

October 22, 2020

TO: All Bidders

RE: RFP 2021-07

### **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

This **ADDENDUM #1** forms part of Moore County's Request for Proposal for COVID Testing Services for the Moore County Health Department. All requirements of the original specifications remain in effect in their respective order. **Receipt of this Addendum must be acknowledged by its inclusion with the Bid and noted as an inclusion on the sealed envelope.**

**The following changes and/or clarifications are hereby made to the original Proposal:**

**Note: Because reporting COVID-19 is mandatory in North Carolina, clinicians and laboratories must report results of all COVID-19 molecular (PCR) to local or state public health. A molecular (PCR) positive case of COVID-19 is a person who received a positive COVID-19 result from a molecular (PCR) test. Molecular (PCR) positive cases are classified as "confirmed" cases of COVID-19, in accordance with CDC case classification guidelines. The Division of Public Health for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services only accepts results from PCR testing for COVID-19 as "confirmed" cases."**

1. Question: Scope of Work A.a., page 6 "Utilize only the FDA approved Applied Biosystems TaqPath COVID-19 Combo Assay test"  
Are alternative tests authorized that are also FDA-approved, RT-PCR diagnostics tests with an equal or better limit of detection than the TaqPath test?  
Answer: Comparable product will be considered but must be PCR. If quoting a product other than Applied Biosystems TaqPath please provide specifications of product.
2. Question: Scope of Work A.b. page 6 "collection kits consisting of nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs in saline, universal transport media and Copan ESwab"  
Are alternative collection materials authorized, especially if necessary, to remain in compliance with the conditions for alternate FDA-approved tests?  
Answer: No.
3. Question: Scope of Work A.c. page 6 Deliver "either via laboratory courier or sales representative"  
Will initial FedEx bulk shipment of test kits be accepted instead of courier or sales rep delivery?  
Answer: No.
4. Question: Scope of Work A.g page 6 "Send Contractor's couriers daily Monday – Friday before 5:00PM closing to Moore County Health Dept. for pickup"  
Will other shipment methods be accepted, such as industry-standard FedEx overnight bulk shipping?  
Answer: No.

5. Question: Scope of Work A.h. page 6 “24 hour turn around not to exceed 72 hours”  
Does turnaround time begin at sample collection, sample pickup from the health department, delivery to the lab, or some other criteria?  
Answer: Sample Pickup from the Health Department.
6. Question: Accreditation of Testing Sites, F.a page 7 “Testing shall be performed at the CONTRACTOR’S testing facility”  
If necessary, will routing tests to other CLIA/CAP-accredited affiliate network labs based on demand to maintain low turnaround time be accepted?  
Answer: If vendor is not performing 100% of work vendor must adhere to and submit Affidavit A – included in this addendum. Vendor must adhere to Uniform Guidance regulations for minority participation of solicitation.
7. Question: References page 7 “that your company has contracted with for the FDA approved Applied Biosystems TaqPath COVID-19 Combo Assay testing during the past 12 months”  
Are in-state hospital or public health department references authorized where the company has provided other FDA-approved tests with equal or better limit of detection than the TaqPath test?  
Answer: Must be approved testing site for quoted product. Provide documentation.
8. Question: Instructions to Bidders, p4, item 13 – We did not find a Vendor Application Form in the bid package. Please provide or direct us to this form.  
Answer: Please disregard the request for a Vendor Application.
9. Question: Is the County of Moore willing to accept a PCR Covid test other than the Applied Biosystems TaqPath COVID-19 Combo Assay test noted on the Specifications page (6) of the RFP?  
Answer: Please refer to question 1.
10. Question: Sealed Bids shall be mailed and/or hand delivered to the Issuing Department – Due to COVID we are not in the offices which is how we are typically able to mail out our bids. Since this is the case, are you accepting bids by other formats such as email or fax?  
Answer: We are not accepting e-mail or fax copies for this project.
11. Question: Scope of Work – Page 6 – item a. – Utilize only the FDA approved Applied Biosystems TaqPath COVID-19 Combo Assay Test – Is the actual test type flexible if another test can deliver the same outcome? “Sterling offers a PCR saliva test with a very high degree of accuracy. FDA approved tests have the EUA which our tests do as well. Our labs that test for COVID are CLIA certified. I’ve included a one pager on our COVID testing for reference.  
Answer: Please refer to question 1.
12. Question: (Affidavit B on page 11) which needs to be signed and notarized.  
I hereby certify that it is our intent to perform 100% of the work required for the COVID TESTING SERVICES contract. In making this certification, the Bidder states that the Bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform all elements of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces; and the Bidder agrees to provide any additional information or documentation requested by the owner in support of the above statement. The Bidder agrees to make a Good Faith Effort to utilize minority suppliers where possible. –

