## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND PURCHASING DIVISION 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 148 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4665



## **REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. Q-10000360**

# COVID-19 AND COVID-19/ FLU A&B ANTIGEN TESTS, TERM CONTRACT

Due Date: 03/13/25, Time: 2:30 PM

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Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within as little as 48 hours prior to bid opening. It is the potential vendor's responsibility to frequently visit the Procurement Services web site (<a href="https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/budfin/purchasing/">https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/budfin/purchasing/</a>) to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

BIDDER CHECK LIST  —Have you signed your bid?  Have you signed the Procurement Affidavit?  Have you filled out all applicable forms?  Have you returned the original? (and required duplicate copies when required?)  Have you signed and returned amendments?  Have you included the bid bond, if required?
Have you completed, signed and included all required MBE/WBE forms and documents? (if applicable)

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND General Instructions for Solicitations

#### 1. Instructions, Forms and Specifications

- 1.1 All bids/proposals are to be submitted on and in accordance with the forms provided by the Division of Procurement Services. All bids must be submitted electronically as specified in the General Conditions. All bids must be clearly identified with the SOLICITATION NUMBER and the SOLICITATION TITLE in the subject line of the email. Bid times are either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, whichever prevails. Late bids will not be considered.
- 1.2 Responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an executed Procurement Affidavit, as provided by the Division of Procurement Services. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations.
- 1.3 Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within hours prior to bid opening. All bidders are responsible for frequently visiting the Procurement Services web site to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.
- 1.4 Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Division of Procurement Services. The County assumes no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions. All official correspondence in regard to this solicitation must be directed to, and will be issued by, the Purchasing Division.
- 1.5 Bidders finding any discrepancy in or omission from the specifications, in doubt as to meaning, or asserting that the specifications are discriminatory, shall notify the Division of Procurement Services in writing at once, but in no case later than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening of bids. Exceptions stated do not obligate the County to change the specifications. The Division of Procurement Services will notify all bidders in writing, by amendment duly issued, of any substantive revisions to specifications or instructions.
- 1.6 Unless a written exception detailing nonconformance to specifications is noted on the bid, any part number, product number, catalog number, etc., noted on the bid will be considered in full compliance with the specifications.
- 1.7 Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder's acceptance of these General Instructions and the terms and conditions of the solicitation. Submission of a bid evidences bidder's

representation and warranty that the person submitting the bid response is authorized to act for and bind the contractor.

- 1.8 All original and duplicate bids/proposals and other attachments, related documents and correspondence, including all follow-up documents and correspondence, shall be typed or written in English. All prices/percentages and/or other monetary figures shall be in United States dollars.
- 1.9 Issuing Officer: The sole point of contact for the County for purposes of this solicitation is the Buyer, listed on the cover page; questions regarding any aspect of the competitive process must be directed to the Buyer, in writing.

#### 2. Award of Solicitations

- 2.1 Any award pursuant to Requests for Quotation and Requests for Bid is made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following the public opening of bids under Section 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.
- 2.2 Awards on Requests for Quotations and Requests for Bid will be made within sixty (60) days after bid opening unless otherwise indicated in this solicitation. No bidder will be allowed to withdraw a bid during that period.
- 2.3 The successful bidder may be required to give security or bond, as stated in the bid document, for performance of the contract.
- 2.4 When there is a conflict between the unit price or percentage and the extension, the unit price or percentage will prevail as the amount of the bid.
- 2.5 Cash discounts will be considered in determining awards. However, cash discount offers must allow not less than 30 days to be considered in bid evaluation. A bid offering a cash discount in a period of less than 30 days will be evaluated as a bid without a discount offer; however, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County shall make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept any payment terms with a period of less than 30 days.
- 2.6 Invoices against resulting order(s) must be submitted, to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204-4665 or via email to <a href="mailto:disbursement@baltimorecountymd.gov">disbursement@baltimorecountymd.gov</a> with vendor name in the subject line. Invoices must show the

vendor's Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number, as appropriate, and order number and line number(s) that correspond with resulting order(s).

- 2.7 The County will not pay interest charges or other penalties for invoice payments.
- 2.8 Prices quoted shall be exclusive of all non-applicable Federal and Maryland State taxes. Tax exemption certificate will be furnished if required.
- 2.9 The County reserves the right to consider making payments via electronic funds transfers (EFT) on contracts for which this payment vehicle may be appropriate.

