

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND
Department of General Services
Purchasing Division

Contract Award Notification

Title: **Genetic Parentage Testing Services**

Contract Period: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 w/4-1-year options

Original Date of Issue: January 14, 2022

Date of Revision:

BID No: **RFB-RC-2022-003**

Catalog: **Health and Hospitals**

Authorized Users: County Agencies, All Political Subdivisions

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Description

This contract is for Genetic Parentage Testing Services

Contract #	Vendor Number	Contractor & Address	Telephone No.
BID 22-003	000005888	Lab Corp of America Holdings 1440 York Court Burlington, NC 27215 Contact: Antoinette Surgeon surgeoa@labcorp.com	336-436-7355 Fax #: 336-538-6572

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#	Items	CategoryCode	EST Quantity	UOM	UnitPrice	TotalCost	Award
#0-1	DNA Test Battery as per specifications or approved equal	95248000002	200	Per Person/Specimen	\$ 54	\$ 10,800.0	Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings

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PURCHASES BY OTHER

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND NON PROFIT AGENCIES

As per the New York State General Municipal Law, all political subdivisions of New York State are allowed to make purchases through the resulting contract(s). As per Rockland County Procurement Policy, Non Profit Agencies approved to participate in New York State's Contract Extension Program are authorized to make purchases through the resulting contract(s).

1. The County of Rockland shall make all contract award information available to other political subdivisions and non profit agencies through our website: www.rcpurchasing.com
2. Any other political subdivision or Rockland County non profit agency will issue purchase orders directly to vendors within the specified contract period referencing the County's contract and shall be liable for any payments due on such purchase orders; and shall accept sole responsibility for any payment due.
3. All purchases shall be subject to audit and inspection by the other political subdivisions and Rockland County non profit agencies for which the purchase was made.
4. No officer, board or agency of a county, town, village, or school district shall make any purchase through the County when bids have been received for such purchase by such officer, board or agency, unless such purchase may be made upon the same terms, conditions and specifications at a lower price through the County.
5. All Bidders shall be on notice that as a condition of the award of a County contract, the successful bidder shall accept the award of a similar contract with any other political subdivision in New York State and Rockland County non profit agencies authorized to use New York State's contracts, if called upon to do so. A listing of approved Rockland County non profit agencies is available on the Purchasing Division's website at www.rcpurchasing.com. The County, however, will not be responsible for any debts incurred by the participants pursuant to this or any other agreement.
6. Necessary deviations from the County's specifications in the award of a participant contract, whether such deviations relate to quantities, or delivery points shall be resolved between the successful bidder and the other political subdivisions and Rockland County non profit agencies.

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SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE

1.1. This Bid is for the purpose of providing Genetic Parentage Testing Services for the County of Rockland Department of Social Services and other County of Rockland Departments needing such services.

2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1. Bidder must perform work in conformance with all Federal, State and Laws and Regulations.

2.1.1. Bidder must perform all work in conformance with all New York State Department of Health and HIPAA regulations.

2.1.1.1. Laboratory shall be approved by New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to perform legally and medically acceptable genetic testing, to comply with New York State Family Court Act, Section 532 and 542, CPLR Section 4518 and 18NYSCRR 347.6.

2.1.2. Laboratory must provide a copy of their NY State Department of Health Permit

2.2. The Contractor must provide documentation that its laboratory has received the accreditation of the American Association of Blood banks or the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immuogenetics.

2.2.1. The Contractor must maintain such accreditation through the life of the contract.

2.2.2. The Contractor agrees to perform only those genetic tests, which are acknowledged as reliable by the American Association of Blood banks or the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immuogenetics.

2.2.3. The Contractor agrees to perform such tests in order that the results can be admitted as evidence of paternity without the need for additional foundation testimony or other proof of accuracy.

2.3. Bidder must have a minimum of three (3) years' experience in performing Genetic Parentage Testing Services.

2.4. Bidder must provide their Laboratory's Standard Chain-of-Custody Procedures.

2.5. Specimen Collection must be provided at a mutually agreed location.

2.6. Laboratory must provide all supplies necessary for the collection, preparation and preservation of all specimens to be submitted to the Laboratory for testing.