We are work hand and hand with a third party to complete the COVID testing services. If we propose how the fulfillment is done will that be acceptable?  
Answer: Please see questions 6.

**No further questions will be accepted.** Sealed Proposals are due to Terra Vuncannon at 206 South Ray Street Carthage NC 28327 by 4:00 pm Tuesday, October 27, 2020. For your convenience, a Bid Drop-Off Box is located in the lobby of 206 South Ray Street.

**END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1**

Terra Vuncannon  
Purchasing Manager  
County of Moore

## State of North Carolina AFFIDAVIT A – Listing of Good Faith Efforts

County of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Bidder)

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_

I have made a good faith effort to comply under the following areas checked:

**Bidders must earn at least 50 points from the good faith efforts listed for their bid to be considered responsive.** (1 NC Administrative Code 30 I.0101)

- ☐ 1 – (10 pts) Contacted minority businesses that reasonably could have been expected to submit a quote and that were known to the contractor, or available on State or local government maintained lists, at least 10 days before the bid date and notified them of the nature and scope of the work to be performed.
- ☐ 2 – (10 pts) Made the construction plans, specifications and requirements available for review by prospective minority businesses, or providing these documents to them at least 10 days before the bids are due.
- ☐ 3 – (15 pts) Broken down or combined elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation.
- ☐ 4 – (10 pts) Worked with minority trade, community, or contractor organizations identified by the Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses and included in the bid documents that provide assistance in recruitment of minority businesses.
- ☐ 5 – (10 pts) Attended prebid meetings scheduled by the public owner.
- ☐ 6 – (20 pts) Provided assistance in getting required bonding or insurance or provided alternatives to bonding or insurance for subcontractors.
- ☐ 7 – (15 pts) Negotiated in good faith with interested minority businesses and did not reject them as unqualified without sound reasons based on their capabilities. Any rejection of a minority business based on lack of qualification should have the reasons documented in writing.
- ☐ 8 – (25 pts) Provided assistance to an otherwise qualified minority business in need of equipment, loan capital, lines of credit, or joint pay agreements to secure loans, supplies, or letters of credit, including waiving credit that is ordinarily required. Assisted minority businesses in obtaining the same unit pricing with the bidder's suppliers in order to help minority businesses in establishing credit.
- ☐ 9 – (20 pts) Negotiated joint venture and partnership arrangements with minority businesses in order to increase opportunities for minority business participation on a public construction or repair project when possible.
- ☐ 10 – (20 pts) Provided quick pay agreements and policies to enable minority contractors and suppliers to meet cash-flow demands.

The undersigned, if apparent low bidder, will enter into a formal agreement with the firms listed in the Identification of Minority Business Participation schedule conditional upon scope of contract to be executed with the Owner. Substitution of contractors must be in accordance with GS143-128.2(d) Failure to abide by this statutory provision will constitute a breach of the contract.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read the terms of the minority business commitment and is authorized to bind the bidder to the commitment herein set forth.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Authorized Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_



State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_