#### 3. Reservations

- 3.1 The County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids received, and to make a whole award, multiple awards, a partial award, or no award, to best serve the public interest.
- 3.2 The County may waive formalities in bids as the interests of the County may require.
- 3.3 The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities by approximately twenty (20) percent to be purchased at the prices bid.
- 3.4 The County reserves the right to award solicitations or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or in such combination as to best serve the public interest.
- 3.5 The County may waive minor differences, irregularities, and technicalities in the specifications, provided they neither violate the specifications intent, materially affect the operation for which the items or services are being purchased, nor increase estimated maintenance and repair costs to the County.
- 3.6 At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection and photocopying, by the County, its employees or agents, of all records, information and documentation of the Contractor related to the subject matter of this contract, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits.
- 3.7 Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions of the contract, in the event the County is temporarily or permanently prevented, restricted or delayed in the performance of any or all of the duties and obligations imposed upon or assumed by it thereunder, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland or the Baltimore County Council, by a court of competent jurisdiction or by administrative delay not due to the fault of the County

(and its members and agents) shall not be liable directly or indirectly for any claims caused to or suffered by the Contractor or any other person in connection with or as a result of such prevention, restriction or delay.

3.8 The County further reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of bidders to furnish the required services, and bidders shall furnish all such information for this purpose as the County may request. The County also reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder who is not currently in a position to perform the contract, or who has previously failed to perform similar contracts properly, or in a manner acceptable to the County, all of which shall be in the County's sole discretion.

#### 4. Delivery

- 4.1 Bidders shall guarantee delivery of materials in accordance with the delivery schedule stated in specifications. All items shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination/Inside Delivery, unless otherwise indicated, with delivery costs and charges included in the bid price.
- 4.2 The County reserves the right to charge the Contractor or vendor for each day the materials, supplies, or services are not delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule. The sum established by the specifications may be invoked at the discretion of the Procurement Services Agent, said sum to be considered not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, and deducted from final payment, or otherwise, charged to the Contractor or vendor. This remedy is not exclusive but shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the County. These liquidated damages shall be in addition to any and all actual damages incurred directly or indirectly by the County, its agents, assigns, and contractors.
- 4.3 All bidders and vendors are to ensure that packaging materials used for this requirement are not made of non-recyclable Styrofoam (Polystyrene). Additionally, any materials used in packing to cushion, protect and ship are to be made of recycled, recyclable or biodegradable materials.

#### 5. Competition

- 5.1 The name of any manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number mentioned in the specifications is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type, and for no other purpose unless otherwise stated in the solicitation.
- 5.2 A bidder may offer a price on only one unit per line item. Even though two or more units may meet the specification, bidders must determine for themselves

which to offer. Submission by a bidder of prices for more than one unit shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the bid for that specific item.

- 5.3 Bids which show omission, irregularity, alteration of forms or additions not called for, as well as conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced, may be rejected.
- 5.4 All bids must be accompanied by such descriptive literature as may be called for by the specifications or proposal.
- 5.5 If products to be provided to the County contain any substances that could be hazardous or injurious to a person's health, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) must be provided to the Division of Procurement Services. This applies also to any product used by a Contractor when providing a service to the County.
- 5.6 Specifications are based on County needs and uses, estimated costs of operations and maintenance, and other significant and/or limiting factors to meet County requirements, and to ensure consistency with County policies. Minimum specifications, and maximum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive bidders.
- 5.7 Unless multiple or alternate bids are requested in the solicitation, these bids may not be accepted. However, if a bidder clearly indicates a base bid, it shall be considered for award as though it were the only bid submitted by the bidder.

#### 6. Terminations

6.1 Termination for Convenience: The County may terminate a contract, in whole or in part, without cause, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor. In the event of termination, without cause, the County shall advise the Contractor in writing of the termination date and of work to be performed during the final days prior to contract termination. The Contractor shall be paid for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice of termination. The Contractor will not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits, which have not been earned up to the date of termination. Payments to be provided on a lump sum basis shall be prorated by the County based on the services rendered or goods delivered up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice.

#### 6.2 Termination for Default:

6.2.1 In addition to other available rights and remedies, the County shall have the right upon the happening of any default, without providing notice to the Contractor: 1) To

terminate a contract immediately, in whole or in part; 2) To suspend the contractor's authority to receive any undisbursed funds; and/or 3) To proceed at any time or from time to time to protect and enforce all rights and remedies available to the County, by suit or any other appropriate proceedings, whether for specific performance or any covenant, term or condition set forth in the contract, or for damages or other relief, or proceed to take any action authorized or permitted under applicable law or regulations.

- 6.2.2 Upon termination of a contract for default, the County may elect to pay the Contractor for services provided or goods delivered up to the date of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the default, all as determined by the County in its sole discretion. If the damages exceed the undisbursed sums available for compensation, the County shall not be obligated to make any further disbursements hereunder.
- 6.3 Funding Out: If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support contract continuation in any fiscal year, the County shall have the right to terminate the contract without prior notice to the Contractor and without any obligation or penalty.