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- 2.7. Laboratory staff must be available to consult with County by telephone during normal Laboratory working hours to discuss Laboratory's procedures and explain test results.
- 2.8. The County of Rockland Department of Social Services requested approximately 80 tests in 2019, the total number of tests decreased due to COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021. It is anticipated an estimate of 200 tests will be required annually.
- 2.9. The current frequency of the collection is every other Tuesday at the Rockland County Family Court from 9am to 12:30 pm. The majority of these collections occur at the Rockland County Courthouse located in New City, NY 10956. The Vendor will be required at times to arrange to take specimens on parties that are incarcerated or reside outside of Rockland County (these types of collections occur about twenty times a year). The frequency of collections at the Rockland County Courthouse and day of service could change at any time based on the needs of the County of Rockland. These services will need to be provided at other times and locations on an as needed basis, when requested by the County of Rockland Department of Social Services.

3. GENETIC MARKER TESTING

- 3.1. Testing shall have the power to exclude more than 99.9% of randomly selected males or probability of paternity greater than 99% in all cases where the alleged Father is not excluded from paternity.
- 3.2. Primary Test Battery must consist of multiple independent DNA Genetic Systems.
 - 3.2.1. Genetic Testing Marker Test must be price per person and must include cases involving Deceased Parties and Mother-not Tested Cases (Motherless Calculations).
- 3.3. Test results must reflect exclusions in at least three (3) independent genetic systems or a probability of paternity greater than 99% in each case.

4. REPORTING

- 4.1. Upon completion of Test Battery ordered, an evaluation of the test results must be performed by the Director of Laboratory.
 - 4.1.1. The Case must be finalized and Final Report issued if the following:
 - 4.1.1.1. The Alleged Father is excluded from Paternity in at least two (2) independent Genetic Marker Systems or the Alleged Father is not excluded from Paternity and the probability of Paternity is equal to or greater than 99%.
 - 4.1.1.2. If neither conditions in 4.1.1.1. are realized, additional testing must be performed until one of these conditions are met. All Testing Cost must be included in price for DNA Test Battery.

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4.1.1.3. Original Reports of Test Results and Evaluation must be mailed to County of Rockland Department of Social Services account, which ordered the testing.

4.1.1.3.1. Original Client Authorization/Chain of Custody Form with attached Photographs must accompany the original report.

4.1.1.4. Copies of the Report must be mailed to those entities designated by the County of Rockland Department of Social Services account, which ordered the testing.

5. TESTIMONY

5.1. Laboratory may be required to provide expert Testimonial and Witness Services with respect to Specimens tested under this bid when requested by the County of Rockland Department of Social Services account, which requested these services.

5.1.1. Expert Testimonial and Witness Services must be included in the Genetic Marker Test price.

5.2. County of Rockland Department of Social Services account, which requested these services, shall provide two week notice for scheduling an expert to appear.

6. BILLING

6.1. Contractor must bill on a monthly basis for these services.

6.1.1. Billing must include but, not limited to, the following:

- a) Identify Individuals to whom services are provided.
- b) Clearly itemize the cost per individual as per bid.

7. AWARD

7.1. Bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Quantities listed on bid submission forms are estimates. Actual quantities required may be greater or less than estimated quantities.

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ADDENDUM # 1
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The information in this addendum supersedes any contradictory information set forth in the contract documents. Acknowledge receipt of this addendum in the space provided on the signature page of the bid proposal. Failure to do so, may subject the bidder to disqualification. This addendum forms a part of the contract documents.

Question #1: Section 4.1.1.4- How often does the County of Rockland DSS request copies of the report to be sent to additional entities? How does the County communicate this request to the vendor?

Response #1: We do not request copies of the report to be sent to additional entities. The DSS Child Support Enforcement Unit will only provide the original to Rockland County Family Court for evidentiary purposes. There would be no other entities entitled to receive GMT results.

Question #2: If the vendor has topics for discussion and/or exceptions, how should those be communicated within the RFB response?

Response #2: Bid responses must conform with terms set forth in the bid documents, any topics for discussion or exceptions should be communicated at this time in writing prior to the bid opening. All discussions and/or exceptions will be communicated via an addendum.

Question #3: What is the anticipated start date of the new contract?

Response #3: January 1, 2022

Question #4: Is the minimum number of required exclusions 2 or 3 systems?

Response #4: The minimum number of required exclusions is 3 systems.

SIGNED:

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