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ADDENDUM NUMBER: ONE (1)

TITLE: 99924 COVID-19 Workplace/Return to Work Testing for JEA Employees

BID DUE DATE: September 14, 2020

TIME OF RECEIPT: 12:00 PM EST

THIS ADDENDUM IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OR CLARIFICATIONS:

1. **Question:** Per RFP “Provider must have at least one collection site and one results lab center located within the perimeter of the JEA Service Territory (Duval, Clay, Nassau or St. John’s counties.)”
Question: If the timeframes can be met for results, does the lab have to be located in the same service area?

Answer: Yes, the lab should be in the service area to remove the potential of delay (e.g. weather, travel coordination, etc.).

2. **Question:** Confusing statement : “JEA is looking for testing results only. No test kits, self-performed tests will be accepted.” **Question:** Does this mean JEA is providing the test kit? Is it saying that self performed test kits are or are not accepted? Also, in Appendix A proposal form quotation of rates it states: type of test quoted, total cost per test, guaranteed turn around time. **Question:** is JEA leaving it up to the proposer to select the test kit?

Answer: a) The vendor provides the test kits. b) The testing will be collected by the vendor. c) The cost for the testing is for the whole process, supplies, lab cost, travel charges, etc. d) The testing kits used must have a high level of validity in reporting accurate results. The bidder should include the supporting information for test validity. The test is a PCR with the health care provider collecting the sample via the preferred nasal areas. Bidders can also provide testing pricing for oral swab and mid-turbinate test. JEA is seeking test collection and results and reporting. No self-performed test kits will be acceptable.

3. RFP then states: Provider will need to specify the type of workplace/return-to-work COVID-19 test that is being offered when providing the cost on the Proposal Form (Appendix A). **Question:** Is rapid test desired NO or acceptable knowing that the efficacy is not as accurate as other testing? Is self performed testing acceptable if we provide a virtual coach to assist employee?

Answer: NO. Self-performed testing is not acceptable. JEA approves the following PCR tests: nasal swab (preferred) along with oral swab, and mid-turbinate test as potential options to consider.

4. **Question: Volume? Outside of 55 tests confirmed, what is the approximate expected volume of tests on a monthly basis? What are your protocols for testing current employees whether when they have symptoms, or once a week for all or none?**

Answer: Outside of the 60 positives, JEA estimates about an additional 500 have been performed since mid-March. That's about 100 a month with our current policy on RTW (Return to Work) testing. We test if they are symptomatic or have come into contact with a positive. There is no routine testing of employees.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM ON THE BID FORM.