#### 7. Hold Harmless – Indemnification

- 7.1 The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be incurred or made against the County, its employees, agents or officials resulting from any act or omission committed in the performance of the duties imposed by and performed under the terms of the contract. The Contractor shall not be responsible for acts of gross negligence or willful misconduct committed by the County.
- 7.2 The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be made against the County, its employees, agents or officials by any third party arising from the alleged violation of any third party's trade secrets, proprietary information, trademark, copyright, patent rights, or intellectual property rights in connection with the contract.
- 7.3 Unless notified in writing by the County to the contrary, the Contractor shall provide defense for the County, its employees, agents and officials in accordance with this Article and in doing so the Contractor shall allow the County to participate in said defense of the County, its employees, agents and

officials, to the extent and as may be required by the County and the Contractor shall cooperate with the County in all aspects in connection therewith. All filings, actions, settlements, and pleadings shall be provided to the County for comment and review prior to filing or entering thereof. No filing, action, settlement or pleading shall be filed or entered without the prior consent and approval of the County.

Minority/Women's Business **Enterprise** (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Notice: Baltimore County is seeking Minority, Woman and Small Businesses to bid on current solicitations as a prime or subcontractor. In accordance with the Executive Order 2022-005 dated December 6, 2022, "an overall goal of 23% of the cumulative total of all discretionary dollars spent in a fiscal year of County procurements is to be awarded to and/or performed by MBE and WBE firms." Refer to the section entitled Minority Business Women Enterprise and Business Enterprise Requirements (MBE/WBE) for the current required goal. MBE/WBE's and Small Businesses are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

#### 9. Authority

- 9.1 In case of disputes as to whether an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Purchasing Agent or authorized representative shall be final and binding on both parties. The Purchasing Agent may request the recommendation in writing of the head of the using agency, the Standards and Specifications Committee, or other objective sources.
- 9.2 Bidders desiring to appeal a decision of the Division of Procurement Services must deliver written protests to the Purchasing Division within 10 days of notification of award. The Procurement Services Agent or designee will review the protested decision, examine any additional information provided by the bidder and respond in writing within 10 working days of receipt of written protests.
- 9.3 Instructions, Specifications, and Proposals are issued, and all bids, quotations, orders, and purchases are made pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Baltimore County Charter, and Article 10, Title 2 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, and regulations and policies established or prescribed by the Division of Procurement Services.
- **10. HIPAA**: The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and shall execute a Business Associate Agreement as may be required by the County.
- **11. Reports**: When required, reports prepared for Baltimore County should be printed on recycled and

recyclable paper printed on both sides per Section 10-2-312 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

#### 12. Terms of Contract

- 12.1 Any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be by and between the successful bidder and the County, and shall contain and incorporate, but may not be limited to, all terms and conditions of the solicitation, any amendments or changes thereto. Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the Contractor's acceptance of the terms and conditions therein.
- 12.2 The provisions of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be governed by the laws and regulations of Maryland and Baltimore County.
- 12.3 Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder shall be brought only in the courts of Maryland, and the Contractor hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction. To the extent that the County is a party to any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder, such an action shall be brought only in a court of competent jurisdiction in the courts of the State of Maryland.
- 13. Severability: If any provisions in the contract are declared by a court or other lawful authority to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.
- **14. Counterparts:** The contract may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- **15. Survival:** The provisions of paragraphs 1.7 (Representations and Warranties), 4.2 (Damages), 7 (Indemnification), and 10 (HIPAA) shall survive delivery of commodities and/or performance of services.
- **16. No Waiver, Etc.:** No failure or delay by the County to insist upon the strict performance of any term, condition or covenant of the contract, or to exercise any right, power, or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such term, condition, or covenant or of any such breach, or preclude the County from exercising any such right, power, or remedy at any later time or times.

# 17. Maryland Registration / Qualification Requirements:

- 17.1 Baltimore County verifies the company's status with SDAT and may require the successful bidder to submit a Good Standing Certificate (also known as a "Certificate of Status") issued by the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation's ("SDAT") Charter Division, and the State of Organization.
- 17.2 For information on registering to do business in the State of Maryland or to download SDAT related forms visit the Maryland Department of State Department of Assessments & Taxation at <a href="https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/">https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/</a>. If you need additional assistance call (410) 767-1184.
- 17.3 Baltimore County requires the successful bidder to be in "good standing" (also known as Certificate of Status) with the State in which it is organized, and in the State of Maryland, under certain circumstances. Baltimore County verifies the successful bidder's status with SDAT. Non-compliance to this section may result in a delay in contract award or rejection of a bid.

#### 18. Eligibility of Candidates for Employment:

- 18.1 The E-Verify program is an internet-based employment verification system that allows employers to verify employee status against Federal Social Security and immigration databases.
- 18.2 Baltimore County encourages employers to utilize the E-verify program, or an equivalent system, as a means to help employers determine the eligibility of new hires.

