

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. Contract Number	Page of Pages 1 4	
2. Amendment/Modification Number DCFA-2007-R-0020-008		3. Effective Date See Block 16C.		4. Requisition/Purchase Request No.	
6. Issued By: Office of Contracting and Procurement Group 5 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 700 South Washington, DC 20001			7. Administered By (If other than line 6)		
8. Name and Address of Contractor (No. Street, city, country, state and ZIP Code) To Prospective Offerors			9A. Amendment of Solicitation No. DCFA-2007-R-0020		
			9B. Dated (See Item 11) 6/5/2007		
			10A. Modification of Contract/Order No.		
			10B. Dated (See Item 13)		
Code		Facility			
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment: (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or fax which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment number. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or fax, provided each letter or telegram makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.					
12. Accounting and Appropriation Data (If Required)					
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14					
A. This change order is issued pursuant to: (Specify Authority) <u>27 DCMR, Chapter 36, Contract Modifications</u>					
The changes set forth in Item 14 are made in the contract/order no. in item 10A.					
B. The above numbered contract/order is modified to reflect the administrative changes (such as changes in paying office, appropriation data, etc.) set forth in item 14, pursuant to the authority of 27 DCMR, Chapter 36, Section 3601.2.					
C. This supplemental agreement is entered into pursuant to authority of: The changes set forth in Item 14 are made in the contract/order no. in item 10A.					
D. Other (Specify type of modification and authority)					
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return <u>1</u> copies to the issuing office.					
14. Description of amendment/modification (Organized by UCF Section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) The amendment is in response to questions received per Solicitation No. DCFA-2007-R-0020- Backlogged Casework for DNA testing (see Attachment A- Response to Questions) All other terms and conditions remain unchanged!					
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item (9A or 10A) remain unchanged and in full force and effect					
15A. Name and Title of Signer (Type or print)			16A. Name of Contracting Officer Sheila Mobley		
15B. Name of Contractor		15C. Date Signed	16B. District of Columbia		16C. Date Signed
(Signature of person authorized to sign)			(Signature of Contracting Officer)		

“Attachment A”

Solicitation Number “DCFA-2007-R-0020” Backlogged Casework for DNA Testing

Questions and Answers:

1) C.3.1, C.3.6: Does the District of Columbia deliberately wish to exclude FQS-accredited laboratories from consideration?

Answer: FQS accreditation is acceptable for this contract.

2) C.3.12 requests “a copy of (our) Standard Operating Procedures.” This comprises an exceptionally large volume of some 70 individual procedures. Is the request for any and all of these? If so, may they be provided solely in electronic format (on CD)?

Answer: Yes, please provide a complete copy (on CD) along with your proposal.

3) Can Genemapper software be used?

Answer: Yes, GMID software can be used.

4) Can an ABI 3130XL be used for analysis?

Answer: No, a 10 uL reaction can not be used for reference samples.

5) Regarding the attachments referenced on page 26, can you confirm that any company not located within the District of Columbia or surrounding area would be exempt from J.2.1 and (LSDBE), J.2.3 (Tax cert) and J.2.4 (First Source Employment Agreement)?

Answer: Yes, all suppliers located outside of the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical areas and who will perform no work in the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical areas are exempt from these requirements.

6.) The estimated sample count listed on page 2 C.2 background is listed as 4. Is that estimate based on evidence only or a mix of evidence and reference samples?

Answer: It is expected that only one reference, if available, will be submitted with each case. Some cases may have more samples, while other cases may have less; the expected average number of samples per case is four. This average number includes evidence and reference samples.

7.) How may Offerors protect confidentiality of proprietary information they include in their proposals?

Answer: All Offerors have the option to request that all information provided be kept confidential.

8.) Are all Offerors required to submit an example of a case report and if so what level of detail is required?

Answer: It is expected that the contract lab produce "...a court ready written report to include a chart of sample genotypes..." An example of the Contractor's case report should be submitted to demonstrate its ability to fulfill this reporting requirement.

9.) Indications are award(s) will be made on the basis of price. Are there service enhancements or qualifications such as experience, expertise, capacity or faster turnaround time superior to those specified in the solicitation that Offerors can list to increase their chances of an award even if they are not one of the low-priced Offerors?

Answer: All contract award(s) will be made on price alone to the most responsive and responsible Offeror. See L.1.2!

10.) In section C.3.6 we find the following:

The Contractor shall provide proof of participation in an external serology and DNA proficiency testing program on a semi-annual basis [42 U.S.C.14132(b)(2)] from a test provider(s) that has/have been approved by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory

Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB).

We typically follow industry practice for bid responses of this kind by providing a table of proficiency test participation which lists each analyst by name, test date, proficiency test identification numbers, outcomes, etc. as part of our bid responses. The information supporting this list is on file at the laboratory and will be available to representatives of the agency during the site-visit phase of the award process or at anytime thereafter during announced or unannounced site visits or audits. For the purposes of submitting this proposal, will a list of proficiency tests and outcomes as described meet the requirement of C.3.6?

Answer: Section C.3.6 - A site visit will not be conducted prior to the award of this contract. The Contract laboratory must provide proof of participation in an external serology and DNA testing program on a semi-annual basis from approved test providers. A summary prepared by the Contract laboratory is not sufficient proof to demonstrate compliance.

11.) *In section C.3.7 we find the following:*

The Contractor shall provide with their bid, a summary of proficiency test records for all participating DNA analysts and technicians from January 2002 to the most recent external proficiency test. In addition, the Contract laboratory shall provide complete copies of proficiency test notes from the most recent external proficiency test demonstrating the ability to perform mixed stain analysis as required in this bid specification. Any and all documents relating to findings and corrective actions shall be included.

What do you require by way of documentation? If there were no findings or corrective actions, would a table of proficiency testing records suffice? The information supporting this list is on file at the laboratory and will be available to representatives of the agency during the site-visit phase of the award process or at anytime thereafter during announced or unannounced site visits or audits.

Answer: Section C.3.7 - A site visit will not be conducted prior to the award of this contract. The Contract laboratory must "...provide complete copies of proficiency test notes from the most recent external proficiency test demonstrating the ability to perform mixed stain analysis..." The proficiency test records must include any and all documents relating to findings and corrective actions. Records submitted may be limited to the DNA analysts, technicians and reviewers that would actually be performing the work on this contract if awarded. In addition to the records from the most recent mixed stain proficiency tests, a summary of proficiency test records for all participating DNA analysts, technicians and reviewers from January 2002 to the present must be submitted.

12.) *We would like to confirm that there are no restrictions or limitations regarding the "Batching" of test results?*

Answer: Batching may be conducted as long as procedural safeguards are in place to prevent contamination. Evidence and reference samples are not to be batched together.

13.) *Will you accept an alternative pricing format based on the priced per sample, as opposed to price per case?*

Answer: No alternative pricing format will be allowed.

14.) *Who is the current vendor, and what is the current price for their services?*

Answer: Currently, there is not a Contractor providing this service to the District.