



*Solicitation Information
February 2, 2013*

Addendum #1

RFP# 7459248

TITLE: Department of Public Safety – Medical Services

OPENING DATE AND TIME: February 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM (EST)

PLEASE NOTE:

THIS RFP REQUESTS MEDICAL SERVICES IN TWO PARTS:

- 1. MEDICAL SERVICES FOR RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE**
- 2. MEDICAL SERVICES FOR DIVISION OF SHERIFFS RECRUIT TRAINING ACADEMY**

MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS MAY OFFER SERVICES IN ONE OR BOTH AREAS.

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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1. There appears to be a goal for the State to include MBE vendors in all their procurements, but no stated goal for this RFP. Is there a form we can reference regarding clarification on exactly what is required with the proposal submittal.

Answer: We recommend that you contact our Minority Business Enterprise Office at 574-8253, Charles Newton, MBE Administrator, at charles.newton@doa.ri.gov or Dorinda Keene, Compliance Officer, at dorinda.keene@doa.ri.gov.

2. There is a reference to an attachment to further describe the hair testing, but there is no attachment. Where can this be found.

Answer: Please see attached form.

3. For Urine Steroid screen, what type of steroid is the Dept. looking for? Confirming that this is the same Anabolic we performed when we originally had the contract.

Answer: Same Anabolic as before.

4. On Page 6 of the RFP it stated that we must be providers with United Healthcare. We are licensed as an urgent care provider for United Healthcare in RI is that all we need. Why is this a requirement and will billing go through United or through the Department?

Answer: The recruits have the State's medical insurance while at the Academy. Bills go through their health insurance.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR HAIR TESTING

1. **Scientific background:** The bloodstream nourishes the developing hair follicle. Drugs ingested circulate in the bloodstream and trace levels of these drugs remain trapped in the core of the hair shaft in amounts proportional to those ingested. Such trace levels remain in the hair as it grows out from the head at the approximate rate of one-half inch per month. Drug use stretching over the last 90 days can be obtained by analyzing approximately 3.9cms of hair derived from the most recent growth. Normally, analysis involves the detection and quantification of five drug groups: cocaine, marijuana, opiates, methamphetamine and PCP.

2. **Sample Specifications:** The sample must be taken from the individual under test by a certified collector trained by the testing laboratory. The sample must consist of hair cut from as close as possible to the scalp. While the length of hair collected may be greater than 3.9cms, the final length used for analysis must not exceed 3.9cms. The weight of this sample at 3.9cms long should be approximately 30mgs. Samples must be sent to the analyzing laboratory an appropriate chain of custody mechanism including a sample integrity seal. The individual must be recognized both by picture ID and Social Security Number.

3. **Laboratory Specifications:** The analyzing laboratory shall be accredited for forensic analysis by a recognized State Department of Health. Furthermore, the laboratory must have provided a commercial hair analysis testing service for corporate clients for a period of no less than three (3) years. Additionally, the laboratory must present in writing:

- a) the ability of their testing process to eliminate hair color bias;
- b) the ability of their testing process to detect external contamination; and
- c) the ability of their experts to appear in court and support tests performed under the contract.; and
- d) the ability to provide archival results on blind field studies.

4. **Reporting Test Results:** The negative sample results from the screen must be reported within 24 hours of receipt. The positive results must be reported within 5 working days of receipt.

5. **Sample Analysis:** The procedure for analysis shall involve a two-tiered protocol: screening for the five drug groups indicated above followed by confirmation of all positive results via gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). All samples analyzed must be subject to a digestion to release all drugs entrapped in the hair rather than a dissolution of the hair via strong alkali. All confirmation analysis methods must eliminate the melanin fraction of the hair before analysis. If this is not performed, the laboratory must present published data in the peer reviewed literature from a large population study which indicates that their method of extraction does not possess a statistical hair color bias.

5.1 Screening: The initial screening of the sample, using total weight of no more than 15mgs of the collected 30mgs, shall be conducted via Radioimmunoassay (RIAH) techniques.

5.2 Decontamination Procedures: Samples undergoing RIAH and confirmation shall be decontaminated using an approved wash procedure previously published in the peer reviewed literature. At a minimum the wash procedure shall include a 15-30 minute wash in isopropanol at 37° C and shaken at 100 cycles per minute, followed by three (3) successive phosphate buffer (0.01 M) washes each for 30 minutes at 37°C with shaking at 100 cycles per minute. The equal parts of the three phosphate buffer washes shall be combined and analyzed quantitatively, and the last wash will also be analyzed quantitatively. Then the hair must be digested to release the entrapped drug and the drug concentration measured quantitatively. The Contractor will provide a detailed scientific protocol of how the digest and wash will be evaluated with regards to the criteria for determining samples as positive or negative.

5.3 RIAH Screening Cut-off Concentrations:

- a) Marijuana metabolites: 10 pg/10 mg of hair
- b) Cocaine & metabolites: 5ng/10 mg of hair
- c) Opiates & metabolites: 5 ng/10 mg of hair
- d) Opiates & metabolites including the following:
 - 1) codeine; 6-Monoacety/Morphine; morphine:
3 ng/10 mg of hair
- e) amphetamines include the following:
 - a) amphetamines and
 - b) methamphetamine; amphetamines: 5 ng/10 mg of hair
- f) phencyclidine: 3 ng/10 mg of hair

5.4 Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry: All positive results from the second RIAH screening must be confirmed by GC/MS. Protocols for structural confirmation and concurrent quantification must employ the technique commonly referred to as isotope dilution analysis using stable isotopes of various analytes being measured.

5.5 GC/MS Confirmation Hair Control Levels: Drug confirmation analysis on decontaminated digested extracts via GC/MS shall employ the following values:

Marijuana metabolites: 1 pg/10 mg of hair (Delta-9- tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid)

Cocaine: must be at or above 5 ng/10 mg of hair; metabolite detection limits are:

- a) Benzoylcegonine at 1 ng/10 mg of hair
- b) cocaethylene at 1 ng/10 mg of hair

Opiate: 5 ng/ 10mg of hair opiate narcotics include the following:

- a) codeine;
- b) 6-Monouacetylmorphine (heroin metabolite);
- c) morphine

Phencyclidine: 3 ng/ 10mg of hair

Amphetamines: 5 ng/ 10mg of hair; amphetamines include the following:

- a) Amphetamines; and methamphetamine

5.6 Documentation & Sample Reserve: The testing laboratory must maintain all sample records, chain of custody and sample reserve on positive samples for a least three (3) years and maintain negative results documentation for one (1) year.