report”) verifying its compliance with the First Source Agreement for the preceding month. The contract compliance report for the contract shall include the:

- (1) Number of employees needed;
- (2) Number of current employees transferred;
- (3) Number of new job openings created;
- (4) Number of job openings listed with DOES;
- (5) Total number of all District residents hired for the reporting period and the cumulative total number of District residents hired; and
- (6) Total number of all employees hired for the reporting period and the cumulative total number of employees hired, including:
 - (a) Name;
 - (b) Social security number;
 - (c) Job title;
 - (d) Hire date;
 - (e) Residence; and
 - (f) Referral source for all new hires.

H.5.4 If the contract amount is equal to or greater than \$100,000, the Contractor agrees that 51% of the new employees hired for the contract shall be District residents.

H.5.5 With the submission of the Contractor’s final request for payment from the District, the Contractor shall:

- (1) Document in a report to the Contracting Officer its compliance with the section H.5.4 of this clause; or

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- (2) Submit a request to the Contracting Officer for a waiver of compliance with section H.5.4 and include the following documentation:
 - (a) Material supporting a good faith effort to comply;
 - (b) Referrals provided by DOES and other referral sources;
 - (c) Advertisement of job openings listed with DOES and other referral sources; and
 - (d) Any documentation supporting the waiver request pursuant to section H.5.6.

H.5.6 The Contracting Officer may waive the provisions of section H.5.4 if the Contracting Officer finds that:

- (1) A good faith effort to comply is demonstrated by the Contractor;
- (2) The Contractor is located outside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area and none of the contract work is performed inside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes the District of Columbia; the Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fairfax, and Fredericksburg, the Virginia Counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Loudoun, Stafford, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, and King George; the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, Charles, Frederick, and Calvert; and the West Virginia Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson.
- (3) The Contractor enters into a special workforce development training or placement arrangement with DOES; or
- (4) DOES certifies that there are insufficient numbers of District residents in the labor market possessing the skills required by the positions created as a result of the contract.

H.5.7 Upon receipt of the contractor's final payment request and related documentation pursuant to sections H.5.5 and H.5.6, the Contracting Officer shall determine whether the Contractor is in compliance with section H.5.4 or whether a waiver of compliance pursuant to section H.5.6 is justified. If the Contracting Officer determines that the Contractor is in compliance, or that a waiver of compliance is justified, the Contracting Officer shall, within two business days of making the determination forward a copy of the determination to the Agency Chief Financial Officer and the COTR.

H.5.8 Willful breach of the First Source Employment Agreement, or failure to submit the report pursuant to section H.5.5, or deliberate submission of falsified data, may be enforced by the Contracting Officer through imposition of penalties, including monetary fines of 5% of the total amount of the direct and indirect labor costs of the contract. The Contractor shall make payment to DOES. The Contractor may appeal to the D.C. Contract Appeals Board as provided in the contract any decision of the Contracting Officer pursuant to this section H.5.8.

H.5.9 The provisions of sections H.5.4 through H.5.8 do not apply to nonprofit organizations.

H.6 PROTECTION OF PROPERTY:

The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to the building, interior, or their approaches in delivering equipment covered by this contract.

H.7 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA)

During the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with the ADA. The ADA makes it unlawful to discriminate in employment against a qualified individual with a disability.

See 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

H.8 SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, as amended.

During the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This Act prohibits discrimination against disabled people in federally funded program and activities. See 29 U.S.C. §794 et seq.

H.9 DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

H.9.1 The District will provide a room, which will be used as the collection site at Child Support Services Division CSSD, 441 4th St., NW, Suite 550N, Washington, DC 20001, if the District decides to add an additional collection site at CSSD.

H.9.2 The District will notify the Contractor the time and the location where the Special Project will be held in accordance with section C.3.3.4.1.

H.9.3 The COTR will provide the Contractor with the District's Holiday List each year.

H.10 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

H.10.1 The Contractor shall provide all services that are in accordance with sections C.3 Requirements and F.3 Deliverables.

H.11 WAY TO WORK AMENDMENT ACT OF 2006

H.11.1 Except as described in H.11. 8 below, the Contractor shall comply with Title I of the Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-118, D.C. Official Code §2-220.01 *et seq.*) ("Living Wage Act of 2006"), for contracts for services in the amount of \$100,000 or more in a 12-month period.

H.11.2 The Contractor shall pay its employees and subcontractors who perform services under the contract no less than the current living wage published on the OCP website at www.ocp.dc.gov.

H.11.3 The Contractor shall include in any subcontract for \$15,000 or more a provision requiring the subcontractor to pay its employees who perform services under the contract no less than the current living wage rate.

H.11.4 The Department of Employment Services may adjust the living wage annually and the OCP will publish the current living wage rate on its website at www.ocp.dc.gov.

H.11.5 The Contractor shall provide a copy of the Fact Sheet attached as J.1.2 to each employee and subcontractor who performs services under the contract. The Contractor shall also post the

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Notice attached as J.1.3 in a conspicuous place in its place of business. The Contractor shall include in any subcontract for \$15,000 or more a provision requiring the subcontractor to post the Notice in a conspicuous place in its place of business.

H.11.6 The Contractor shall maintain its payroll records under the contract in the regular course of business for a period of at least three (3) years from the payroll date, and shall include this requirement in its subcontracts for \$15,000 or more under the contract.

