



ADDENDUM #1
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2019-133

LABORATORY DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

TO: All Respondents
FROM: Colby Wattling
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Provided below are questions and answers that were received regarding 2019-133 RFP.

- 1. Who is the incumbent provider of services for this contract?**
Kitsap County does not currently have an incumbent provider of services in the Adult Drug Court or Veterans Treatment Court for this contract. The individual treatment agencies are responsible, at present, for arranging for a provider of services for individual treatment court participants who choose to complete treatment with them.
- 2. What are the current collections locations for this contract?**
Kitsap Recovery Services (Port Orchard, WA);
West Sound Treatment Center (Bremerton, Port Orchard, & Poulsbo, WA); and/or,
Agape Unlimited Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program (Bremerton, WA).
- 3. What does the County currently pay for the services under this contract?**
As noted in #1, Kitsap County does not presently have a contract in place with a centralized UA provider. Rather, costs are currently borne by the independent treatment agencies servicing the Superior Court's adult criminal justice treatment court programs and funded through the Salish Behavioral Health Organization.
- 4. What is the anticipated contract start date?**
July 1, 2019; earlier if contractual arrangements can be completed sooner.
- 5. What volume of specimens will require collections versus specimens collected by County staff?**
Kitsap County is seeking a contracted service provider that will be responsible for collecting 100% of the specimens for up-to 150 Adult Drug Court participants, and up-to 25 Veterans Treatment Court participants, approximately 2-3 times per week, 52 weeks per year, for no less than each participant's 18-month duration in the respective treatment court program.

- 6. For the 8-panel test shown on Submittal Form 3, there appear to be pricing boxes next to each individual drug. Should this instead be a single box entry with one price for all 8-drugs?**

Submittal Form 3 has been created to provide the most flexibility in responding regarding costs. Potential submitters are encouraged to adjust its use of the form with clearly-articulated notes in responding to costs

- 7. Is the testing under this contract entirely forensic in nature, or will the laboratory be expected to perform tests of a clinical nature?**

Forensic in nature, only.

- 8. In terms of customizing panels by donor, does the County anticipate using the 8-panel test as a baseline and then adding individual tests based on donor history/suspected use? Or will the County require multiple panel options?**

Kitsap County anticipates using the 8-panel test as a default baseline and then adding more expansive tests based on individual donor history/suspected use.

- 9. Would the County consider use of rapid test devices for the initial screen and then sending the samples forward for confirmation if they are positive, or must initial testing be performed in a certified laboratory?**

Initial testing must be performed in a certified laboratory.

- 10. Are samples currently collected at Court locations or the current vendor's location(s)?**

Collection sites are currently at the locations established by each of the treatment agencies.

- 11. How is the random selection process conducted currently?**

The random selection process is conducted in various ways, dependent on each treatment agency.

- 12. How are clients notified of the need to test currently? Is there a cost involved?**

Participant notification is conducted in various ways, dependent on each treatment agency. Generally, treatment agencies follow a similar procedure: each participant is assigned a UA color and is directed to call a telephone number daily which has a recording that identifies which colors are required to UA on that day. There is no cost to the participant for this notification.

- 13. What data systems does the Court currently utilize?**

The Drug Court Case Management system (DCCM) is used for general case management and tracking of participant performance/compliance. This is not integrated into the UA collection procedures.

- 14. Does the Court or the current vendor employ a dedicated collection staff? If so, what is the cost?**

Collection staff is provided in various ways depending on the treatment agency and any arrangement that each may have with a subcontractor.

15. Please describe the Court's current method of specimen collection, either by Court staff or the vendor providing collection services?

Specimen collection procedures are facilitated in different ways depending on the treatment agency, the availability of their independent facilities, and any arrangement(s) that each may have with a subcontractor.

16. Does the Court send all on positives for confirmation?

Yes. Each specimen is tested in a certified lab. In the infrequent circumstances that an "instant" test is used, any positive would be sent for confirmation. Positives from the lab are retained so they are available for further testing, as necessary.

17. What is the Court's historic positive rate?

This information is not available.

18. What is the cost per confirmation that the Court currently pays?

The cost per confirmation is a cost currently borne by each of the independent contracts and/or based on the arrangements in place at each of the three treatment agencies. Except in infrequent/exigent circumstances where UAs are collected onsite at the Courthouse, the Courts pay \$0.

19. How is the Court testing for alcohol? What is the cost per test?

This depends on the methodologies in place at each of the three agencies. The Court tests for EtG, EtS and ethanol through urine samples. Costs vary depending on the treatment agency's independent arrangements.

20. What is the Court's historic average number of expert testimonies per year?

This has been relatively uncommon - less than a handful of times over the last 5 years.

21. Does the Court plan to conduct vendor interviews after bids are submitted, prior to award notification?

Possibly. The local Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Steering Committee will review all bids submitted and will determine, based on its scoring, whether additional questions/ clarification/information will be helpful in making its decision.

22. Would the County consider turn-around times to be from the point of receipt at the laboratory as opposed to point of collection?

Yes, Kitsap County will consider turn-around times from the point of receipt at the laboratory as opposed to point of collection; PROVIDED, the proposal details how unnecessary delay between collection and transfer to the lab will be addressed.

There are no other changes to the original specifications other than what is addressed by Addendum.