#### 19. Warranty:

- 19.1. Contractor warrants for one year from acceptance, or for such longer period otherwise expressly stated in the attached solicitation, all goods, services, and construction provided. This includes a warranty against any and all defects. The contractor must correct any and all defects in material and/or workmanship that may appear during the warranty period, even if discovered after the end of the warranty period, by repairing any such defect, (or replacing with new items or new materials, if necessary), at no cost to the County and to the County's satisfaction.
- 19.2. Should a manufacturer's or service provider's warranty exceed the requirements stated above, that warranty will be the primary one used in the case of defect. Copies of manufacturer's or service provider's warranties must be provided upon request.
- 19.3. All warranties must be in effect from the date of acceptance by the County of the goods, services, or construction.
- 19.4. The contractor warrants that all work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike manner, and the contractor must observe and comply with all Federal,

State, County and local laws, ordinances and regulations in providing the goods, and performing the services or construction.

## 20. American Manufactured Goods Required for Public Works:

- 20.1 The Contractor shall comply with Section 14-416 of the Maryland State Finance and Procurement Article which requires a contractor or subcontractor to use or supply American Manufactured goods in the performance of a contract for (a) constructing or maintaining a public work; or (b) buying or manufacturing machinery or equipment that is to be installed at a public work site, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- 20.2 This section does not apply: (a) if Baltimore County determines that: (i) the price of the American manufactured goods exceeds the price of a similar manufactured good that is not manufactured in the United States by an unreasonable amount; (ii) the item or a similar item is not manufactured or available for purchase in the United States in reasonably available quantities; (iii) the quality of the item or a similar item manufactured in the United States is substantially less than the quality of a comparably priced, similar, and available item that is not manufactured in the United States; or (iv) the procurement of a manufactured good would be inconsistent with the public interest; or (b) to emergency life safety and property safety goods.
- 20.3 The Contractor shall certify to Baltimore County whether the offered goods and/or services are provided in the United States.



## **First Source Hiring Agreement Overview**

## What is First Source Hiring?

Baltimore County's First Source Hiring Agreement requires that developers, contractors, and employers utilize good faith efforts toward employing economically disadvantaged Baltimore County residents in newly created positions on applicable projects. These efforts are supported by Baltimore County's workforce development system, a partnered network of business and economic development professionals, education and training providers, and human service agencies working together systematically to provide a ready supply of qualified workers to employers with hiring needs. The intent of First Source is to connect these individuals with new jobs that are generated by the County's investment in contracts or public works; or by business activity that requires approval by the County's Department of Economic and Workforce Development.

The goals of the First Source Hiring Agreement are to:

- Increase awareness of the resources, services and potential benefits available to help Baltimore County employers meet their workforce needs; and,
- Give economically disadvantaged individuals the first opportunity to apply for new jobs in Baltimore County.

## Which businesses can participate in First Source Hiring?

- 1. Businesses who have leases with the County or on County property; or,
- 2. Businesses with County contracts for goods, services, and grants under \$300,000 which are projected to create new jobs/positions to fulfill contract terms

## How can first source help your business?

Baltimore County Department of Economic & Workforce Development's (DEWD's) Business Services Team can help coordinate recruitment services with our workforce partners in collaboration with our three Baltimore County Career Center locations to assist with finding prescreened, qualified candidates.

Available services may include but are not limited to:

- Posting and promotion of employment opportunities through our network of service providers
- Access to diverse talent pools from within Baltimore County's workforce system
- Access to Baltimore County Career Centers for coordinated recruitment/interviewing activities
- Referral of pre-screened, qualified candidates for employer consideration
- Assistance with using the Maryland Workforce Exchange a statewide job database and candidate matching platform

- Information on earning tax credits and other employer benefits for new hires (if applicable)
- Workforce and Business Services staff to assist you throughout your recruitment efforts

## I'd like to participate in First Source Hiring...Where do I start?

**Step #1:** Register your business with the <u>Maryland Workforce Exchange</u>. This is an online database to track First Source Hiring job opportunities. As an employer, the Maryland Workforce Exchange can help you promote job openings, search for qualified candidates and share placement information.

**Step #2:** Businesses or non-profits who receive a non-construction or professional services contract from Baltimore County under \$300,000 are required to project the number of job openings they expect during the contract period. After registering your business with <a href="Maryland-Workforce Exchange">Maryland Workforce Exchange</a>, complete the **First Source Hiring Description Form** and email it to the Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development (DEWD) at <a href="mairylinetricology">firstsourcehire@baltimorecountymd.gov</a>. If you have any questions about registering with MWE or completing the form, contact our office at 410-887-8000.

**Step #3:** Once you are registered in MWE and Baltimore County receives your <u>First Source</u> <u>Hiring Description Form</u> via email, you will be contacted by a member of the Business Development Team to assist with recruitment for your open positions.