H.11.7 The payment of wages required under the Living Wage Act of 2006 shall be consistent with and subject to the provisions of D.C. Official Code §32-1301 *et seq.*

H.11.8 The requirements of the Living Wage Act of 2006 do not apply to:

- (1) Contracts or other agreements that are subject to higher wage level determinations required by federal law;
- (2) Existing and future collective bargaining agreements, provided, that the future collective bargaining agreement results in the employee being paid no less than the established living wage;
- (3) Contracts for electricity, telephone, water, sewer or other services provided by a regulated utility;
- (4) Contracts for services needed immediately to prevent or respond to a disaster or eminent threat to public health or safety declared by the Mayor;
- (5) Contracts or other agreements that provide trainees with additional services including, but not limited to, case management and job readiness services; provided that the trainees do not replace employees subject to the Living Wage Act of 2006;
- (6) An employee under 22 years of age employed during a school vacation period, or enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the respective institution, who is in high school or at an accredited institution of higher education and who works less than 25 hours per week; provided that he or she does not replace employees subject to the Living Wage Act of 2006;
- (7) Tenants or retail establishments that occupy property constructed or improved by receipt of government assistance from the District of Columbia; provided, that the tenant or retail establishment did not receive direct government assistance from the District;
- (8) Employees of nonprofit organizations that employ not more than 50 individuals and qualify for taxation exemption pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, approved August 16, 1954 (68A Stat. 163; 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3));
- (9) Medicaid provider agreements for direct care services to Medicaid recipients, provided, that the direct care service is not provided through a home care agency, a community residence facility, or a group home for mentally retarded persons as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Health-Care and Community Residence Facility, Hospice, and Home Care Licensure Act of 1983, effective February 24, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-48; D.C. Official Code § 44-501); and
- (10) Contracts or other agreements between managed care organizations and the Health Care Safety Net Administration or the Medicaid Assistance Administration to provide health services.

H.11.9 The Mayor may exempt a contractor from the requirements of the Living Wage Act of 2006, subject to the approval of Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 109 of the Living Wage Act of 2006.

H.12 DIVERSION, REASSIGNMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF KEY PERSONNEL

The key personnel specified in the contract are considered to be essential to the work being performed hereunder. Prior to diverting any of the specified key personnel for any reason, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer at least thirty calendar days in advance and shall submit justification, including proposed substitutions, in sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact upon the contract. The Contractor shall obtain written approval of the Contracting Officer for any proposed substitution of key personnel. The District reserves the right to review the qualifications of other personnel selected by the Contractor to perform services or provide deliverables pursuant to this agreement. The Contractor agrees to remove, at the District's request at any time, any person who in the District's opinion, is unacceptable, uncooperative, not qualified to perform services or provide deliverables or has performed services or provided deliverables in an unsatisfactory manner. If the District so requests, the Contractor shall promptly provide a qualified replacement satisfactory to the District for any person so removed. The District will not be required to pay for training such replacement.

H.12.1 The District considers the following positions to be key personnel for this contract:

- a. Contract Manager
- b. Phlebotomist

SECTION I: CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 APPLICABILITY OF STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The Standard Contract Provisions for use with District of Columbia Government Supplies and Services Contracts dated March 2007 (“SCP”), are incorporated as part of the contract resulting from this solicitation. To obtain a copy of the SCP go to www.ocp.dc.gov, click on OCP Policies under the heading “Information”, then click on “Standard Contract Provisions – Supplies and Services Contracts”.

I.2 CONTRACTS THAT CROSS FISCAL YEARS

Continuation of this contract beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon future fiscal appropriations.

I.3 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

All information obtained by the Contractor relating to any employee or customer of the District will be kept in absolute confidence and shall not be used by the Contractor in connection with any other matters, nor shall any such information be disclosed to any other person, firm, or corporation, in accordance with the District and Federal laws governing the confidentiality of records.

I.4 TIME

Time, if stated in a number of days, will include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, unless otherwise stated herein.

I.5 RIGHTS IN DATA

I.5.1 “Data,” as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management information.

I.5.2 The term “Technical Data”, as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or characteristic, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research, experimental, developmental or engineering work, or be usable or used to define a design or process or to procure, produce, support, maintain, or operate material. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media such as drawings or photographs, text in specifications or related performance or design type documents or computer printouts. Examples of technical data include research and engineering data, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, and computer software documentation. Technical data does not include computer software or financial, administrative, cost and pricing, and management data or other information incidental to contract administration.

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- I.5.3** The term “Computer Software”, as used herein means computer programs and computer databases. “Computer Programs”, as used herein means a series of instructions or statements in a form acceptable to a computer, designed to cause the computer to execute an operation or operations. "Computer Programs" include operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, data management systems, utility programs, sort merge programs, and automated data processing equipment maintenance diagnostic programs, as well as applications programs such as payroll, inventory control and engineering analysis programs. Computer programs may be either machine-dependent or machine-independent, and may be general purpose in nature or designed to satisfy the requirements of a particular user.
- I.5.4** The term "computer databases", as used herein, means a collection of data in a form capable of being processed and operated on by a computer.
- I.5.5** All data first produced in the performance of this Contract shall be the sole property of the District. The Contractor hereby acknowledges that all data, including, without limitation, computer program codes, produced by Contractor for the District under this Contract, are works made for hire and are the sole property of the District; but, to the extent any such data may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, Contractor hereby transfers and assigns to the District the ownership of copyright in such works, whether published or unpublished. The Contractor agrees to give the District all assistance reasonably necessary to perfect such rights including, but not limited to, the works and supporting documentation and the execution of any instrument required to register copyrights. The Contractor agrees not to assert any rights in common law or in equity in such data. The Contractor shall not publish or reproduce such data in whole or in part or in any manner or form, or authorize others to do so, without written consent of the District until such time as the District may have released such data to the public.
- I.5.6** The District will have restricted rights in data, including computer software and all accompanying documentation, manuals and instructional materials, listed or described in a license or agreement made a part of this contract, which the parties have agreed will be furnished with restricted rights, provided however, notwithstanding any contrary provision in any such license or agreement, such restricted rights shall include, as a minimum the right to:
- I.5.6.1** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with the computer for which or with which it was acquired, including use at any District installation to which the computer may be transferred by the District;
- I.5.6.2** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with a backup computer if the computer for which or with which it was acquired is inoperative;
- I.5.6.3** Copy computer programs for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes; and modify the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials, or combine it with other software, subject to the provision that the modified portions shall remain subject to these restrictions.
- I.5.7** The restricted rights set forth in section I.5.6 are of no effect unless

