



**Solicitation Information
August 16, 2013**

Addendum #2

RFQ # 7484365

Title: Hair Fiber Analysis Drug Screening – Pre-Service Candidates

Submission Deadline: August 27, 2013 at 11:30 AM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

**Gail Walsh
Chief Buyer**

1. Who is your current vendor reporting results & LAB doing this testing:

Current Vendor: BTNX Inc., Ontario Canada
Lab Reporting Results via website BTNX.com
Samples mailed to: Omega Laboratories, 400 N. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, OH 44260

2. What collection sites do you use for collections and where are they located? How many collection sites would you like in the state moving forward into new contract?

Collection sites: Collections are done on site at the RI Dept. of Corrections Training Academy.

3. What are your current prices for the following:

Hair Lab panel:

Hair collection fee:

MRO review (for non-negative specimens):

Shipping Fees:

Collection envelopes / Chain of Custody Forms / Other Supplies Fee?:

The current price is \$41.25 per sample tested

All supplies necessary for collection of hair sample are provided by current vendor at no charge.

Shipping Fees: All shipping of supplies for the hair collection to RI Dept. of corrections is at no charge to RIDOC.

RI Dept. of Corrections will pay for shipping of hair samples to vendor using the RIDOC Federal Express Acct. No.

The other two questions relating to MRO and Hair Lab Panel current vendor does not charge any separate line item. Assume it is included in the \$41.25 per sample price.

Note: The hair collection is not part of the bid.

4. How will this RFQ be submitted: electronically via the website/email, hard copy in the mail, etc?

Bids should be mailed or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope marked “Bid # 7484365 Hair Fiber Analysis Drug Screening/Pre-Service Candidates” to:

RI Department of Administration
Division of Purchases, 2nd floor
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5855

NOTE: Proposals received after the above-referenced due date and time will not be considered. Proposals misdirected to other State locations or those not presented to the Division of Purchases by the scheduled due date and time will be determined to be late and will not be considered. Proposals faxed, or emailed, to the Division of Purchases will not be considered. The official time clock is in the reception area of the Division of Purchases.

5. If RFQ is requested by hard copy, how many copies would you like submitted?:

An original and two copies.

6. The RFQ I downloaded off the website is 5 pages long. Are there any additional documents I have overlooked that need to be downloaded & submitted, other than any addenda forthcoming?

There are now the original RFQ and two addenda posted. Please continue to monitor our website for any additional information.

7. The lab also offers a hair panel with the drugs you requested PLUS the ability to test for Oxycodone / Hydrocodone, which are found in your commonly prescribed PAIN MEDICATION (Vicodin, Percocet, etc). Would you like a separate price quote for this as well?

These drugs should be covered under opiates already in the bid

8. Would collection sites just over the border of RI be acceptable for places of collection?

See #2

9. What drug testing method are you currently using for screening of the pre-service candidates?

See #7 under Standards & Specifications for Hair Testing

10. Who is your current drug testing provider?

**Current Vendor: BTNX Inc., Ontario Canada
Lab Reporting Results via website BTNX.com
Hair samples sent to:
Omega Laboratories, 400 N. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, OH 44260**

11. What is your current price per drug test?

Current price is \$41.25 per sample tested

12. How are you currently doing collections (in house, outside source, etc.)?

Collections are done by outside source at this time
Note: The actual hair collection is not part of the bid.

13. How many collection sites do you have?

Collection sites: Collections are done on site at the RI Dept. of Corrections Training Academy.

14. What days of the week and hours of operations do you handle collections?

Monday – Friday 7am – 3pm (see#4)

15. How many drug tests were conducted in 2012 and what was the positive rate?

Approximately 60 in 2013 (1 positive)

16. What is the number of expected requests for legal testimonies?

RI Dept. of Corrections Training Academy does not anticipate requests for legal testimonies but #5 D. under the Standards & Specifications For Hair Testing requires vendor to be able to supply if needed.

17. Should the “Unit Price” on the Request for Quote sheet be the price per hair test only (does not include collections, shipping, legal testimony fees, etc.)?

Unit price should include all items in the bid in addition to items under Standards & Specifications for Hair Testing, shipping of supplies to RI Dept. of Corrections, all supplies necessary to collect hair samples, (see #8 for answer re: legal testimonies).

18. What documents and information is required in our bid submission?

An original and two copies of your bid.

19. Regarding shipping locations.

Is this the only location where the units will be sent to or are there multiple locations?

DOC Administration
40 Howard Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920 US

Yes, just one location in Cranston RI where units are shipped

20. We understand that the awarded unit price should include shipping cost to this “Ship to” address, but does the awarded price should include the cost of shipping from the “Ship to” address to our lab?

No: RIDOC Training Academy will ship all hair samples to vendor via Federal Express at cost to RI DOC Training Academy

21. If the bid was awarded to the current provider, can all estimated 120 units be sent to the “Ship to” address before a Purchase order is issued?

A Purchase order is usually issued prior to mailing units