## **Helpful Tips:**

Businesses that qualify are asked to post their openings with Baltimore County's First Source Hiring network of service providers, and offer the County the first opportunity to refer qualified candidates to those positions. While the agreement does not require an employer to hire a specific candidate, it does ask that employers make a good faith effort to hire referrals from the County's workforce development system. We ask that employers would report basic information for any new hires by entering the placement data in the Maryland Workforce Exchange, or by completing an Employment Verification and Employer Survey Form (see FORM 2 attached) or via email at the completion of your recruitment activities.

Company Name	Contact Name
Company Address	City, MD
E-mail Address	Telephone
Acknowledgment Signature	 Date

# Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification (Substitute for IRS Form W-9) COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Baltimore County, Maryland Office of Budget and Finance 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148 Towson, Maryland 21204 Certification of TIN and business name are required for all successful bidders prior to issuing a contract or purchase order. Completion of <u>SIDE 1</u> of this form is necessary to meet IRS regulations. All MBE/WBE vendors should also complete <u>SIDE 2</u>. For questions, call 410-887-3587.

#### SIDE 1

List your <b>legal business name</b> below, as show	wn on your income tax retu	rn. Sole proprietors should list their		
individual name as noted on your social security card. You may enter a business name on line 2. Other entities				
must list your business name as shown on Fed	leral tax documents. This na	me should match the name shown on		
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2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal				
Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has				
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	MA	Minority-owned, Not small business		W	Woman-owned, Small business		
	М	Minority-owned, Small business		WA	Woman-owned, Not small business		
	NS	Non-minority-owned, small business		Х	Woman-owned, Minority, Small business		
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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INSURANCE PROVISIONS

#### 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 1.1 Coverages Required:

Unless otherwise required by the specifications or the contract, the Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain the insurance coverages listed herein.

Insurance Companies must be acceptable to Baltimore County and have an A.M. Best Rating of A-, Class X or better.

#### 1.2 Verification of Insurance:

Before starting work on the contract or prior to the execution of the Contract on those bid, the Contractor/Vendor shall provide Baltimore County, Maryland with verification of insurance coverage evidencing the required coverages.

1.3 <u>Baltimore County as Additional Insured:</u>

The coverage required, excluding Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability and Medical Malpractice Liability/Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Liability, must include **Baltimore County**, **Maryland** as an additional insured.

1.4 Contractor's/Vendor's Responsibility:

The providing of any insurance herein does not relieve the Contractor/Vendor of any of the responsibilities or obligations the Contractor/Vendor has assumed in the contract or for which the Contractor/Vendor may be liable by law or otherwise.

1.5 Failure to Provide Insurance:

Failure to provide and continue in force the required insurance shall be deemed a material breach of the contract.

#### 2. INSURANCE COVERAGES

#### 2.1 General Liability Insurance

2.1.1 Minimum Limits of Coverage:
Personal Injury Liability and Property
Damage Liability Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000 each occurrence

2.1.2 Such insurance shall protect the Contractor/Vendor from claims which may arise out of, or result from, Contractor's/Vendor's operations under the contract, whether such operations be by the subcontractor. Contractor/Vendor. any anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor/Vendor or Subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts any of the above may be liable.

#### 2.1.3 Minimum Coverages to be Included:

- (a) Independent Contractor's coverage;
- (b) Completed Operations and Products Liability coverage; and
- (c) Contractual Liability coverage.

#### 2.1.4 Damages not to be Excluded:

Such insurance shall contain no exclusions applying to operations by the Contractor/Vendor or any Subcontractor in the performance of the Contract including but not limited to: (a) Collapse of, or structural injury to, any building or structure; (b) Damage to underground property; or (c) Damage arising out of blasting or explosion.

#### 2.2 Automobile Liability Insurance

- 2.2.1 Minimum Limits of Coverage:
  Bodily Injury Liability and Property
  Damage Liability
  Combined Single Limit- \$1,000,000
  any one accident
- 2.2.2 Minimum Coverages to be Included: Such insurance shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles.

## 2.3 Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance

Such insurance must contain statutory coverage, including:

Employers' Liability insurance with limits of at least:

Bodily Injury by Accident - \$1,000,000 each accident

Bodily Injury by Disease - \$1,000,000 policy limit

Bodily Injury by Disease - \$1,000,000 each employee

#### 2.4 Other

Such other insurance in form and amount as may be customary for the type of business being undertaken by the Contractor/Vendor.

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#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### SCOPE.

- 1.1 It is the intention of these specifications that the vendor hereunder shall furnish and Baltimore County shall purchase Covid-19 Test Kits and Covid-19/Flu A&B Test Kits, covered by this contract which the County may require during the period of time specified. The quantities shown are approximations of the yearly purchase quantity and are for the purpose of bid evaluation only. Covid-19 test kits are for public distribution due to outbreaks at congregate settings, educational centers, and homeless shelters.
- 2.2 The County reserves the right to order supplies that may be required during the said period, and it also reserves the right not to order supplies bid upon by the vendor, if it is found that such supplies are not required by the County during the period covered by this contract.