- (i) the data is marked by the Contractor with the following legend:

RESTRICTED RIGHTS LEGEND

Use, duplication, or disclosure is subject to restrictions stated in Contract No. _____

With _____(Contractor' s Name); and

- (ii) If the data is computer software, the related computer software documentation includes a prominent statement of the restrictions applicable to the computer software. The Contractor may not place any legend on the computer software indicating restrictions on the District' s rights in such software unless the restrictions are set forth in a license or agreement made a part of the contract prior to the delivery date of the software. Failure of the Contractor to apply a restricted rights legend to such computer software shall relieve the District of liability with respect to such unmarked software.

I.5.8 In addition to the rights granted in Section I.5.6 above, the Contractor hereby grants to the District a nonexclusive, paid-up license throughout the world, of the same scope as restricted rights set forth in Section I.5.6 above, under any copyright owned by the Contractor, in any work of authorship prepared for or acquired by the District under this contract. Unless written approval of the Contracting Officer is obtained, the Contractor shall not include in technical data or computer software prepared for or acquired by the District under this contract any works of authorship in which copyright is not owned by the Contractor without acquiring for the District any rights necessary to perfect a copyright license of the scope specified in the first sentence of this paragraph.

I.5.9 Whenever any data, including computer software, are to be obtained from a subcontractor under this contract, the Contractor shall use this clause, I.5, Rights in Data, in the subcontract, without alteration, and no other clause shall be used to enlarge or diminish the District' s or the Contractor' s rights in that subcontractor data or computer software which is required for the District.

I.5.10 For all computer software furnished to the District with the rights specified in Section I.5.5, the Contractor shall furnish to the District, a copy of the source code with such rights of the scope specified in Section I.5.5. For all computer software furnished to the District with the restricted rights specified in Section I.5.6, the District, if the Contractor, either directly or through a successor or affiliate shall cease to provide the maintenance or warranty services provided the District under this contract or any paid-up maintenance agreement, or if Contractor should be declared bankrupt or insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall have the right to obtain, for its own and sole use only, a single copy of the then current version of the source code supplied under this contract, and a single copy of the documentation associated therewith, upon payment to the person in control of the source code the reasonable cost of making each copy.

I.5.11 The Contractor shall indemnify and save and hold harmless the District, its officers, agents and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, (i) for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy,

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arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under this contract, or (ii) based upon any data furnished under this contract, or based upon libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.

I.5.12 Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the District under any patent, or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the District under any patent.

I.5.13 Paragraphs I.5.6, I.5.7, I.5.8, I.5.11 and I.5.12 above are not applicable to material furnished to the Contractor by the District and incorporated in the work furnished under contract, provided that such incorporated material is identified by the Contractor at the time of delivery of such work

I.6 OTHER CONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by another District contractor or by any District employee.

I.7 SUBCONTRACTS

The Contractor hereunder shall not subcontract any of the Contractor's work or services to any subcontractor without the prior written consent of the Contracting Officer. Any work or service so subcontracted shall be performed pursuant to a subcontract agreement, which the District will have the right to review and approve prior to its execution by the Contractor. Any such subcontract shall specify that the Contractor and the subcontractor shall be subject to every provision of this contract. Notwithstanding any such subcontract approved by the District, the Contractor shall remain liable to the District for all Contractor's work and services required hereunder.

I.8 INSURANCE

I.8.1 Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this contract, the types of insurance specified below. The Contractor shall submit a certificate of insurance giving evidence of the required coverages prior to commencing work. All insurance shall be written with responsible companies licensed by the District of Columbia's Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking. The Contractor shall require all subcontractors to carry the insurance required herein, or Contractor may, at its option, provide the coverage for any or all subcontractors, and if so, the evidence of insurance submitted shall so stipulate. All insurance provided by the Contractor as required by this section, except comprehensive automobile liability insurance, shall set forth the District as an additional named insured. In no event shall work be performed until the required certificates of insurance have been furnished. The insurance shall provide for 30 days' prior written notice to be given to the District in the event coverage is substantially changed, canceled or non-renewed. If the insurance provided is not in compliance with all the requirements herein, the District maintains the right to stop work until proper evidence is provided.

I.8.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance, \$1,000,000 limits per occurrence, District added an additional insured.

I.8.2 Automobile Liability Insurance, \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit.

I.8.3 Worker's Compensation Insurance according to the statutes of the District of Columbia, including Employer's Liability, \$100,000 per accident for injury, \$100,000 per employee for disease, \$500,000 policy limit disease.

I.8.4 Umbrella/ Excess Liability Insurance, \$5,000,000 limits per occurrence.

I.8.5 Professional Liability Insurance, \$1,000,000 limits per claim (note: such insurance is typically called medical malpractice insurance for doctors, professional liability insurance for lawyers and nurses, and errors and omissions liability insurance for all other "professions" with a professional liability exposure).

I.9 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with the District of Columbia Administrative Issuance System, Mayor's Order 85-85 dated June 10, 1985, the forms for completion of the Equal Employment Opportunity Information Report are incorporated herein as Section J.2.2. An award cannot be made to any offeror who has not satisfied the equal employment requirements.

I.10 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any inconsistency in this solicitation shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: the Supplies or Services and Price/Cost Section (Section B), Specifications/Work Statement (Section C), the Special Contract Requirements (Section H), the Contract Clauses (Section I), and the Standard Contract Provisions .

