

Mississippi State Department of Health

RFQF RFx #3140001668

Vendor Questions/MSDH Responses:

- (1) I am writing in regards to your RFQ # 3140001668 for a an LCMS QQQ. Your bid seems to be looking for competitive bids from LC MS/MS manufacturers. As you know the LRN program was started many years ago and the instrument initially used is no longer in production. Since the time the LRN program was instituted there have been many advances in the LC MS/MS requirement of 5 current clients in the LRN program (b #5) seems to be unduly restrictive and will not allow the State of Mississippi to get the latest, current state of the art instruments. This is not a specification but rather a restriction of MS companies. We would ask that this requirement be removed and replaced with a specification such as the instrument must be able to achieve sensitivity of X on compound Y. Changing that would make sure the state purchases an instrument that will meet the performance requirements it needs and be able to get the latest instrument.

Response:

Change to: The vendor must provide a list of at least 5 current clients that use the quoted instrument for LRN-C testing on human blood and urine samples or 5 current clients that uses a previous model of a triple quadrupole LC-MS-MS for LRN-C testing. Client test list and contact information must be included.

- (2) Next, the requirement of Collision Cell: High Pressure Hexapole is a specific vendor's design and not a specification. We would ask that this be changed to a specification that the collision cell must meet such as a cross talk specification in MRM of 0.003%. Again, using this specification will provide the state the ability to select any instrument meeting the capability required as opposed to limiting selection to a single vendor.

Response: The requirement for a high pressure hexapole collision cell will be removed.

- (3) Finally, if we have multiple instruments that meet the minimum specifications, can we provide multiple bids?

Response: You may provide quotes for any instruments that meet the specifications. Please provide a separate quote for each instrument.

- (4) The instructions within the solicitation are slightly confusing – is it acceptable to submit the bid response in hardcopy to the address indicated within or do we need to submit hardcopy *and* through MAGIC?

Response: we request that both a paper copy and an on-line submission be made, however, the on-line submission is not mandatory. RFQF has been amended to reflect this information