

CHATHAM COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

ADDENDUM NO. 1 FOR RFP NO. 14-0117-3

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DRUG SCREEN SUPPLIES FOR CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

The deadline for receipt of bids has change to November 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Questions received and the responses:

1. Who is the incumbent provider for your drug testing devices/supplies?
There is currently no contract in place for drug screen supplies.
2. What does the Juvenile Court currently pay for the devices described in this bid (5-drug with adulterants, 5-drug dip without adulterants, 11-drug dip)?
Please refer to question number 1.
3. Please confirm that MET is methamphetamines and TML is tramadol. **Yes**
4. Would the County consider using multiple devices to meet the specifications on a single line item?
No, we would prefer to use as few tests as possible as we usually test for all substances every time. For example not to use single dips. We have to screen several people in a short time frame. More devices takes more time and leaves more room for error.
5. Would the County consider supplementing some of the specialty tests (i.e. K2/spice and Tramadol) with laboratory screen?
No, we prefer having rapid, on-site devices. Best practices for drug courts states that sanctions should be given as close to the offense as possible in order to effective. There are several people in court program whose substance of choice is a “specialty substance”. It usually takes several days for a lab results/confirmations to come back. If a participant were to be positive for a specialty substance, it would be several days before they could be sanctioned for the offense. This not in accordance with best practices.
6. The fermentation of glucose to ethanol by yeast in the urine of diabetics may result in a false positive alcohol test. For this reason, we recommend using a saliva test for current alcohol abuse or an EtG laboratory test for abuse with the past 80 hours. Would the County consider an alcohol saliva test in place of the urine dip?
No, we will not consider using saliva tests. We have tried saliva tests in the pasts and have found that they take longer and require a large amount of saliva to be accurate. Saliva tests are not efficient for testing several people in a short amount of time.
7. Does the County intend to perform GC-MS, LC-MS/MS or GC-FID (alcohol only confirmations on any presumptive positive device)? Would the County be interested in receiving pricing for confirmation services?
We do intend to perform confirmations on presumptive positive devices. We will negotiate pricing with selected vendor.

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