I.11 CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Any contract in excess of \$1,000,000 shall not be binding or give rise to any claim or demand against the District until approved by the Council of the District of Columbia and signed by the Contracting Officer.

I.12 CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

I.12.1 The Contractor recognizes that the services provided under this contract are vital to the District of Columbia and must be continued without interruption. In the event that either (a) the contract expires or (b) the District terminates the contract, and either or these events occur during the base period, Option Year One, Option Year Two, Option Year Three or more than 120 days prior to the end of Option Year Four, the District can exercise a Option for Transition Services for a period of up to 120 days. In the event that the District exercises this Option for Transition Services, the Contract agrees to:

I.12.1.1 Furnish phase-out, phase-in (transition) training;

I.12.1.2 Exercise its best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor; and

- I.12.1.3** Negotiate in good faith a plan with a successor to determine the nature and extent of transition services required. The plan shall specify a training program and a date for transferring responsibilities for each division of work described in the plan, and shall be subject to the Contracting Officer's approval.
- I.12.2** The Contractor shall provide sufficient experienced personnel during the period of the Option for Transition Services to ensure that the services called for by this contract are maintained at the required level of proficiency.
- I.12.3** The Contractor shall allow as many personnel as practicable to remain on the job to help the successor maintain the continuity and consistency of the services required by this contract. The Contractor also shall disclose necessary personnel records and allow the successor to conduct on-site interviews with these employees. If selected employees are agreeable to the change, the Contractor shall release them at a mutually agreeable date and negotiate transfer of their earned fringe benefits to the successor.
- I.12.4** The District will pay the Contractor, for transition services, fees equal to the fee in Section B.3.4 through B.3.5, for a period of up to 120 days.

SECTION J: LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

J.1 ATTACHMENTS

J.1.1 Wage Determination No.2005-2103, Revision 2, dated 11/07/06

J.1.2 Living Wage Act Fact Sheet

J.1.3 Living Wage Act Notice

J.1.4 Past Performance Evaluation Form

J.2 INCORPORATED ATTACHMENTS *(The following forms shall be completed and incorporated with the offer.)*

J.2.1 LSDBE Certification Package (located at www.oldb.dc.gov)

J.2.2 E.E.O. Information and Mayor' s Order 85-85
(located at www.ocp.dc.gov ; click on Solicitation Attachments)

J.2.3 Tax Certification Affidavit
(located at www.ocp.dc.gov ; click on Solicitation Attachments)

J.2.4 First Source Employment Agreement
(located at www.ocp.dc.gov ; click on Solicitation Attachments)

J.2.5 Cost/Price Data Package
(located at www.ocp.dc.gov ; click on Solicitation Attachments)

SECTION K: REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

K.1 AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATORS

The offeror represents that the following persons are authorized to negotiate on its behalf with the District in connection with this request for proposals: (list names, titles, and telephone numbers of the authorized negotiators).

K.2 TYPE OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

K.2.1 The offeror, by checking the applicable box, represents that

(a) It operates as:

- a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of: _____
- an individual,
- a partnership,
- a nonprofit organization, or
- a joint venture.

(b) If the offeror is a foreign entity, it operates as:

- an individual,
- a joint venture, or
- a corporation registered for business in _____
(Country)

K.3 CERTIFICATION AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OBLIGATIONS

Mayor's Order 85-85, "Compliance with Equal Opportunity Obligations in Contracts", dated June 10, 1985 and the Office of Human Rights' regulations, Chapter 11, "Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements in Contracts", promulgated August 15, 1986 (4 DCMR Chapter 11, 33 DCR 4952) are included as a part of this solicitation and require the following certification for contracts subject to the order. Failure to complete the certification may result in rejection of the offeror for a contract subject to the order. I hereby certify that I am fully aware of the content of the Mayor's Order 85-85 and the Office of Human Rights' regulations, Chapter 11, and agree to comply with them in performance of this contract.

Offeror _____ Date _____

Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____

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Offeror ____has ____has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Mayor’s Order 85-85. Offeror____has ____has not filed all required compliance reports, and representations indicating submission of required reports signed by proposed subofferors. (The above representations need not be submitted in connection with contracts or subcontracts which are exempt from the Mayor’s Order.)

K.4 BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATION

The offeror hereby certifies that each end product, except the end products listed below, is a domestic end product (See Clause 23 of the SCP, “Buy American Act”), and that components of unknown origin are considered to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

_____EXCLUDED END PRODUCTS
_____COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

K.5 DISTRICT EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT CERTIFICATION

Each offeror shall check one of the following:

_____ No person listed in Clause 13 of the SCP, “District Employees Not To Benefit” will benefit from this contract.

_____ The following person(s) listed in Clause 13 may benefit from this contract. For each person listed, attach the affidavit required by Clause 13 of the SCP.

K.6 CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

(a) Each signature of the offeror is considered to be a certification by the signatory that:

- 1) The prices in this contract have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any offeror or competitor relating to:
 - (i) those prices
 - (ii) the intention to submit a contract, or
 - (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices in the contract.
- 2) The prices in this contract have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other offeror or competitor before contract opening unless otherwise required by law; and
- 3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a contract for the purpose of restricting competition.

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- (b) Each signature on the offer is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:
- 1) Is the person in the offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this contract, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; or
 - 2) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above:

(insert full name of person(s) in the organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this Contract and the title of his or her position in the offeror's organization);

- (i) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b)(2) have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above; and
 - (ii) As an agent, has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) above.
- (c) If the offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph (a)(2) above, the offeror must furnish with its offer a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

K.7 TAX CERTIFICATION

Each offeror must submit with its offer, a sworn Tax Certification Affidavit, incorporated herein as Attachment J.2.3.

SECTION L: INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

L.1 CONTRACT AWARD

L.1.1 Most Advantageous to the District

The District intends to award a single contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the District, cost or price, technical and other factors, specified elsewhere in this solicitation considered.

