




MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

June 2, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vendors/Bidders for Clinical Chemistry Analyzer

FROM: Jennifer Dotson
Director, Facilities, Property and Purchasing 

SUBJECT: RFx 3160001563 Invitation for Bid
Due Date: 10:30 A.M. CST/DST, June 13, 2017

For your information, enclosed is a listing of vendor/bidder's questions and Mississippi State Department of Health's answers/questions to these questions concerning the above mentioned invitation for bid.

Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum and attachment by signing and dating below and including a copy with your bid submission.

Enclosure

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RFx#3160001563 – Due 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Clarification/Answers to Questions Concerning RFx#3160001563:

In the “Minimum Bid Specs” section under #3. You state that the “vendor must provide all specimen transport requirements”. Does this mean that the vendor must provide vacutainer tubes and a courier service? Or are you just asking for instructions on how to prepare the specimens for transport? [Please provide the FDA approved requirements or instructions pertaining to specimen transport after specimen collection and supportive documentation, i.e., temperature requirements, maximum time to centrifuge vacutainer after collection, etc. The vendor is not expected to provide vacutainer tubes or courier service.](#)

It appears that you are wanting to purchase the analyzer and not operate on a Reagent Rental program. Is this correct? Is it possible to get an idea of the tests and volumes you plan to run? [That is correct; this is a purchase. The table below is an estimate of the tests currently run with estimated volumes. Please be mindful that the annual number of tests is only an estimate.](#)

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| BUN | 3372 |
| Cholesterol | 536 |
| Creatinine | 3372 |
| Total bilirubin | 4148 |
| Calculated LDL | 536 |
| Glucose | 36 |
| HDL | 380 |
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| Triglyceride | 124 |
| Urea nitrogen | 4927 |
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No volumes or testing was provided in the BID. What tests and what volumes need to be included? This information is needed to provide pricing.

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What type acquisition does this need to be (ie, rental, lease, capital)? **Purchase**

What type agreement does this need to be (ie. Cost per test, cost per reportable)? **N/A. Reagent pricing should be cost per test kit; please list number of tests per kit.**

Is the BID rewarded on lowest price that is technically acceptable or it is rewarded on value based? **We accept the lowest and best bid that meets all of the specifications**

If rewarded on lowest price that is technically acceptable, if a vendor is not able to meet one of the line items defined will they be eliminated? **We accept the lowest and best bid that meets all of the specifications**

Thank you for the clarifications. One question, listed below is BUN and urea nitrogen. Those are the same texts but volumes are different. Please advise.

The urea nitrogen test has been deleted; it was submitted in error.

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