



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF BUDGET & FINANCE

PUR-1523
ADDENDUM NO. 1
INVITATION TO BID

ONE (1) NEW SPECTROSCOPY UNIT

DATE: Friday, January 7, 2022

BIDS DUE: Wednesday, January 12, 2021
2:00 P.M.(EDT/EST)

To Bidders:

This Addendum is hereby made a part of the Contract Documents on which all bids will be based and is issued to correct and clarify the original documents.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum at the appropriate space on the Proposal Form. This Addendum consists of three (3) pages.

NOTE: All Bidders must enter the Washington County Administrative Complex through either the front door at the 100 West Washington Street entrance or through the rear entrance (w/blue canopy roof) which is handicap accessible and must use the elevator to access the Purchasing Department to submit their bid and/or to attend the Pre-Bid Conference and/or the Bid Opening. Alternate routes are controlled by a door access system. Washington County Government has announced new security protocols being implemented at the Washington County Administrative Complex at 100 West Washington Street, Hagerstown. The general public will be subject to wand search and will be required to remove any unauthorized items from the building prior to entry. Prohibited items include but are not limited to: Weapons of any type; Firearms, ammunition and explosive devices; Cutting instruments of any type - including knives, scissors, box cutters, work tools, knitting needles, or anything with a cutting edge, etc.; Pepper spray, mace or any other chemical defense sprays; and Illegal substances.

ITEM NO. 1: *Inquiry:* Is the end user interested in a device that can identify unknowns through a wide variety of dark, colored, thick or otherwise opaque containers or barriers, and not just clear plastic and clear glass?

Response: Refer to the bid document, Page 19, Scope of Work/Specifications, Special Features, Item No. 12. It references the instrument being able to obtain high quality data from samples in colored glass bottles.

ITEM NO. 2: *Inquiry:* Is the end user interested in a device that can safely scan energetics such as black powder?

Response: Refer to the bid document, Page 19, Scope of Work/Specifications, General, Item No. 4. It states “explosives” are one of many items this instrument would be required to scan safely.

ITEM NO. 3: Inquiry: Is the end user interested in requiring a demonstration of the responsive bids’ capabilities?

Response: Refer to the bid document, Page 17, Supplemental Terms and Conditions, Item No. 6, Demonstration of Equipment. The county has the right to request a demonstration of your product.

ITEM NO. 4: Inquiry: Additional question: Is the end user interested in a device that can scan through several layers of barriers, such as through a yellow pill bottle inside of an envelope?

Response: Refer to the bid document, Page 19, Scope of Work/Specifications, Special Features, Item No. 14. It refers to thick glass or the window of a glove box to scan through.

ITEM NO. 5: Inquiry: As discussed in the Pre-bid teleconference, and in accordance with section 26 of the General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders in Bid No. PUR-1523 (“Bid”), please consider this Agilent’s formal request for approval to consider Agilent’s Resolve as a substitute for that which is specified in this Bid.

We intend to submit literature, including but not limited to the attached documents, to show the following details about Resolve that the County should review when considering the safest, most effective device in chemical identification:

Resolve is a handheld chemical detector that uses SORS (spatially offset Raman spectroscopy) to identify unknowns through dark, colored, thick or otherwise opaque containers or barriers, and *not just clear plastic and clear glass*.

Resolve has a larger laser spot size which allows it to safely scan black powder and other energetics.

Resolve can be configured to be controlled safely up-range via Wi-Fi using a cell phone, tablet or laptop.

Resolve uses an 830nm laser to produce good Raman signal with reduced fluorescence .

Resolve does not require preventative maintenance nor annual calibration.

Resolve allows users to enter their own spectral entries into a user-created library.

Resolve is Raman only (not FTIR).

Resolve comes with two rechargeable batteries.

Resolve provides accurate onboard identification of chemical weapons, explosives, TICs, common chemical precursors and narcotics.

Resolve can analyze components in a mixture.

Resolve can be configured to include a library more than 13,000 unique chemicals.

Resolve has a Spectroscopic range minimum 350-2000 cm^{-1} .

Resolve has a Spectroscopic resolution minimum 15 cm^{-1} across full range.

(NOTE: The wording of all “Inquiries” submitted are displayed exactly as received.)

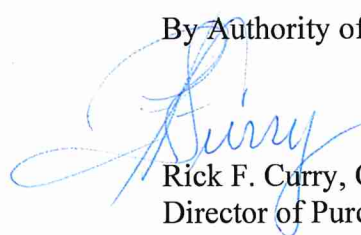
In accordance with section 26 of the General Conditions of this Bid, Agilent respectfully requests that you provide prior written approval that we may offer for your consideration a product that differs from that specified.

Response: The Agilent Resolve instrument as presented, does not meet the specifications we provided.

ITEM NO. 6: Inquiry: May we please receive confirmation whether or not a bid bond is required for the subject bid?

Response: Bonds are not required for this procurement.

By Authority of:



Rick F. Curry, CPPO
Director of Purchasing