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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Proposers

From: Linda Gonzalez, Bid Clerk/Buyer

Date: April 9, 2007

Subject: RFI #07-036, Tissue Bank Services for the Medical Examiners Office

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced proposal; the response to the following questions:

1. How many tissue donors (musculoskeletal) were recovered from the medical examiners office during the year 2006-2007 and 2007 to present?

Approximately 15 donors were recovered in 2006 between two different tissue banks. (There was a gap between the two tissue banks in 2006 where the OME did not have a contract)

The total amount of potential donors recovered depended greatly on the training and experience of the "coordinators".

January 2007 to present : No tissue bank

2. Will the contracted tissue bank be permitted to store tissue recovery supplies within the designated tissue procurement suite?
Yes.
3. Will this contract include the ability to procure not only musculoskeletal, skin and cardiovascular tissue, but corneas as well?
Yes.

4. Will there be unlimited access for the tissue bank personnel within the medical examiners office or will this be on a controlled level? If it will be controlled, will you please define the limitations of controlled access?

The tissue bank personnel will have controlled access. Coordinator will be issued a security card and all procurement personnel will be allowed entrance by the coordinator to the morgue area only (isolation room)

5. Will you allow our coordinators to visually inspect any of the incoming cases in order to determine suitability for donation before a family approach is made?

Yes, but only under supervision of a staff physician.

6. Would pre-autopsy recovery be allowed on a case by case basis and would it be possible to recover certain tissues, such as the heart, with direct observation by a medical examiner on routine autopsies?

Yes.

7. Will you consider a fee per donor case in lieu of a monthly stipend?

No. The Office of the Medical Examiner will not consider a per donor fee.

8. Will the ME's office permit the contracted tissue bank to perform tissue recoveries in the ME's office on consented, non-ME case donors?

Yes.

9. What length of agreement does the ME prefer for this proposal?

Prefer 3 years but would consider 1-2 year contract.

10. Would the ME request a list of the disposition of the actual tissue recovered in the City of El Paso and where those tissues were finally distributed?

No.