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ADDENDUM NO. 02

Your reference is directed to RFX Number 3000022132 for the Invitation to Bid for the State of Louisiana – Whole Genome Sequencing – LDH/OPH which is scheduled to open at 10:00 AM CT on December 19, 2023.

Following changes are to be made to the referenced solicitation:

Bid Opening Date currently reads: December 19, 2023 at 10:00 am CT

Bid Opening Date revised to read: January 4, 2024 at 10:00 am CT

Line 1 revised to include the following language: *The agency must be informed of any publication of the data produced from the contract.*

Following are the Vendor Inquiries received and the State’s Responses:

Vendor Inquiry #1

The NCBI is replacing the Assembly and Genome resources with “NCBI Datasets”, with a final transition in May 2024 (<https://ncbiinsights.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2023/10/18/ncbi-datasets-access-sequence-data/>). In our bid proposal, we will include effort to upload Illumina sequence data to the appropriate NCBI resources. We just want to clarify that this may not be GenBank.

States Response #1

The Office of Public Health (OPH) Lab is aware that NCBI may alter upload locations for data. ‘Appropriate NCBI resources’ would be acceptable.

Vendor Inquiry #2

Our proposal will provide reads covering >90% of the genome, however, these will not be concatenated into a single contig spanning the entire length. (This can be done, but it will substantially increase the costs of both sequencing and the analysis.) Is this acceptable?

States Response #2

All specifications will remain as currently stated in the solicitation.

Vendor Inquiry #3

Are there any regulations around publication with regard to this bid? Would we retain the right to publish on data produced?

States Response #3

LDH/OPH must be informed of any publication of the data produced from the contract. This has been added to line one of the solicitation and included in this Addendum No.2.

Vendor Inquiry #4

We request additional clarification on product category 85101705 (Genomic Epidemiology Report). An example of the format that we would intend to provide is attached. Are there other requirements in terms of format/reporting that we should be aware of?

States Response #4

The product category is an internal number utilized to categorize the item or service being bid. Any requirements regarding format and reporting will be listed in the specifications outlined in the solicitation.

Vendor Inquiry #5

We were just wanting to make sure that there were no restrictions regarding future journal publication of research related to the sequencing data generated by this project.

States Response #5

As part of the contract, the Contractor is required to upload sequence data to Genbank which makes the sequence data public. The Contractor is to notify the Agency of any publications associated with the contract.

All else remains as on original Invitation to Bid.

THIS ADDENDUM IS HEREBY OFFICIALLY MADE A PART OF THE REFERENCED SOLICITATION.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: If you have already submitted your bid and this Addendum does not cause you to revise your bid, you should acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by identifying your business name and by signing where indicated. You may return this Acknowledgement by mail, by hand delivery, or courier to: Office of State Procurement, 1201 N. 3rd Street, Claiborne Building - Ste. 2-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or by fax to: (225) 342-9756. The State reserves the right to request a completed Acknowledgement at any time. Failure to execute an Acknowledgement shall not relieve the bidder from complying with the terms of its bid.

Addendum Acknowledged/No changes:

For: _____ By: _____

REVISION: If you have already submitted your bid and this Addendum requires you to revise your bid, you must indicate any change(s) below, identify your business name and sign where shown. Revisions shall be delivered prior to bid opening by mail or by hand delivery or courier to: Office of State Procurement, 1201 N. 3rd Street, Claiborne Building - Ste. 2-160, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and indicate the RFX number and the bid opening date and time on the outside of the envelope for proper identification, or by fax to: (225) 342-9756. Electronic transmissions other than by fax are not being accepted at this time

Revisions received after bid opening shall not be considered and you shall be held to your original bid.

Revision:

For: _____ By: _____

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