

i Because several vendors were just notified of the RFP in the last few days and have reached out, questions will be accepted through Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

1. The Drug Test Configuration listed on the SCOPE of Work is a 9-panel + Adulterants, if we have a test that is 12-panel and meets all the drugs listed this be ok to submit?
 - a. Yes

2. How many Drugs test will be needed:
 - a. for the full contract?
 - b. for the first order?
 - i. This is difficult to project as OSPS has never provided drug testing. Based on 2019 (pre covid) criminal data, OSPS estimates a need to purchase 4,000 drug tests over 12 months. The shipping frequency and amount will depend on shipping capabilities of the vendor. However, OSPS is willing to work with vendors on quantity of tests and may award multiple contracts.

3. When would the drug tests need to be delivered by?
 - a. As soon as possible, upon a mutually agreed upon date and shipping location(s). OSPS wishes to provide this service no later than 1.1.23

4. Does the shipping price need to be included in the overall price or is it separate?
 - a. This should be outlined in the cost/budget portion of the vendor's submission, which is separate from the main portion of the submission, per RFP instructions. OSPS would prefer to understand the cost breakdown, so prefers the vendor itemize all cost in the cost/budget portion of the submission.

5. Who is the incumbent provider for the requested device?
 - a. We do not understand this question, please provide additional detail. If you are asking who OSPS's current vendor is, OSPS does not have a current vendor as this will be the first time the organization is providing drug testing services. OSPS was just created in August of 2021 and the organization has been under development since that time.

6. What is the OSPS currently paying for the requested device?
 - a. As stated above, this is the first time OSPS is going to provide drug testing.

7. What is the anticipated start date for this contract?
 - a. As soon as possible. OSPS wishes to provide this service no later than 1.1.23.

8. What are the anticipated volumes for the requested device?
 - a. This is difficult to project as OSPS has never provided drug testing. Based on 2019 (pre covid) criminal data, OSPS estimates a need to purchase 4,000 drug tests over 12 months. The shipping frequency and amount will depend on shipping capabilities of the vendor. However, OSPS is willing to work with vendors on quantity of tests and may award multiple contracts.

9. What is the OSPS estimated positivity rate?
 - a. Unknown

10. Would OSPS accept a device that includes all the requested drugs as SAMHSA or lower cutoffs?
 - a. OSPS desires a device with cutoffs based upon agreed upon, national standards, such as SAMHSA. The vendor could provide information on lower cutoffs, but without understanding additional information it is unknown whether OSPS would be interested in this product.

11. Would OSPS accept a device that includes additional drugs to those requested?
 - a. If cost effective, efficient, and effective, OSPS is not opposed to a device that includes additional drugs.

12. The OSPS indicates in the bid that it would like to change the combination of drugs tested for multi-panel tests. Can the OSPS clarify whether it is likely to seek panel devices of 6 or more drugs?
 - a. OSPS is interested in the most cost-effective options available. It is anticipated this could include a "basic" panel device (such as 4-panel for the top 4 tested substances) and a more extensive panel device (such as an 8 panel with expanded testing abilities for the top 8 tested substances).

13. Is the OSPS interested in receiving supplemental pricing for devices the Vendor believes may best fit the OSPS needs? We want to ensure we are providing the OSPS with the most comprehensive response in our capabilities.
 - a. OSPS appreciates additional information on devices that could be of interest.

14. Will OSPS consider fully customizable lab testing with next-business day results instead of kits?
 - a. OSPS is interested in learning about all options that could meet its needs.

15. It is stated in the RFP to submit everything in 2 packets... Does this mean 2 PDF's first including the completed documents and attachments of the vendor's proposal including how it will deliver the services required. It must not include any pricing information and then the 2nd PDF (packet) the remaining docs?
 - a. All pricing information must be separate from the main body of the proposal. Based upon this, the first packet should contain the entire proposal, excluding pricing information. The second packet should include pricing information.

16. The Drug Testing RFP: Vendors who are deemed to have submitted responsive proposals must provide product samples for review and evaluation of quality. Where should these be mailed, or will we be notified when to send samples?
 - a. We will notify vendors if we wish to view sample products.

17. Would this be considered a cooperative purchasing agreement with the entire judicial branch in Illinois so other entities can purchase with same vendor?
 - a. No, the RFP is to work with the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services (OSPS) only.

18. Can pricing be negotiated with each pre-trial office, or does it have to be uniform regardless of volume and shipping costs?
 - a. No, pricing will not be negotiated with each of the 69 counties served by OSPS. OSPS is the only pretrial office serving the 69 counties in the attached map (also available on our website) so it is the sole entity that will receive the equipment.

19. "Drug testing results must be able to be interpreted within 5-15 minutes from time of collection."
 - a. As our testing is confirmatory LC/MS lab based testing, we do not provide results at time of collection and/or within 5-15 minutes. Does this rule us out?
 - i. No, because a vendor cannot meet a requirement of the RFP, does not exclude the vendor. OSPS is interested in the solution that will best meet its needs. If an alternate technology can do this, OSPS is interested to hear the option.

20. "Drug testing supplies must be highly accurate and reliable with performance data similar to Gas Chromatography/Mass spectrometry (GC/MS)."
- a. Satisfying this element in conjunction with satisfying the element in #1 is not scientifically possible.
 - b. Point-of-care (POC)/rapid results tests are not highly accurate and reliable (up to 50% error rate) and do not have performance data anywhere near GC/MS or LC/MS testing (0.01% error rates).
 - c. Can you please provide any clarification as to which element is more important to OSPS?
 - i. As stated above, OSPS is interested in the solution that will best meet its needs to provide accurate drug testing in the 69 counties it serves in Illinois. OSPS is interested to hear proposed solutions from all vendors who have a viable product to meet this need.
21. Can you please explain the make up of the OSPS in the 69 counties it serves? How many staff members work in each county?
- a. The OSPS is a statewide organization that provides direct pretrial services in 69 counties in Illinois. OSPS is broken down into Regions (see attached map) and each Region is further broken down into Districts. In most counties there is 1 Pretrial Services Officer assigned to provide pretrial services. That officer would oversee drug testing for all defendants in the county. This could include opposite gender drug testing, which is why OSPS is interested in drug testing methods that could make this process more efficient and effective.
22. Because the question and answer period was extended, can the due date also be extended?
- a. Yes, the due date is extended to Tuesday, September 20, 2022