#### 2. METHOD OF AWARD.

2.1 Award will be made on a total lump sum basis. In accordance with Sec. 10-2-406 of the <u>Baltimore County Code</u>, 2015, as amended, past performance of bidders in furnishing goods and services to Baltimore County will be considered in determining the award.

#### 3. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

- 3.1 The term of the contract shall be for one (1) year. The County reserves the right to renew this contract for up to four (4) additional one-year renewal options under the same terms and conditions. The County will automatically renew the contract on each option year unless notice is given to the Contractor that the contract is not renewed.
- 3.2 If price adjustments are requested pursuant to the terms of the contract, the Contractor must notify the Baltimore County Purchasing Division of at least ninety (90) days prior to the current terms expiration date.

#### 4. PRICES.

4.1 Prices quoted shall include delivery costs and charges.

#### EQUIVALENTS.

5.1 Equivalent items will be considered provided descriptive literature and specifications accompany bid. Acceptability of equivalent items is determined by the Purchasing Agent.

#### SAMPLES.

6.1 The successful bidder may be required to furnish samples for evaluation prior to award. Samples furnished must conform exactly to the specifications herein unless otherwise specified by the buyer. Samples furnished with deviations must be clearly marked. When required, samples shall be furnished within seven (7) calendar days upon request. Samples not provided in accordance with the specifications or within the time specified may result in rejection of the bid.

- 6.2 The successful bidder's samples may be retained pending delivery, for comparison with products delivered under the contract.
- 6.3 Samples will not be returned unless the vendor indicates the requirement to do so at the time the sample is furnished, and then only at the vendor's expense. Failure to arrange for pick-up of released samples within thirty (30) calendar days will result in disposal of the samples.

#### 7. <u>DELIVERY CONDITIONS</u>.

- 7.1 Delivery will be to 9150 Franklin Square Drive, Room 257, Baltimore, Md 21237. Contact person for delivery is Lysa Regits, 410-887-0416.
- 7.2 Deliveries are to be Monday Friday, between 9am-4pm, excepting County Holidays as noted in Section 8.
- 7.3 There is a specified "delivery entrance" on the side of the building, but there is not a loading dock. Also note, semi-trailers, flat-bed 18-wheelers and other trucks that size will not be able to drive around the building to get to the delivery entrance
- 7.4 Orders shall not be left unattended at delivery site. Baltimore County personnel must be present for the delivery.

#### 8. <u>COUNTY HOLIDAYS</u>.

New Year's Day Labor Day

MLK, Jr. Birthday Indigenous People's Day

Presidents' Day General Election Day (each even year)

Memorial Day

Juneteenth Day

Independence Day

Veterans' Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

#### 9. **ESCALATION**.

- 9.1 All unit prices offered herein shall be firm against any increase for one (1) year from the effective date of the contract. Prior to commencement of subsequent renewal terms, the County may entertain a request for escalation in accordance with the current Consumer Price Index at the time of the request or up to a maximum 5% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower.
- 9.2 For purposes of this section, "Consumer Price Index" shall mean the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers-United States Average-All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- 9.3 The County reserves the right to accept or reject the request for a price increase within fourteen (14) days. If the price increase is approved, the price will remain firm for one (1) year from the date of the increase.

#### 10. PURCHASE ORDERS.

10.1 Purchase orders will be issued from time to time by the purchasing agent for such quantities as to satisfy requirements of the County. Specific quantities and delivery information will be indicated on purchase orders. Each purchase order will refer to the supplier contract number. Purchase orders issued within the term of the contract, even if not completed within the term of the contract, shall continue to be bound by the terms and conditions herein.

#### 11. ADDITIONS TO THE CONTRACT.

11.1 Baltimore County reserves the right to add additional types of test kits to this contract at any time during the term of this agreement. The Contractor will be notified of the County's intent to include said test within the constraints of this agreement. The Contractor shall quote a price for the requested test kits that the County is requesting to be added to the contract. The quote shall be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent for review. Baltimore County reserves the right to accept or reject the Contractor's proposal. If rejected, the County shall solicit bids on the open market for the required test kits. Award of new test kits to a current contractor's agreement shall conform to the intent of the solicitation under section titled METHOD OF AWARD. Successful bidder will be notified in writing of the inclusion of the new test kits.

