



Washington County

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT DIVISION OF BUDGET & FINANCE

PUR-1537 ADDENDUM NO. 1 INVITATION TO BID

LABORATORY SERVICES FOR WATER/WASTEWATER TESTING FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER QUALITY

DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

BIDS DUE: Wednesday, March 30, 2022
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 two (2) pages.

NOTE: All Bidders must enter the Washington County Administration 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 proposal and/or to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference. Alternate routes are controlled by a door access system. Washington County Government has announced new security protocols being implemented at the Washington County Administration 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 current bid winners pricing available? we weren't sure if its public knowledge or not?

Response: The awarded bid pricing can be found on the Washington County website at <https://www.washco-md.net/wp-content/uploads/purch-pur-1496-bidtab.pdf>.

ITEM NO. 2: *Inquiry:* Can the signature on the bid noting an original signature be an electronic signature? Our corporate office is located remotely.

Response: Signatures can be electronically added to the document however, all bid submittals shall be submitted in hard copy form. Refer to the bid document, Page 7, General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders, Item No. 22; Proposal Forms: Bids shall

be submitted only on the forms provided by the County. The Bidder shall submit one (1) original bid on the forms provided with original signature, sealed to the County for that purpose. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope marked with the title of the bid and be received in the Washington County Purchasing Department promptly on or before, time, date, and place stipulated on the Invitation to Bid. **NO** bids received after such stipulated time and date will be considered by the County. ***Facsimile or Electronic Bids will not be accepted.***

ITEM NO. 3: *Inquiry:* Page 20, number 8 notes Pesticides & PCBs (Method 508). Our labs no longer run method EPA 508.1. We run drinking water Pesticides and PCBs by 505 only. Can we quote method 505 for the 30 samples or is only 508 acceptable?

Response: Yes, method 505 may be quoted in place of Method 508 for Pesticides and PCB testing in drinking water.

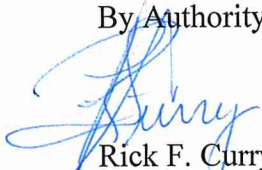
ITEM NO. 4: *Inquiry:* For those tests that we cannot do in-house, can we subcontract those?

Response: Yes, testing may be subcontracted if they are not done in-house.

ITEM NO. 5: *Inquiry:* On page 7, number 23 notes the Registration with Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Is the registration certificate noted below required for laboratory services?

Response: Yes, registration with Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation is a requirement of this contract.

By Authority of:


Rick F. Curry, CPPO
Director of Purchasing

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