



STATE OF TENNESSEE
 TENNESSEE STATE VETERANS' HOMES BOARD

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS # 32399-01912-KN
 AMENDMENT # 1
 FOR LABORATORY SERVICES - KNOXVILLE**

DATE: November 17, 2011

RFP # 32399-01912-KN IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. This RFP Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFP dates.**

	EVENT	TIME	DATE	UPDATED / CONFIRMED
1	State Issues RFP		November 1, 2011	Confirmed
2	Disability Accommodation Request Deadline		November 4, 2011	Confirmed
3	Pre-proposal Conference	9:00 a.m.	November 7, 2011	Confirmed
4	Notice of Intent to Propose Deadline		November 8, 2011	Confirmed
5	Written Comments Deadline		November 14, 2011	Confirmed
6	State Responds to Written Comments		November 17, 2011	Updated
7	Proposal Deadline	2:00 p.m.	November 30, 2011	Confirmed
8	State Completes Technical Proposal Evaluations		December 5, 2011	Confirmed
9	State Opens Cost Proposals & Calculates Scores	2:00 p.m.	December 6, 2011	Confirmed
10	State Issues Evaluation Notice & Opens RFP Files for Public Inspection	2:00 p.m.	December 7, 2011	Confirmed
11	Contract Signing		December 19, 2011	Confirmed
12	Contract Signature Deadline		December 20, 2011	Confirmed
13	Contract Start Date		February 1, 2012	Confirmed

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFP.

Any restatement of RFP text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFP document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
<p>1 Is there a specific test list to bid on?</p>	<p>No. The cost proposal lab test fee is based on the Medicare fee schedule but the test would be whatever is ordered by the physician.</p>
<p>2 Are the Evaluation factors listed on the Cost Proposal and Scoring Guide quantities? If so, what is the time period of the quantities (i.e., is this an annual amount)?</p>	<p>The Evaluation Factors listed in the Cost Proposal and Scoring Guide represent our best estimate of the quantities of each service that will be performed over the 60 month term of the proposed contract, based on historical data, for the residents of the TSVHB facility in Knoxville with service-connected disabilities of seventy percent (70%) or greater and residents covered by Medicare Part A for their care. The TSVHB facility in Knoxville averages 31 residents in these categories. These are the only TSVHB residents for whom the TSVHB is responsible for payment of laboratory services. However, the TSVHB facility has a total of 140 beds and the proposed contract also requires the vendor to provide laboratory services to any other residents of the TSVHB facility in Knoxville who require such services and to bill such services to that resident's payor source, including private pay, Medicare Part B, Medicaid, and third party insurance. The TSVHB facility in Knoxville has an average occupancy rate of 98.6 percent (98.6%). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the evaluation factors do NOT represent any guarantee of service volume requirements.</p>