L.1.2 Initial Offers

The District may award contracts on the basis of initial offers received, without discussion. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a standpoint of cost or price, technical and other factors.

L.2 PROPOSAL FORM, ORGANIZATION AND CONTENT

One original and *five(5)* copies of the written proposals shall be submitted in two parts, titled "Technical Proposal" and "Price Proposal". Proposals shall be typewritten in 12 point font size on 8.5" by 11" bond paper. Telephonic, telegraphic, and facsimile proposals will not be accepted. Each proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope conspicuously marked: "Proposal in Response to Solicitation No. *DCCB-2007-R-0030 Genetic Testing*".

Offerors are directed to the specific proposal evaluation criteria found in Section M of this solicitation, Evaluation Factors. The Offeror shall respond to each factor in a way that will allow the District to evaluate the Offeror's response. The Offeror shall submit information in a clear, concise, factual and logical manner providing a comprehensive description of program supplies and services delivery thereof. The information requested below for the technical proposal shall facilitate evaluation and best value source selection for all proposals. The technical proposal must contain sufficient detail to provide a clear and concise representation of the requirements in Section C.

L.2.1 Technical Proposal

L.2.1.1 American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) Certification

Offeror must provide evidence of the accreditation certification for the type of percentage testing they are performing from the Parentage Testing Committee of the AABB. Offeror may include any other certifications or awards indicating a Proficiency in DNA parentage testing. The District will not evaluate proposals from Offerors who fail to submit evidence of AABB certification.

L.2.1.2 Technical Approach and Capacity

The Offeror's response to the Request for Proposal shall include at a minimum the following:

- a. A brief narrative demonstrating the Contractor's understanding of the requirements and their technical competence, specifically identifying any technical expertise related to child support enforcement program;
- b. Evidence of the Offeror's capacity to provide genetic testing in multiple jurisdiction, interstate and international cases;
- c. An Organizational Chart including the Contractor's staff to provide services under the contract. The organizational chart shall depict the reporting lines and accountability among the staff and subcontractors, and the number of hours each key personnel will devote to the contract;
- d. A narrative describing the Offeror's ability to ensure there is a Phlebotomist at the designated collection sites during the hours required. (Refer to C.3.3.4 and C.3.3.6);
- e. Resumes, professional certifications, and credentials of key personnel (identified in Section H.12.1);
- f. Sample reports that the Offeror will provide to the District to meet the requirements of C.3.6; and
- g. Subcontractor agreements, as applicable.

L.2.1.3 Past Performance/Previous Experience

The Offeror's response to the Request for Proposal shall include, at a minimum the following:

- a. An exemplary list of contracts awarded to the Contractor and any proposed subcontractors, active and expired, during the past three (3) years that are similar in size and scope to genetic testing services described in the Statement of Work. References are preferred by child support enforcement programs and IV-D agencies;
- b. The name, address, telephone number and email address of clients provided in a. above.

The District may, at randomly select three (3) entities from the contract information provided to obtain a Past Performance Evaluation, using a form similar to that attached as Attachment J.1.4. The offeror shall verify and notify companies and organizations contained in the list above to facilitate the successful completion of the past performance evaluation forms.

L.2.1.4 Attachments and Certifications

The offeror shall provide in this section the following documents and pertinent information:

- a. Solicitation, Offer, and Award form;
- b. Attachments J.2.1, through, J.2.5 of this solicitation;
- c. Representations and certifications and other statements of the offeror in Section K shall be completed and signed;
- d. Legal status of offeror as specified as specified in Section L.17; and

- e. Current audited financial statements, including notes which disclose the offeror's financial condition.

L.2.2 Price Proposal

The Offeror shall, at a minimum, include in its price proposal (1) a complete Price Schedule (Section B.3) for the base and option years, and (2) value of subcontracts. The OAG/CSSD may add a collection site at its location (441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001). The offeror shall provide the additional charge, if any, if the additional site is required.

L.3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE AND TIME, AND LATE SUBMISSIONS, LATE MODIFICATIONS, WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS AND LATE PROPOSALS

L.3.1 Proposal Submission

Proposals must be submitted no later than May 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals, modifications to proposals, or requests for withdrawals that are received in the designated District office after the exact local time specified above, are "late" and shall be considered only if they are received before the award is made and one (1) or more of the following circumstances apply:

- (a) The proposal or modification was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth (5th) day before the date specified for receipt of offers;
- (b) The proposal or modification was sent by mail and it is determined by the Contracting Officer that the late receipt at the location specified in the solicitation was caused by mishandling by the District, or
- (c) The proposal is the only proposal received.

L.3.2 Withdrawal or Modification of Proposals

An offeror may modify or withdraw its proposal upon written, telegraphic notice, or facsimile transmission if received at the location designated in the solicitation for submission of proposals, but not later than the closing date for receipt of proposals.

L.3.3 Postmarks

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of a late proposal, late modification or late withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail shall be a U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark on the wrapper or on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. If neither postmark shows a legible date, the proposal, modification or request for withdrawal shall be deemed to have been mailed late. When the postmark shows the date but not the hour, the time is presumed to be the last minute of the date shown. If no date is shown on the postmark, the proposal shall be considered late unless the offeror can furnish evidence from the postal authorities of timely mailing.

L.3.4 Late Modifications

A late modification of a successful proposal, which makes its terms more favorable to the District, shall be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

L.3.5 Late Proposals

A late proposal, late modification or late request for withdrawal of an offer that is not considered shall be held unopened, unless opened for identification, until after award and then retained with unsuccessful offers resulting from this solicitation.

