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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Solicitation Title/Event Name:

Solicitation Number:

Solicitation Close Date:

Notice of Intent to Award Post Date:

Issuing Contracts Officer contact information:

The State intends to award a contract to the apparent successful offeror(s) of the above-mentioned solicitation. The Notice of Intent to Award shall not be considered a binding commitment by the state.

Under the Montana Procurement Act, the State has made the relevant scoring matrix/bid tab for the above-mentioned solicitation available for public inspection. Comments from the public regarding the proposed award must be submitted to the Contracts Officer listed above within this 7-day notice period.

Apparent Successful Offeror(s)

Unsuccessful Offeror(s)

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SAKI Lab Testing

SCORE SUMMARY WORKSHEET

Category	Possible Points	Bode Cellmark	DNA Labs	Signature Science
Additional evidence from cold cases with a sexual assault nexus in a tiered testing format which may include SNP testing.	100	100	75	95
List of all the different types of testing they currently perform.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
If no probative DNA profiles are obtained from kit swabs and there is secondary evidence, plan, and quote for serological testing of secondary evidence.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Offeror has the capacity to analyze at the minimum rate of 50-60 test kits per month.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Participate in an external proficiency testing program from a test provider that has been approved by the ANSI National Accreditation Board referred to as ANAB and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB). The Completion of the proficiency tests communicated to the ANAB to document compliance with this accreditation requirement. The document shall include the analyst, date of proficiency report, proficiency provider and result (satisfactory or unsatisfactory).	Pas/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Accredited by ANAB or A2LA.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Analyze the samples at STR loci, using Qiagen's Investigator 24plex QS STR kit, Applied Biosystems 3500 genetic analyzer and GeneMapper ID-X software validated for forensic casework.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Written or preferred secure electronic chain of custody record for any exchange of samples between personnel.	100	95	85	95
Probabilistic genotyping interpretation using STRmix software must be performed on any applicable profiles. Should statistical calculations be required, a likelihood ratio (LR) must be calculated using STRmix probabilistic genotyping software.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
qPCR utilizing an AB 7500 Real Time PCR instrument and Promega PowerQuant (preferred), or Life Technologies Quant Trio, quantitation chemistry. MT-FSD reserves the right to request another instrument platform and chemistry based upon current utilization within MT-FSD laboratories, etc.	100	85	94	94
Facility in US.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Participates in the FBI's Onsite Vendor Laboratory Visit Programs.	200	200	0	200
Usage Reports, etc.	100	100	74	100
Project Schedule.	100	100	60	100
Project Plan.	100	85	70	100
Demonstrated has appropriate staff and sufficient personnel/technology to process the volume of tests being sent by MT DOJ/DCI. Staff casework ratio.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Minimum of three references that are currently using or have previously used supplies and/or services of the type proposed in this RFP.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Company Profile and Experience.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Resumes.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Detailed disaster recovery plan for evidence and data.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass
Cost Proposal	200	171.6	127.1	200
	1000	936.6	585.1	984
Equal Pay for Montana Women Bonus Points	50	50	50	50
		986.6	635.1	1034

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Individual Scoring Matrix

The evaluator will review and evaluate the offers according to the following criteria, which are worth a total of 1000 points: Offerors must achieve at least 75% of the technical score (before cost and bonus points) in order to be considered for an award. Compliance with Equal Pay for Montana is worth 50 bonus points.

