



Amendment #1

Invitations for Bids (IFB) No. 2023DATS002

Drug & Alcohol Testing Services Questions and Responses

Q1: In section 2.2 of the aforementioned bid, the last bulleted item references the vendor being able to offer drug and alcohol testing services on a statewide basis to any MDCPS screenees within (45) miles of the screenee's submitted home address. Is there a specified time frame in which the testing must be conducted if the vendor is based a considerable distance from the screenee's submitted address?

A1: We allow 2 Business Days for new employees or 24 hours for existing employees.

Q2: Who is the incumbent provider for the requested services?

A2: MEA Drug Consortium

Q3: What is the CPS currently paying for the requested services?

A3: This information may be obtained by visiting www.Transparency.ms.gov, or through a Public Records Request.

Q4: What are the estimated volumes for the CPS population and CPS employee testing, respectively?

A4: We test anywhere from 1500 to 2000 people per year.

Q5: What is the CPS population positivity rate?

A5: Low - approx: 25 applicants per: year.

Q6: Will the CPS accept proposals that only bid on the CPS testing portion of this contract?

A6: Please refer to Section 4 of the Invitation for Bids.

Q7: Would the CPS allow for CLIA licensure for the CPS testing portion of this contract?

A7: MDCPS requires DHHS certification.

Q8: Will the CPS allow for confirmed results to be provided within 48-72hrs from receipt in laboratory for standard confirmation testing?

A8: Yes.

Q9: Are the court ordered collections “observed”?

A9: Some court mandated testing requires the use of observed collections, but this will be solely based on the decision made by the judge that presides over each case.

Q10: Do you require MRO for both employee testing and court-ordered personnel?

A10: MRO is required to determine drug testing evaluations.

Q11: Who is your current vendor for these services?

A11: MEA Drug Consortium

Q12: What is the current cost per service?

A12: This information may be obtained by visiting www.Transparency.ms.gov, or through a Public Records Request.

Q13: How many employee tests are done annually?

A13: Approximately up to 90-100 employees were tested in the past year. Please note that these numbers will vary each year.

Q14: How many court ordered tests are done annually?

A14: This is a new service that CPS is adding for court ordered families. The amount of these tests will vary each year.

Q15: How many collection facilities are currently used?

A15: Currently, CPS is approximately using 100 facilities statewide.

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment #1 by completing and returning Acknowledgement of Amendment Form (Attachment H) along with your bid package no later than June 16, 2023, 12:00 p.m., CT.