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INVITATION FOR BID GSA-060-20
Laboratory Assessment for Accreditation under ISO/IEO 17025
Testing and Calibration Laboratories

Questions received from: A2LA on 09/03/20

A2LA would like to present the following questions for clarification regarding IFB GSA-060-20

Question 1: The first paragraph of the last page under General Requirements states that the proposed scope includes Seized Drugs, Friction Ridge, Firearms, Biology, and Crime Scene. Please confirm that the proposed scope DOES NOT also include Digital Evidence, Footwear/Tire, Gunshot Residue, Materials (Trace), and Video/Imaging Technology & Analysis.

Response: The FSD laboratory confirms that the proposed scope **DOES NOT** include Digital Evidence, Footwear/Tire, Materials (Trace), and Video/Imaging Technology & Analysis, and GSR residue collected from the hand of a suspected shooter. For these services, GPD will collect the evidence and send to external labs for analysis. The laboratory does, however, perform GSR Muzzle to Target Distance Determination. The evidence is processed with sodium rhodizonate and then any relevant pattern is analyzed for Distance Determination.

Question 2: Please provide the number of personnel there are specifically for each discipline.

Response: Crime Scene: 6 regularly assigned; 5 crossed-trained (backup)
Seized Drugs: 4 regularly assigned; 2 crossed-trained (backup)
Biology (No DNA): 2 regularly assigned; 2 crossed-trained
Firearms / Toolmark: 2 regularly assigned; 1 crossed-trained
Friction Ridged: 5 regularly assigned; 1 crossed-trained
Digital and Video Imaging: 1 regularly assigned (no actual testing conducted)

Question 3: Page 1 of the bid requires a Bid Guarantee in the amount of 15% of the bid amount, in the form of a Cashier's or Certified Check, a Letter of Credit, or a Surety Bond. A2LA does not normally offer this, our legal department has agreed to standard liability & indemnity clause for use in our agreements. The contracts and solicitations will review the requirement for the Bid Guarantee; however, that may take longer than we have before our response will need to be shipped for delivery by 3 pm. October 9, 2020 ChST. Would it be possible to have an extension until 3 pm, October 13, 2020 ChST?

Response: The Bid Guarantee is a requirement and must be submitted in the form of a Cashier's or Certify Check, Standby Letter of Credit, or Surety Bond. Note: Once an award is made the Bid Guarantee will be returned. Refer to "Amendment #2"

Question 4: Finally, is email delivery of responses allowed or is delivery only available via hard copy mail/delivery service?

Response: No Email will be accepted. Bid Package must be received before time and date of bid opening in a sealed envelope.


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