Offerrer (Company) Name: Bode Cellmark			
			Total Points Awarded: 986.6
Category	Possible Points	Points Awarded	Mandatory Justification Comments for Points Awarded
Additional evidence from cold cases with a sexual assault nexus in a tiered testing format which may include SNP testing.	100	100	Proposol discussed tiered testing for cost savings degraded and limited DNA samples; flexibility in processing additional evidence.
List of all the different types of testing they currently perform.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
If no probative DNA profiles are obtained from kit swabs and there is secondary evidence, plan, and quote for serological testing of secondary evidence.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Offerrer has the capacity to analyze at the minimum rate of 50-60 test kits per month.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Participate in an external proficiency testing program from a test provider that has been approved by the ANSI National Accreditation Board referred to as ANAB and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB). The Completion of the proficiency tests communicated to the ANAB to document compliance with this accreditation requirement. The document shall include the analyst, date of proficiency report, proficiency provider and result (satisfactory or unsatisfactory).	Pas/Fail	Pass	
Accredited by ANAB or A2LA.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Analyze the samples at STR loci, using Qiagen's Investigator 24plex QS STR kit, Applied Biosystems 3500 genetic analyzer and GeneMapper ID-X software validated for forensic casework.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Written or preferred secure electronic chain of custody record for any exchange of samples between personnel.	100	95	They use electronic chain of custody which is what we preferred.
Probabilistic genotyping interpretation using STRmix software must be performed on any applicable profiles. Should statistical calculations be required, a likelihood ratio (LR) must be calculated using STRmix probabilistic genotyping software.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
qPCR utilizing an AB 7500 Real Time PCR instrument and Promega PowerQuant (preferred), or Life Technologies Quant Trio, quantitation chemistry. MT-FSD reserves the right to request another instrument platform and chemistry based upon current utilization within MT-FSD laboratories, etc.	100	85	Quant Trio is not preferred but is acceptable.
Facility in US.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Participates in the FBI's Onsite Vendor Laboratory Visit Programs.	200	200	They participate in the FBI's OVP
Usage Reports, etc.	100	100.0	Batch all case files into negative cases, DNA potential, DNA without potential for CODIS.
Project Schedule.	100	100.0	Sufficient schedule
Project Plan.	100	85.0	Vague details
Demonstrated has appropriate staff and sufficient personnel/technology to process the volume of tests being sent by MT DOJ/DCI. Staff casework ratio.	Pass/Fail	Pass	1:133 Ratio
Minimum of three references that are currently using or have previously used supplies and/or services of the type proposed in this RFP.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Company Profile and Experience.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Resumes.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Detailed disaster recovery plan for evidence and data.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
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	1000	936.6	
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		986.6	

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Offeror (Company) Name: DNA Labs		Total Points Awarded: 635.1	
Category	Possible Points	Points Awarded	Mandatory Justification Comments for Points Awarded
Additional evidence from cold cases with a sexual assault nexus in a tiered testing format which may include SNP testing.	100	75	MVAC; most responses throughout the proposal did not clearly outline the requirements in the RFP
List of all the different types of testing they currently perform.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
If no probative DNA profiles are obtained from kit swabs and there is secondary evidence, plan, and quote for serological testing of secondary evidence.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Offeror has the capacity to analyze at the minimum rate of 50-60 test kits per month.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Participate in an external proficiency testing program from a test provider that has been approved by the ANSI National Accreditation Board referred to as ANAB and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB). The Completion of the proficiency tests communicated to the ANAB to document compliance with this accreditation requirement. The document shall include the analyst, date of proficiency report, proficiency provider and result (satisfactory or unsatisfactory).	Pas/Fail	Pass	
Accredited by ANAB or A2LA.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Analyze the samples at STR loci, using Qiagen's Investigator 24plex QS STR kit, Applied Biosystems 3500 genetic analyzer and GeneMapper ID-X software validated for forensic casework.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Written or preferred secure electronic chain of custody record for any exchange of samples between personnel.	100	85	LIMS service is electronic; the response is lacking in detail
Probabilistic genotyping interpretation using STRmix software must be performed on any applicable profiles. Should statistical calculations be required, a likelihood ratio (LR) must be calculated using STRmix probabilistic genotyping software.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
qPCR utilizing an AB 7500 Real Time PCR instrument and Promega PowerQuant (preferred), or Life Technologies Quant Trio, quantitation chemistry. MT-FSD reserves the right to request another instrument platform and chemistry based upon current utilization within MT-FSD laboratories, etc.	100	94	Preffered PowerQuant used; format of the response made it difficult to find the information.
Facility in US.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Participates in the FBI's Onsite Vendor Laboratory Visit Programs.	200	0	Could not locate in proposal
Usage Reports, etc.	100	74.0	Lacked sufficient detail
Project Schedule.	100	60.0	The schedule on page 23 takes the project out to 2029 which is beyond Grant funding
Project Plan.	100	70.0	Due to project schedule and lack of detail
Demonstrated has appropriate staff and sufficient personnel/technology to process the volume of tests being sent by MT DOJ/DCI. Staff casework ratio.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Casework is 1:23 Ratio
Minimum of three references that are currently using or have previously used supplies and/or services of the type proposed in this RFP.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Company Profile and Experience.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Resumes.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Detailed disaster recovery plan for evidence and data.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Cost Proposal	200	127.1	
	1000	585.1	
Equal Pay for Montana Women Bonus Points	50	50.0	
		635.1	
			Offeror did not achieve 75% of the technical portion to be considered for an award.