L.4 EXPLANATION TO PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

If a prospective offeror has any questions relative to this solicitation, the prospective offeror shall submit the question in writing to the contact person, identified on page one. The prospective offeror shall submit questions no later than (*three*) days prior to the closing date and time indicated for this solicitation. The District will not consider any questions received less than (*three*) days before the date set for submission of proposals. The District will furnish responses promptly to all other prospective offerors. An amendment to the solicitation will be issued if that information is necessary in submitting offers, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding.

L.5 FAILURE TO SUBMIT OFFERS

Recipients of this solicitation not responding with an offer should not return this solicitation. Instead, they should advise the Contracting Officer, Gena Johnson, Office of Contracting & Procurement 441 4th St., NW, Washington DC 20001, (202) 724-5194, by letter or postcard whether they want to receive future solicitations for similar requirements. It is also requested that such recipients advise the Contracting Officer, Gena Johnson of the reason for not submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation. If a recipient does not submit an offer and does not notify the Contracting Officer, Gena Johnson that future solicitations are desired, the recipient's name may be removed from the applicable mailing list.

L.6 RESTRICTION ON DISCLOSURE AND USE OF DATA

L.6.1 Offerors who include in their proposal data that they do not want disclosed to the public or used by the District except for use in the procurement process shall mark the title page with the following legend:

"This proposal includes data that shall not be disclosed outside the District and shall not be duplicated, used or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose except for use in the procurement process.

If, however, a contract is awarded to this offeror as a result of or in connection with the submission of this data, the District will have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose the data to the extent consistent with the District's needs in the procurement process. This restriction does not limit the District's rights to use, without restriction, information contained in this

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proposal if it is obtained from another source. The data subject to this restriction are contained in sheets (insert page numbers or other identification of sheets).”

L.6.2 Mark each sheet of data it wishes to restrict with the following legend:

“Use or disclosure of data contained on this sheet is subject to the restriction on the title page of this proposal.”

L.7 PROPOSALS WITH OPTION YEARS

The offeror shall include option year prices in its price/cost proposal. An offer may be determined to be unacceptable if it fails to include option year pricing.

L.8 PROPOSAL PROTESTS

Any actual or prospective offeror or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract, must file with the D.C. Contract Appeals Board (Board) a protest no later than 10 business days after the basis of protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. A protest based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent at the time set for receipt of initial proposals shall be filed with the Board prior to the time set for receipt of initial proposals. In procurements in which proposals are requested, alleged improprieties which do not exist in the initial solicitation, but which are subsequently incorporated into the solicitation, must be protested no later than the next closing time for receipt of proposals following the incorporation. The protest shall be filed in writing, with the Contract Appeals Board, 717 14th Street, N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20004. The aggrieved person shall also mail a copy of the protest to the Contracting Officer for the solicitation.

L.9 SIGNING OF OFFERS

The offeror shall sign the offer and print or type its name on the Solicitation, Offer and Award form of this solicitation. Offers signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority, unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the Contracting Officer.

L.10 UNNECESSARILY ELABORATE PROPOSALS

Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other presentations beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective response to this solicitation are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the offeror's lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate artwork, expensive paper and bindings, and expensive visual and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired.

L.11 RETENTION OF PROPOSALS

All proposal documents will be the property of the District and retained by the District, and therefore will not be returned to the offerors.

L.12 PROPOSAL COSTS

The District is not liable for any costs incurred by the offerors in submitting proposals in response to this solicitation.

L.13 ELECTRONIC COPY OF PROPOSALS FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

In addition to other proposal submission requirements, the offeror must submit an electronic copy of its proposal, redacted in accordance with any applicable exemptions from disclosure in D.C. Official Code § 2-534, in order for the District to comply with Section 2-536(b) that requires the District to make available electronically copies of records that must be made public. The District's policy is to release documents relating to District proposals following award of the contract, subject to applicable FOIA exemption under Section 2-534(a)(1).

L.14 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

The Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverages as specified in Section I.8 prior to commencing work. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted within fourteen (14) days of contract award to:

Gena Johnson
Contracting Officer
Office of Contracting & Procurement
441 4th St., NW, 700S
Washington DC 20001
(202) 724-5194
Gena.johnson@dc.gov

L.15 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The offeror shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (a) by signing and returning the amendment; (b) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose in Section A, Solicitation, Offer and Award form; or (c) by letter or telegram including mailgrams. The District must receive the acknowledgment by the date and time specified for receipt of offers. Offerors' failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of the offer.

L.16 BEST AND FINAL OFFERS

If, subsequent to receiving original proposals, negotiations are conducted, all offerors within the competitive range will be so notified and will be provided an opportunity to submit written best and final offers at the designated date and time. Best and Final Offers will be subject to the Late Submissions, Late Modifications and Late Withdrawals of Proposals provision of the solicitation. After receipt of best and final offers, no discussions will be reopened unless the Contracting Officer determines that it is clearly in the District's best interest to do so, e.g., it is clear that information available at that time is inadequate to reasonably justify Contractor selection and award based on the best and final offers received.

If discussions are reopened, the Contracting Officer shall issue an additional request for best and final offers to all offerors still within the competitive range.

L.17 LEGAL STATUS OF OFFEROR

Each proposal must provide the following information:

L.17.1 Name, address, telephone number and federal tax identification number of offeror;

L.17.2 A copy of each District of Columbia license, registration or certification that the offeror is required by law to obtain. This mandate also requires the offeror to provide a copy of the executed "Clean Hands Certification" that is referenced in D.C. Official Code §47-2862 (2001), if the offeror is required by law to make such certification. If the offeror is a corporation or partnership and does not provide a copy of its license, registration or certification to transact business in the District of Columbia, the offer shall certify its intent to obtain the necessary license, registration or certification prior to contract award or its exemption from such requirements; and

L.17.3 If the offeror is a partnership or joint venture, the names and addresses of the general partners or individual members of the joint venture, and copies of any joint venture or teaming agreements.

