## **ADDENDUM ONE, QUESTIONS and ANSWERS**

Date: 11/14/2019

To: All Bidders

From: Vicki Collins, Buyer

AS Materiel State Purchasing Bureau

RE: Addendum for Invitation to Bid Number 6176 OF to be opened on 12/02/2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Central Time

## **Questions and Answers**

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Invitation to Bid. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Invitation to Bid. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

Question Number	RFP Section Reference	RFP Page Number	Question	State Response
1.		page 30	Must be a WB120472 EasiCollect Plus Collection Device" Will you not accept bids of products proven to be competitive with WB120472 EasiCollect Plus?	The State reserves the right to review alternate bids. Alternate devices would have to be tested and validated through the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab for acceptance. At this time the WB120472 EasiCollect Collection device is the only device that has been tested and validated. If a submitted alternate is tested and validated through the State Patrol Crime Lab, it could be eligible for inclusion on future bid opportunities
2.	Overall	None	Which vendor currently provides collection kits to the State? What is the current price of these kits? Would the State be willing to provide a sample of their current kits?	Tri Tech Forensics INC is the current vendor that supplies DNA Buccal Collections Kits. Here is the link to the contract:  http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/contracts/pdfs/14571(oc)ren(3)awd.pdf  To view the kit and its contents, please reference the posted ITB 6176 OF, Attachment C on our website @ the following link:  http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/6176/6  176.html
3.	Overall	None	Does the State maintain data on the 1 <sup>st</sup> pass success and overall success rate of the current collection kit/device? If so, will the State provide the current success rate?	The State does not maintain official records for this. NSP tracked for a short period of time and the success rate was ~90+%.

4.	Procurement Procedure: Section U VI. Technical Specifications: Section J	Page 7 Page 30	Page 7-Section U states that Alternatives Proposals may be submitted if the resulting goods and/or services are equivalent or better than those in the original proposal specifications. However, on Page 30, Section J, line item 1 states "Must be a WB120472 EasiCollect Plus Collection Device." Can the State please clarify whether an alternative collection device which is equivalent or better to the EasiCollect device will be allowed?	Please see response to question one (1).
5.	Cover Page  VI. Technical Specifications: Section Q	Page 1 Page 33	We understand that 7,500 kits is an estimated annual usage. Can you please provide the total number of kits that have been ordered in the last two years?	The State placed four (4) orders of 1,800 units for a total of 7,200.

This addendum will become part of the ITB and should be acknowledged with the Invitation to Bid response.