

Submission of Written Questions

Instructions				
This Response Template must be used for submission of written questions. All questions should provide the requested information. Those that do not, may not be answered by ADH. The Vendor may add as many lines as needed. ADH would strongly prefer the Vendor to ask multi-part questions as individual questions on seperate lines. Instructions: Complete all cells of each question asked in the Table below. Clearly identify the referenced section or text.				

Question	Reference (page number, section number, paragraph)	Specific IFB Language	Question	Response
1	DH-26-0026-HCV-Kits-and-Analyzer-Final document, page 1	Delivery of Response Documents, no email or fax	In our experience, Public Health laboratories typically use online portals for solicitation responses. Please confirm this response is only accepted as a printed, hand-delivered package. Would you consider accepting responses via email for a more efficient utilization of both vendor and Arkansas DOH resources for delivery, acceptance, and review of materials?	Responses are only accepted as printed, either hand-delivered or from on overnight carrier such as UPS, FedEx, or USPS. See Submission Deadline section of Page 1 of the IFB. <u>No email responses will be accepted.</u>
2	DH-26-0026-HCV-Kits-and-Analyzer-Final document, page 3, 1.4.D	In addition to meeting current HCV testing needs, the Department is interested in a scalable testing platform that offers the ability to expand testing services in the future. Preference will be given to systems that support additional infections disease assays and allow the laboratory to add new testing capabilities as public health needs evolve. Potential future testing may include, but is not limited to, HIV, Hepatitis B, Syphilis, Rubella, and other infectious disease flexibility for menu expansion without requiring the purchase of additional instrumentation.	Would Arkansas DOH be interested in providing annual volumes for HIV, Hepatitis B, Syphilis, and Rubella at this time so a comprehensive quote can be provided to show full menu expansion capabilities?	Yearly Totals HIV-- 24,000; Syphilis-- 24,200; HBsAg-- 1,600; HBsAg Confirmatory-- 10; HBc Total-- 20; HBc IgM-- 20; HAV IgM-- 20; Rubella IgM-- 1,100
3	DH-26-0026-HCV-Kits-and-Analyzer-Final document, page 3, 1.9.B.4	Prospective Contractors shall not include any other screening assays. The proposed platform should provide documents or ancillary information, such as a cover letter or promotional marketing information.	Please confirm no additional information is required beyond the price quote in the Official Bid Price Sheet.	Refer to the Submission Requirements Checklist listed in the IFB Response Packet attached with the solicitation documents on the Arkansas Department of Health website, Grants and Bid Opportunities page.
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