

Amendment #1
Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 3160002691
Medical Lab Services

Amendments to the IFB are as follows:

1. Section 1.1 Bid Acceptance Period is revised as follows:

The original and one (1) copy of the bid package, two (2) copies total, shall be signed and submitted (mailed or hand-delivered) in a sealed envelope or package to 200 South Lamar Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 no later than the time and date specified for receipt of bids. **In addition, the respondent must also submit one (1) copy of the bid package on an USB Flash Drive in a single document in a searchable Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format.** Timely submission of the bid package is the responsibility of the bidder. Bids received after the specified time shall be rejected and shall remain unopened in the procurement file. The envelope or package shall be marked with the bid opening date and time, and the number of the invitation for bid. The time and date of receipt shall be indicated on the envelope or package by MDHS staff. Each page of the bid form and all attachments shall be identified with the name of the bidder. Failure to submit a bid on the bid form provided shall be considered just cause for rejection of the bid. Modifications or additions to any portion of the procurement document may be cause for rejection of the bid. The MDHS reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether to reject a bid with modifications or additions as non-responsive. As a precondition to bid acceptance, the MDHS may request the bidder to withdraw or modify those portions of the bid deemed non-responsive that do not affect quality, quantity, price, or delivery of the service.

2. Section 2.2.3 strikethrough.

2.2.3 ~~Provide Anatomic Pathology expertise with Duckworth Pathology.~~

3. Section 4.1.9 Bid Submission Format is revised as follows:

The bid package must be sealed and must contain the following:

- Bid Cover Sheet (**Attachment A**)
- Bid Form (**Attachment B**)
- Certifications and Assurances (**Attachment C**)
- Debarment Form (**Attachment D**)
- Proprietary Form (**Attachment E**)
- References (**Attachment F**)
- **Licenses, Certifications, and Accreditations**

4. Questions and Answers are attached.

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment #1 by returning it, along with your bid package, by March 1, 2019, at 9:00 AM. This acknowledgement should be enclosed in your bid package. **Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of the bid package.**

Name of Company

Authorized Official's Typed Name/Title

Signature of Authorized Official
(No stamped signature)

Date

Should an amendment to the IFB be issued, it will be posted on the MDHS website (www.mdhs.ms.gov) in a manner that all bidders will be able to view. Further, bidders must acknowledge receipt of any amendment to the solicitation by signing and returning the amendment with the bid package, by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on this form, or by letter. The acknowledgment must be received by MDHS by the time and at the place specified for receipt of bids. It is the bidder's sole responsibility to monitor the website for amendments to the IFB.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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1. Referring to Page 7 of 35, Paragraph 2.2.3, “Provide Anatomic Pathology [sic] expertise with Duckworth Pathology,” is MDHS referred to a private firm named “Duckworth Pathology” out of Memphis, TN? If so, would the awardee be working directly with Duckworth Pathology and in what capacity?

ANSWER: See #2 concerning 2.2.3 of this Amendment on previous page.

2. Referring to Page 7 of 35, Paragraph 2.2.10, “Provide Extensive Managed Care network,” could MDHS provide clarification of this service?

ANSWER: The proposed entity would provide a system of healthcare services to our population managed in its entirety by its network to include monitoring the cost for services.

3. Referring to Page 7 of 35, Paragraph 2.2.11, “Provider shall provide MDHS with copies of all licenses, certifications, and accreditations,” does MDHS want the copies included in the bid or at a later date after contract award?

ANSWER: Provide copies as part of your response to this solicitation.

4. Referring to Page 7 of 35, Paragraph 2.2.12, “Provide courier services at mutually agreed times five (5) days per week...,” does MDHS require STAT/emergency, afterhours, weekends, or holiday courier services?

ANSWER: MDHS does not require STAT/emergency, afterhours, weekends, or holiday courier service.

5. Referring to Page 15 of 35, Pricing Structure, for clarity, MDHS desires pricing for tests that have no estimated number of tests?

ANSWER: Based on previous data, MDHS has not had to request these tests; however, a time may arise that MDHS needs to request these tests. The historical data was provided for vendors to have an idea range of number and types of tests to expect, but others on the list could be requested, if needed. Therefore, MDHS is requesting pricing for all test types identified within Attachment B of the IFB.