L.18 FAMILIARIZATION WITH CONDITIONS

Offerors shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, acquainting themselves with all available information regarding difficulties which may be encountered, and the conditions under which the work is to be accomplished. Contractors will not be relieved from assuming all responsibility for properly estimating the difficulties and the cost of performing the services required herein due to their failure to investigate the conditions or to become acquainted with all information, schedules and liability concerning the services to be performed.

L.19 STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The prospective contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements; therefore, the prospective contractor must submit the documentation listed below, within five (5) days of the request by the District.

L.19.1 Evidence of adequate financial resources, credit or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of the contract.

L.19.2 Evidence of the ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments.

L.19.3 Evidence of the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational control, technical skills or the ability to obtain them.

L.19.4 Evidence of compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations.

L.19.5 Evidence of a satisfactory performance record, record of integrity and business ethics.

L.19.6 Evidence of the necessary production, construction and technical equipment and facilities or the ability to obtain them.

L.19.7 Evidence of other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations

L.19.8 If the prospective contractor fails to supply the information requested, the Contracting Officer shall make the determination of responsibility or nonresponsibility based upon available information. If the available information is insufficient to make a determination of responsibility, the Contracting Officer shall determine the prospective contractor to be nonresponsible.

SECTION M - EVALUATION FACTORS

M.1 EVALUATION FOR AWARD

The contract will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose offer is most advantageous to the District, based upon the evaluation criteria specified below. Thus, while the points in the evaluation criteria indicate their relative importance, the total scores will not necessarily be determinative of the award. Rather, the total scores will guide the District in making an intelligent award decision based upon the evaluation criteria.

M.2 TECHNICAL RATING

The Technical Rating Scale is as follows:

<u>Numeric Rating</u>	<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Description</u>
0	Unacceptable	Fails to meet minimum requirements; e.g., no demonstrated capacity, major deficiencies which are not correctable; offeror did not address the factor.
1	Poor	Marginally meets minimum requirements; major deficiencies which may be correctable.
2	Minimally Acceptable	Marginally meets minimum requirements; minor deficiencies which may be correctable.
3	Acceptable	Meets requirements; no deficiencies.
4	Good	Meets requirements and exceeds some requirements; no deficiencies.
5	Excellent	Exceeds most, if not all requirements; no deficiencies.

For example, if a sub factor has a point evaluation of 0 to 6 points, and (using the Technical Rating Scale) the District evaluates as "good" the part of the proposal applicable to the sub factor, the score for the sub factor is 4.8 (4/5 of 6). The sub factor scores will be added together to determine the score for the factor level.

M.3 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following technical evaluation factors listed in descending order of importance.

M.3.1 TECHNICAL APPROACH AND CAPACITY (65 Points)

M.3.1.1 Offeror has demonstrated its understanding of the requirements and capacity to perform the required services as evidenced by its expertise with child support and paternity establishment programs; ability to provide genetic testing in multiple jurisdictions, interstate or international cases; and sample reports that meet the requirements of C.3.6. **(25 points)**

M.3.1.2 Offeror has proposed a staffing plan, which includes qualified key personnel, to successfully provide the required services. The resumes submitted for the proposed key personnel demonstrate that the personnel have relevant experience and the technical competencies to perform the required services. **(20 points)**

M.3.1.3 The Offeror provided a plan to ensure that a Phlebotomist will be on duty at the designated collection site(s) during the hours required. **(20 points)**

M.3.2 EXPERIENCE AND PAST PERFORMANCE (20 Points)

Offerors has satisfactorily provided similar genetic testing services to child support and paternity establishment programs as required in the RFP. The Offeror's client references include child support enforcement programs and IV-D agencies.

M.3.3 PRICE CRITERIA (15 Points)

The price evaluation will be objective. The offeror with the lowest price, for the base and option years, will receive the maximum price points. All other proposals will receive a proportionately lower total score. The following formula will be used to determine each offeror's evaluated price score:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest price proposal}}{\text{Price of proposal being evaluated}} \times \text{weight} = \text{Evaluated price score}$$

The District may consider additional price related factors.

M.4 OPEN MARKET CLAUSES WITH SBE SUBCONTRACTING SET-ASIDE (SUPPLIES AND SERVICES)

M.4.1 Preferences for Local Businesses, Disadvantaged Businesses, Resident-owned Businesses, Small Businesses, Longtime Resident Businesses, or Local Businesses with Principal Offices Located in an Enterprise Zone

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Under the provisions of the “Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005” (the Act), Title II, Subtitle N, of the “Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Support Act of 2005”, D.C, Law 16-33, effective October 20, 2005, the District shall apply preferences in evaluating bids or proposals from businesses that are small, local, disadvantaged, resident-owned, longtime resident, or local with a principal office located in an enterprise zone of the District of Columbia.

M.4.2 Required Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Subcontracting Set-Aside

15% of the total dollar value of this contract has been set-aside for performance through subcontracting with businesses certified by the Small and Local Business Opportunity Commission (SLBOC) or the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), as applicable, as small business enterprises. Any prime contractor responding to this solicitation shall submit within 5 days of the contracting officer’s request, a notarized statement detailing its subcontracting plan. Once the plan is approved by the contracting officer, changes will only occur with the prior written approval of the contracting officer and the Director of DSLBD.

M.4.3 General Preferences

For evaluation purposes, the allowable preferences under the Act for this procurement are as follows:

- M.4.3.1** Three percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale for a small business enterprise (SBE) certified by the Small and Local Business Opportunity Commission (SLBOC) or the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), as applicable;
- M.4.3.2** Three percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale for a resident-owned business enterprise (ROB) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.3.3** Ten percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of ten points on a 100-point scale for a longtime resident business (LRB) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.3.4** Two percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale for a local business enterprise (LBE) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable;
- M.4.3.5** Two percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale for a local business enterprise with its principal office located in an enterprise zone (DZE) and certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable; and
- M.4.3.6** Two percent reduction in the bid price or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale for a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable.

