

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD)  
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) NO. 671-SH  
DNA LABORATORY SERVICES**

**ADDENDUM 1 TO BULLETIN NUMBER 3  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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1.	RFSQ 671-SH: Paragraph 1.6.5 and Appendix G-Model Master Agreement: Paragraph 3.8  Attachment 1-SOW: Paragraphs 2.1.6, 4.9, 4.10, and 4.12	I have a question regarding the posted RFP for DNA laboratory services: Would you be able to provide a minimum quantity of tests per year? Do you also need personnel, courier services, and shipping?	No, there is no minimum quantity of tests per year. Yes, personnel for court testimonies, courier services, and shipping will be needed.
2.	RFSQ 671-SH: Paragraph 1.6.5 and Appendix G-Model Master Agreement: Paragraph 3.8	What is the projected volume of casework?	No projected volume to provide.
3.		How much casework was outsourced over the last 3 years? Or What was the value outsourced annually over the last 3 years?	During three fiscal years of the previous contracts, FY17/18, FY18/19 and FY19/20, a total of \$194,944 was spent on outsourced casework. Previous volume is no guarantee or true indication of future needs.
4.		What is the preferred turnaround time for casework?	60-day turnaround time preferred.
5.		Will these cases be sent in batches or case-by-case or both?	Cases may be sent in batches or individually depending on case circumstances.
6.		What is the projected annual budget?	No fixed budget. Funding is allocated on an as-needed basis.
7.		Can we upload additional pricing for specialty DNA services not mentioned in the pricing section?	No.
8.		How many items are in the sexual assault kits?	The number of items will vary depending on case circumstances and as collected by the forensic nurse. The number of samples to be tested

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			within a kit may also vary based on case details.
9.		How fast are your Rush Cases? Can we provide various pricing options depending on the turnaround time requested?	Turnaround time for rush cases vary. The vendor may provide various turnaround time pricing options for consideration.
10.	RFSQ 671-SH: 2.7.6 Financial Capability	Would you like our most recent audit submitted with the bid or only upon award?	The audit should be submitted with the SOQ.
11.	RFSQ 671-SH: 2.7.2 Vendor's Qualifications 2.7.3 Required Forms 2.7.4 Proof of Insurability 2.7.5 Proof of Licenses 2.7.6 Financial Capability	Are there any other documents you would like us to send pertaining to audits or validations prior to award?	Only the audits and validations requested for the SOQ in the RFSQ are required.
12.	Appendix A-Required Forms: Exhibits 6, 7, and 8	PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF CONTRACTS – We work with hundreds of agencies, do we need to provide all of their contact information or would a list suffice?	Forms have been provided, see Appendix A-Required Forms, Exhibits 6, 7, and 8. For Exhibits 7 and 8, there is now a limit to not exceed ten entities or contracts.
13.	RFSQ 671-SH: 2.8 SOQ Submission	Can all of the documents be submitted electronically due to the unreliability of the mail service due to COVID?	No facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (e-mail) copies will be accepted. See the RFSQ regarding SOQ Submission.
14.	RFSQ 671-SH: 2.7.2 – Section A Vendor's Background and Experience	In section Vendor's Background and Experience (Section A.1), under Required Supporting Documents, A conformed copy of the most recent 'Statement of Information' as filed with the California Secretary of State listing corporate officers or members and managers. Can we	No. If Vendor does not already have the required supporting documents, then the vendor will be required to provide a statement on the status of the request for the documents from the California Secretary of State <u>at the time of the SOQ submission.</u>

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		file with the California Secretary of State after if/we are awarded?	
15.		Does the County require all interpretable samples to utilize STRmix or will STRmix be upon request by the County only? If upon request only, we recommend the County add a line item for this service using a per sample unit of measure.	Yes, all interpretable samples shall utilize STRmix.
16.		Would the County accept additional services listed as well as pricing for each such as Forensic Genealogy, Cartridge Casing and Rootless Hair Shaft Testing?	No.
17.		Does the County accept a male Y-screen approach in lieu of traditional serological methods? This is much more efficient and cost effective for the County as well as detects male DNA from non-semen sources such as saliva, blood, and skin cells.	Yes. However, based on case circumstances, semen identification may also be requested.
18.		How many swab types are collected on average per sexual assault kit? How many of these swab types shall be screened?	The number of items will vary depending on case circumstances and as collected by the forensic nurse. The number of swab types screened also depends on the case circumstances. Vendor may specify kit price to include up to a certain number of samples with additional samples for an additional cost each.

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19.		<p>Regarding Exhibit 16 (Price sheet)</p> <p>a. What are the units of measure in this section for each line item? Recommendations are listed below:</p> <p>i. Sexual Assault Kit Screening – per kit</p> <p>ii. Small Items Screening (Swab) – per item</p> <p>iii. Bulk/Large Items – should this be screening? If yes, a unit of measure of hour is recommended.</p> <p>iv. Specialty Items Screening for Trace DNA – per item; does this include DNA extraction and quantification of the sample or sample collection only?</p> <p>v. Pricing rush fees per case is difficult when the number of items can vary as well as the extraction types. We respectfully request this to be changed to per sample. The number of days should also be specified such as 5, 10, and 15 day rush turnaround times.</p> <p>vi. Bone and hair sample types are only listed in the mtDNA and YSTR section. Did you want to</p>	<p>i. Per kit.</p> <p>ii. Per item.</p> <p>iii. Per item screened.</p> <p>iv. Sample collection only.</p> <p>v. Vendor may state this as a percentage surcharge.</p> <p>vi. No.</p>

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		include that in the STR section as well?	
20.		<p>3.5 Contractor's DNA testing laboratory shall, throughout the Term of the Master Agreement, use STRmix™ probabilistic genotyping software to analyze data generated from Promega PowerPlex® Fusion 6C STR amplification kits with GMID-X software, and validated up to at least four person mixture samples.</p> <p>Question: Over the past three years we have been running STRMix and BP Sentry in parallel. BP Sentry has outperformed STRMix over a range of complex mixtures, chemistries, and CE equipment. Since we know STRMix will often fail on mixtures of 4, wherein BP Sentry provides a solid weight of evidence and deconvolution, would the County accept BP Sentry PG results in place of STRMix?</p>	No.
21.	RFSQ 671-SH: 2.7.6 Financial Capability	<p>3.1.6 Financial Capability (Section E) County will review the financial statements provided in Section E of the SOQ.</p> <p>Question: Our company has been providing Forensic Biology</p>	No, two fiscal years of the most current financial statements with the SOQ submission is the requirement. But they should be only the summary pages and can be marked as "CONFIDENTIAL".

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		<p>testing since 1998. Our company has a long history of working with the County. However, we remain a privately held corporation and financial documents have never been disclosed to customers, private or government, as a matter of privacy. The FOIA is a risk to this privacy no matter if the documents are stamped as "Confidential". Will the County accept a Dun &amp; Bradstreet (DUNS) credit rating in place of financials? Or view financials onsite?</p>	