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Offeror (Company) Name: Signature Science

Total Points Awarded: 1034

Category	Possible Points	Points Awarded	Mandatory Justification Comments for Points Awarded
Additional evidence from cold cases with a sexual assault nexus in a tiered testing format which may include SNP testing.	100	95	On page 12, great detail was provided for secondary testing
List of all the different types of testing they currently perform.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
If no probative DNA profiles are obtained from kit swabs and there is secondary evidence, plan, and quote for serological testing of secondary evidence.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Offeror has the capacity to analyze at the minimum rate of 50-60 test kits per month.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Participate in an external proficiency testing program from a test provider that has been approved by the ANSI National Accreditation Board referred to as ANAB and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB). The Completion of the proficiency tests communicated to the ANAB to document compliance with this accreditation requirement. The document shall include the analyst, date of proficiency report, proficiency provider and result (satisfactory or unsatisfactory).	Pas/Fail	Pass	
Accredited by ANAB or A2LA.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Analyze the samples at STR loci, using Qiagen's Investigator 24plex QS STR kit, Applied Biosystems 3500 genetic analyzer and GeneMapper ID-X software validated for forensic casework.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Written or preferred secure electronic chain of custody record for any exchange of samples between personnel.	100	95	Lacked some detail but uses electronic chain of custody throughout the laboratory
Probabilistic genotyping interpretation using STRmix software must be performed on any applicable profiles. Should statistical calculations be required, a likelihood ratio (LR) must be calculated using STRmix probabilistic genotyping software.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
qPCR utilizing an AB 7500 Real Time PCR instrument and Promega PowerQuant (preferred), or Life Technologies Quant Trio, quantitation chemistry. MT-FSD reserves the right to request another instrument platform and chemistry based upon current utilization within MT-FSD laboratories, etc.	100	94	Not preferred method but acceptable.
Facility in US.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Participates in the FBI's Onsite Vendor Laboratory Visit Programs.	200	200	Annually since 2017
Usage Reports, etc.	100	100.0	Thorough description
Project Schedule.	100	100.0	Good description; appropriate schedule for project
Project Plan.	100	100.0	
Demonstrated has appropriate staff and sufficient personnel/technology to process the volume of tests being sent by MT DOJ/DCI. Staff casework ratio.		Pass	1:13 ratio
Minimum of three references that are currently using or have previously used supplies and/or services of the type proposed in this RFP.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Company Profile and Experience.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Resumes.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Detailed disaster recovery plan for evidence and data.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Cost Proposal	200	200.0	
	1000	984.0	
Equal Pay for Montana Women Bonus Points	50	50.0	
		1034.0	

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SCORING GUIDE**

In awarding points to the evaluation criteria, the evaluator/evaluation committee will consider the following guidelines:

Superior Response (95-100%): A superior response is an exceptional reply that completely and comprehensively meets all of the requirements of the RFP. In addition, the response may cover areas not originally addressed within the RFP and/or include additional information and recommendations that would prove both valuable and beneficial to the agency.

Good Response (75-94%): A good response clearly meets all the requirements of the RFP and demonstrates in an unambiguous and concise manner a thorough knowledge and understanding of the project, with no deficiencies noted.

Fair Response (60-74%): A fair response minimally meets most requirements set forth in the RFP. The offeror demonstrates some ability to comply with guidelines and requirements of the project, but knowledge of the subject matter is limited.

Failed Response (59% or less): A failed response does not meet the requirements set forth in the RFP. The offeror has not demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the subject matter.

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Cost Worksheet

Lowest overall cost receives the maximum allotted points. All other proposals receive a percentage of the points available based on their cost relationship to the lowest. Example: Total possible points for cost are 300. Offeror A's cost is \$20,000. Offeror B's cost is \$30,000. Offeror A would receive 300 points. Offeror B would receive 200 points ($\$20,000/\$30,000 = 67\% \times 300 \text{ points} = 200$).

Cost			
Points Available	200		
Lowest Cost	\$9,696.00		
Vendor Name	Proposed Cost	Points Earned	Notes:
Signature Science	\$9,696.00	200.0	
Bode Cellmark	\$11,303.00	171.6	
DNA Labs	\$15,260.00	127.1	
Vendor # 4		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 5		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 6		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 7		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 8		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 9		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 10		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 11		#DIV/0!	
Vendor # 12		#DIV/0!	

Scoring Calculator

Superior High	100.0%
Superior Low	94.0%
Good High	94.0%
Good Low	74.0%
Fiar High	74.0%
Fair Low	59.0%
Failed High	59.0%
Failed Low	0.0%

Total Points Available

Score		100
Superior (95-100%)	94 - 100	
Good (75-94%)	74 - 94	
Fair (60-74%)	59 - 74	
Failed (0-59%)	0 - 59	

Technical Scoring Session

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Date: February 21, 2025

Time: 11:00-1:00

Location: Teams

Evaluation Committee Members: Michele Morgenroth, Becky Giono, Megan Ashton

Contracts Officer: Rhonda Peters

Order of Evaluation: Alphabetical

Scoring Method: Consensus