M.4.4 Application of Preferences

The preferences shall be applicable to prime contractors as follows:

M.4.4.1 Any prime contractor that is an SBE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the SBE in response to an Invitation for Bids (IFB) or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the SBE in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP).

M.4.4.2 Any prime contractor that is an ROB certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the ROB in response to an IFB or the addition of three points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the ROB in response to an RFP.

M.4.4.3 Any prime contractor that is an LRB certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a ten percent (10%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LRB in response to an IFB or the addition of ten points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the LRB in response to an RFP.

M.4.4.4 Any prime contractor that is an LBE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LBE in response to an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the LBE in response to an RFP.

M.4.4.5 Any prime contractor that is an DZE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DZE in response to an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the DZE in response to an RFP.

M.4.4.6 Any prime contractor that is a DBE certified by the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DBE in response to an IFB or the addition of two points on a 100-point scale added to the overall score for proposals submitted by the DBE in response to an RFP.

M.4.5 Maximum Preference Awarded

Notwithstanding the availability of the preceding preferences, the maximum total preference to which a certified business enterprise is entitled under the Act for this procurement is twelve percent (12%) for bids submitted in response to an IFB or the equivalent of twelve (12) points on a 100-point scale for proposals submitted in response to an RFP. There will be no preference awarded for subcontracting by the prime contractor with certified business enterprises.

M.4.5.1 Preferences for Certified Joint Ventures

When the SLBOC or the DSLBD, as applicable, certifies a joint venture, the certified joint venture will receive preferences as a prime contractor for categories in which the joint venture and the certified joint venture partner are certified, subject to the maximum preference limitation set forth in the preceding paragraph.

M.4.6 **Vendor Submission for Preferences**

M.4.6.1 Any vendor seeking to receive preferences on this solicitation must submit at the time of, and as part of its bid or proposal, the following documentation, as applicable to the preference being sought:

M.4.6.1.1 Evidence of the vendor's or joint venture's certification by the SLBOC as an SBE LBE, DBE, DZE, LRB, or RBO, to include a copy of all relevant letters of certification from the SLBOC; or

M.4.6.1.2 Evidence of the vendor's or joint venture's provisional certification by the DSLBD as an SBE, LBE, DBE, DZE, LRB, or RBO, to include a copy of the provisional certification from the DSLBD.

M.4.6.2 Any vendor seeking certification or provisional certification in order to receive preferences under this solicitation should contact the:

Department of Small and Local Business Development
ATTN: LSDBE Certification Program
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 970N
Washington, DC 20001

M.4.6.3 All vendors are encouraged to contact the DSLBD at (202) 727-3900 if additional information is required on certification procedures and requirements.

M.4.7 **Subcontracting Plan**

Any prime contractor responding to a solicitation in which there is an SBE subcontracting set-aside, shall submit, within 5 days of the contracting officer's request, a notarized statement detailing its subcontracting plan. Each subcontracting plan shall include the following:

M.4.7.1 A description of the goods and services to be provided by SBEs;

M.4.7.2 A statement of the dollar value of the bid or proposal that pertains to the subcontracts to be performed by the SBEs;

M.4.7.3 The names and addresses of all proposed subcontractors who are SBEs;

M.4.7.4 The name of the individual employed by the prime contractor who will administer the subcontracting plan, and a description of the duties of the individual;

- M.4.7.5** A description of the efforts the prime contractor will make to ensure that SBEs will have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts;
- M.4.7.6** In all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities, assurances that the prime contractor will include a statement, approved by the contracting officer, that the subcontractor will adopt a subcontracting plan similar to the subcontracting plan required by the contract;
- M.4.7.7** Assurances that the prime contractor will cooperate in any studies or surveys that may be required by the contracting officer, and submit periodic reports, as requested by the contracting officer, to allow the District to determine the extent of compliance by the prime contractor with the subcontracting plan;
- M.4.7.8** List the type of records the prime contractor will maintain to demonstrate procedures adopted to comply with the requirements set forth in the subcontracting plan, and include assurances that the prime contractor will make such records available for review upon the District's request; and
- M.4.7.9** A description of the prime contractor's recent effort to locate SBEs and to award subcontracts to them.

M.4.8 Enforcement and Penalties for Willful Breach of Subcontracting Plan

The willful breach by a contractor of a subcontracting plan for utilization of local, small, or disadvantaged businesses in the performance of a contract, the failure to submit any required subcontracting plan monitoring or compliance report, or the deliberate submission of falsified data may be enforced by the DSLBD through the imposition of penalties, including monetary fines of \$15,000 or 5% of the total amount of the work that the contractor was to subcontract to local, small, or disadvantaged businesses, whichever is greater, for each such breach, failure, or falsified submission.

M.5 EVALUATION OF OPTION YEARS

The District will evaluate offers for award purposes by evaluating the total price for all options as well as the base year. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the District to exercise them. The total District's requirements may change during the option years. Quantities to be awarded will be determined at the time each option is exercised.

M.6 EVALUATION OF PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT

M.6.1 Prompt payment discounts shall not be considered in the evaluation of offers. However, any discount offered will form a part of the award and will be taken by the District if payment is made within the discount period specified by the offeror.

M.6.2 In connection with any discount offered, time will be computed from the date of delivery of the supplies to carrier when delivery and acceptance are at point of origin, or from date of delivery at destination when delivery, installation and acceptance are at that, or from the date

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correct invoice or voucher is received in the office specified by the District, if the latter date is later than date of delivery. Payment is deemed to be made for the purpose of earning the discount on the date of mailing of the District check.