#### 12. <u>MULTI-AGENCY PROCUREMENT</u>.

- 12.1 Baltimore County reserves the right to extend the terms and conditions of this contract to any and all other County agencies requiring these commodities and/or services. A purchase order will be issued against the original supplier contract, confirming the contracted pricing and giving quantity and delivery requirements.
- **13. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES; ADDENDA**. Questions pertaining to this solicitation may be submitted in writing to the Buyer, Dawn Diffenderffer-Baker, at <a href="mailto:ddiffenderffer@baltimorecountymd.gov">ddiffenderffer@baltimorecountymd.gov</a>.
  - 13.1 If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFQ, amendments will be posted on the web site at: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/budfin/purchasing/current-solicitations.
  - 13.2 Bidders must acknowledge, in writing, receipt of all addenda in the text of their proposals. All official correspondence in regard to the specifications should be directed to and will be issued by the Purchasing Division. Bidders are cautioned that the County assumes no responsibility for oral explanations or interpretations of solicitation documents.
  - 13.3 The deadline for written questions pertaining to this solicitation is seven (7) working days prior to the due date of proposals.

# 14. <u>UTILIZATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.</u>

- 14.1 Baltimore County's First Source Hiring Agreement requires that developers, contractors, and employers utilize good faith efforts toward employing economically disadvantaged Baltimore County residents in newly created positions on applicable projects. These efforts are supported by Baltimore County's workforce development system, a partnered network of business and economic development professionals, education and training providers, and human service agencies working together systematically to provide a ready supply of qualified workers to employers with hiring needs.
- 14.2 The Contractor may use Baltimore County's Department of Economic and Workforce Development as a "First Source" for training and recruitment of employees. To utilize "First Source" the Contractor may notify the Department of Economic and Workforce Development of employment opportunities to present qualified candidates to the Contractor for consideration. The Contractor may use reasonable efforts to consider qualified Baltimore County residents who are either unemployed or under-employed for all available positions. For additional information call 410-887-8000 or visit: <a href="https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/economic-development/business/workforce-services">https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/economic-development/business/workforce-services</a>

#### 15. MWB/WBE and/or ECONOMIC BENEFIT FACTOR.

- 15.1 The Economic Benefit Factor is included to determine if there are any new jobs being created or provides social responsibility to Baltimore County (as first preference) and/or Maryland its constituents. Examples of economic benefits to be derived from a contract shall include any of, but not limited to, the following. For each factor identified below, identify the specific benefit and contractual commitments and provide a breakdown of expenditures in that category:
  - 15.1.1 The number and types of jobs for Baltimore County and/or Maryland residents resulting from the Contract. Indicate job classifications, number of employees in each classification and aggregate payroll to which the Bidder has committed, including contractual commitments at both prime and, if applicable, subcontract levels. If no new positions or subcontracts are anticipated as a result of this Contract, so state explicitly;
    - Placement or employment in High Growth Areas of Employment
    - Retention and Average Earnings Fiscal Performance
    - Serving Veterans
    - Strengthen Local Workforce Economy
  - 15.1.2 Subcontract dollars committed to Baltimore County and/or Maryland minority-owned and women-owned businesses,
  - 15.1.3 Other benefits to the Baltimore County and/or Maryland economy which the Bidder promises will result from awarding the Contract to the Bidder, including contractual commitments. Describe the benefit, its value to the Baltimore County and/or Maryland economy, and how it will result from, or because of the Contract award. Bidders may commit to benefits that are not directly attributable to the Contract, but for which the Contract award may serve as a catalyst or impetus, and
  - 15.1.4 Provide your firm's policies with regards to the commitment to social responsibility. Submit examples. Include any examples in the Baltimore County vicinity.

#### 16. ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL PROCESS.

- 16.1 The cost of preparing Bids is the responsibility of Bidders.
- 16.2 To be considered, Bids shall be received by the bid closing date and time to the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:bid@baltimorecountymd.gov">bid@baltimorecountymd.gov</a>. The Bid Number should be referenced in the Subject Line of the e-mail. Bids may not be submitted by any other means. Bids that are mailed or otherwise delivered to the Division of Procurement Services (including emails which indicate links to locations where the bid may be downloaded) and/or emails sent to any other Baltimore County email address will not be accepted.
  - 16.2.1 **DO NOT CARBON COPY** (cc) the buyer on the bid submission.
- 16.3 Late Bids will not be considered. Bidders are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last minute to submit bids. The time stated on the auto-receipt (described below) will be definitive of the time of receipt. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted. Bidders are advised that the County cannot receive email attachments greater in size than twenty-five (25) megabytes and this size limitation may be further reduced by requirements of the Bidder's email provider which are beyond the control of the County. Bidder should consider separating any large bid attachment into multiple parts and emailing each part separately. In such case, Bidder will note that each email is 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. Multiple part bids will not be considered unless all parts are received by the bid closing date and time.
- 16.4 After submitting a Bid to bid@baltimorecountymd.gov, and upon successful receipt by the County

thereof, Bidder will receive an auto-receipt email. This receipt is proof that the bid has been received by the Purchasing Division and should be retained for Bidder's records. In the case of a bid submitted in multiple parts as described in 10.3, an auto-receipt email will be generated for each part. The County has no obligation to consider any Bid for which an auto-receipt was not generated.

