



# The City of **WORCESTER**

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To All Bidders:

Subject: **Bid No. CR-8000-W3, Drug & Alcohol Testing Services / HR**

## **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

To Whom It May Concern:

With reference to our bid request relative to the above subject, please refer to the changes/modifications/clarifications to the original proposal request.

- **PLEASE SEE BELOW QUESTIONS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES FROM CITY**

What test panel do you need for steroid testing?

**Anabolic Steroids panel**

Who is your current TPA/administrator for this contract, and what SAMHSA lab are you currently testing through? **TPA is Arcpoint Labs of Worcester. SAMSHA lab is Quest Diagnostics.**

What walk-in clinics do you currently use, and are the sites suffice for the Town's needs? **The City primarily uses Arcpoint Lab, Grove Street, Worcester. The City also uses Quest Diagnostic labs located throughout the City and neighboring communities. These sites are sufficient.**

What mobile collector do you use for onsite testing needs? **Arcpoint Labs of Worcester**

Why the requirement for Nicotine testing? Is the City looking for a standalone nicotine testing panel, or for nicotine to be tested in combination with a NonDOT drug test panel? **This is a statutory requirement for certain City positions. Nicotine is done as a stand alone test.**

The bid is requesting the need for testing after normal hours. However, unless using a walk-in clinic open in the evenings and on weekend, this might require onsite testing by a mobile collector. Where can we indicate onsite collection rates, which are often different than walk-in collection rates? **The City does not presently pay a separate rate for onsite or walk-in. Bidders may not add items or other fees to this bid.**



On page 11, the bid references that supplier shall retain the split specimen for at least 60 days. For positives, this is a mute point. For negatives, labs typically only keep specimens for up to 7-10 days before discarding. Can you please clarify what the City is referring to in this statement? **Presently, for a negative result, the lab holds on to the specimen for 10 days to 2 weeks. For a positive test, the sample is retained for one year.**

Would you like pricing for additional DOT required services, such as FMCSA Clearinghouse Query submissions, DOT Physicals, “Reasonable Suspicion” training for Supervisors, or MVRs/Background checks? **The City does not wish to receive pricing for these.**

Would the City be interested in utilizing the electronic chain of custody form, over paper forms, whenever possible? **The City already does this.**

How & where will answers to these questions be posted/released to prospective bidders? **We will post an addendum on the bid page with Q & A from bidders.**

Would the City like any additional copies of our proposal, in addition to our original proposal, sent with our submission? **No, additional copies not needed**

Bidders are requested to acknowledge and/or include this addendum with submission. All other terms, conditions and specifications remain unchanged.

Very truly yours,

Christopher J. Gagliastro  
Purchasing Director