- 16.5 As with any system, power outages or technology problems may arise that are outside of the County's control and could affect your submission. The County will not be held accountable for such issues that may delay the transmission of any Bid.
- 16.6 The County reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in conjunction with Bids.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### 1. FLOWFLEX HOME TEST COVID-19 ANTIGEN OTC, OR APPROVED EQUAL

- 1.1 1 per box
- 1.2 Quantity: 2100
- 1.3 FDA EUA Authorized COVID-19 Home Test This test is authorized for home use without the need for a prescription or sending to a lab.
- 1.4 Detects Active COVID-19 Infection This test detects multiple COVID-19 variants
- 1.5 Safe to Test Adults and Children The test is recommended for self-collection by individuals aged 14 years and older and with adult-collection by individuals aged 2 years or older.
- 1.6 Easy to Use All the components of the nasal swab test are included inside the box with step-by-step Instructions for Use in English and Spanish. No Symptoms Needed This test is intended to test individuals with or without COVID-19 symptoms. Quick Results This test is quick and simple. The result is read in 15 minutes

### 2. FLOWFLEX PLUS COVID-19/FLU A&B ANTIGEN HOME TEST OTC, OR APPROVED EQUAL

- 2.1 1 per box
- 2.2 Quantity: 2100
- 2.3 3-in-1 Home test for COVID-19, Flu A, and Flu B
- 2.4 Easy-to-use nasal swab test
- 2.5 Can be used to test children as young as 2 years old
- 2.6 Results in 15 minutes
- 2.7 No need to send off to a lab to obtain results
- 2.8 Medical-grade technology used in doctor's offices
- 2.9 Compact packaging for "On-The-Go" testing
- 2.10 Easy to Use All the components of the nasal swab test are included inside the box with step-by-step Instructions for Use in English and Spanish.
- 2.11 FDA EUA Authorized Home Test This test is authorized for home use without the need for a prescription or sending to a lab.
- 2.12 NO SYMPTOMS NECESSARY Test with or without symptoms

**3. EXPIRATION DATE.** Expiration date of greater 180 days. No exceptions.

#### 4. <u>REQUIREMENTS</u>.

- 4.1 Waived tests only. A waived COVID test is a COVID-19 test that is performed in a laboratory or at a testing site that has a CLIA Certificate of Waive
  - 4.1.1 Must be granted under CLIA. Consult <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/clia/docs/tests-granted-waived-status-under-clia.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/clia/docs/tests-granted-waived-status-under-clia.pdf</a> for current listings as they are revised as new tests are granted.
  - 4.1.2 Require at least a CLIA Certificate of Waiver
  - 4.1.3 Can cover any number of facilities that perform only waived testing
  - 4.1.4 Must be licensed by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH)
  - 4.1.5 Review FDA information for instructions and recalls, https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfres/textsearch.cfm
- 4.2 Tests should be easy to perform and require minimal training.

Due Date: 03/13/25, Time: 2:30 P.M.

#### PROPOSAL SIGNATURE COVER PAGE

SUBMISSION OF A BID/PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION EVIDENCES THE BIDDER'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN. THIS PAGE MUST BE PROPERLY SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN THE FIRM WHO REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR BID/ REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID/PROPOSAL MUST INITIAL ANY ALTERATIONS IN FIGURES ON THIS FORM IN INK.

COMPANY NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
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TELEPHONE:	FAX:	
SIGNED:	DATE:	
PRINT NAME:	TITLE:	
TAX ID NUMBER (FIN/SS#)	EMAIL:	
NOTICE: A notice required to be deliver has been sent to the following		vived when such notice
F.O.B. Destination (unless otherwise stated	herein).	
Delivery shall be made within	calendar days after receipt of order.	
Payment Terms: in determining awards. However, should that should make every effort to obtain the discouthan (30) days.	t bidder obtain award by consideration of	f the gross price, the County
If your firm is not already receiving email notifica	tion of new solicitations and amendments, ye	ou may register for email

notification on the County's web site at: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/budfin/purchasing/vendor-resources

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LINE NO.	COMMODITY /SERVICE DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY FROM/TO	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
1	COMMODITY CODE: 193-89  Flowflex Home Test Covid-19 Antigen OTC, or approved equal, as specified	2100	Each	\$	\$
2	COMMODITY CODE: 193-89	2100	Each	\$	\$
	Flowflex Plus Covid-19/Flu A&B Antigen Home Test OTC, or approved equal, as specified				

	GRAND TOTAL \$	
COMPANY NAME:		
FED ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		