



## **OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR GLENN JACOBS**

Procurement Division, 1000 N. Central Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917

### **Knox County Procurement Division Addendum I to Request for Proposals No. 2803 Toxicology Services**

**Addendum Date: March 29, 2019**

**Buyer: Heather Whitehead**

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The following is for clarification:

- Q1. What specimens do you test in a typical case?  
A1. Blood typically. Vitreous or urine based on need. Gastric content and muscle are not typically tested.
- Q2. How frequently do you test multiple specimens per case?  
A2. Only blood is tested in about seventy-five percent (75%) of cases.
- Q3. How are you currently being charged if you submit a blood and urine/vitreous sample on the same case?  
A3. We are currently being charged separately because they are testing for different things
- Q4. Are you being charged separately for each specimen or is the urine/vitreous free/included when blood is tested?  
A4. Separately
- Q5. Is it the County's preference to be charged individually per specimen or to have a single flat price per case, regardless of the number of specimens tested?  
A5. It is the County's preference to have the lowest overall charge possible, whether it is per case or per test.
- Q6. Section 4.5.3 states very specific instrumentation requirements. Laboratories regularly upgrade their equipment. Is comparable or better equipment that is primarily UPLC/MS/MS sufficient for the County's requirements?  
A6. The county requires laboratories to maintain current testing and accreditation standards for the most accurate results possible.
- Q7. Forensic Laboratories often need to use a reference lab for complex drug cases and rare compounds. Is a reference laboratory considered a subcontractor in the context of this bid?  
A7. Yes
- Q8. Toxicology laboratories accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) are only required to maintain records for a minimum of 5 years (and CLIA prescribes two years). Would the County accept this records maintenance schedule given it is an acceptable practice from ABFT?  
A8. Knox County would be agreeable to maintaining the records for 5 years or the term required by law, whichever is greater.



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- Q9. May we have a copy of the current pricing for toxicology testing?  
 A9. Pricing for the current term is outlined below.

Description	Knox County's Price
Alcohol Panel, Fluid	\$53.00
Electrolytes and Glucose Panel (Vitreous), Fluid (Forensic)	\$68.00
Integrity Review of Litigation Support Package (per hour)	\$0.00
Litigation Support Package - Additional Copy	\$0.00
Litigation Support Package - Review, Copy, and Certify (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Deposition - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Deposition - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Expert Opinion Report - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Expert Opinion Report - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Literature Search /Research - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Literature Search /Research - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Phone Consultation/Meeting - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Phone Consultation/Meeting - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Pre-Trial Prep - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Pre-Trial Prep - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Testimony - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Testimony - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Travel Time - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees - Travel Time - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees -Case Review - Certifying Scientist/Tox (per hour)	\$0.00
NMS Fees -Case Review - Senior Toxicologist (per hour)	\$0.00
Postmortem, Basic, Blood (Forensic)	\$113.00
Postmortem, Basic, Fluid (Forensic)	\$179.00
Postmortem, Basic, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	\$113.00
Postmortem, Basic, Tissue (Forensic)	\$179.00
Postmortem, Basic, Urine (Forensic)	\$113.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Blood (Forensic)	\$171.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Fluid (Forensic)	\$252.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	\$171.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Tissue (Forensic)	\$252.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Urine (Forensic)	\$171.00
Testimony Tox/Certifying Scientist Daily Rate (All Inclusive)	\$0.00

- Q10. Does the County have a breakdown of their expected use for the following tests on an annual basis: DOA, Expanded Tox, Vitreous Alcohol, Vitreous Electrolytes, Carbon Monoxide, specialty panels, etc.?  
 A10. Below is an estimate of testing conducted over a 12 month period. This is from a past year not current year.

Estimate of Tests Conducted on an Annual Basis	
CODE DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Postmortem, Expanded, Blood (Forensic)	811.00
Postmortem, Basic, Blood (Forensic)	627.00
Electrolytes and Glucose Panel (Vitreous), Fluid (Forensic)	283.00
Designer Opioids (2017 Scope), Blood	47.00
Carbon Monoxide Exposure Biouptake Screen, Blood	42.00
Gabapentin, Blood	26.00
6-Monoacetylmorphine - Free (Unconjugated), Fluid	23.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Tissue (Forensic)	22.00
Alcohol Panel, Fluid	21.00
Postmortem, Urine Screen Add-on (6-MAM Quantification only)	15.00
Postmortem, Basic, Tissue (Forensic)	14.00
Postmortem Designer Opioids Add-On, Blood	13.00
Methoxyacetyl fentanyl, cis/trans 3-Methylfentanyl, Cyclopropyl fentanyl (Quantitative Forensic Investigation), Blood	11.00
Designer Benzodiazepines, Blood (Forensic)	9.00
Postmortem, Basic, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	7.00
Postmortem, Basic to Expanded Upgrade, Blood (Forensic)	6.00
Special Request	4.00
Loperamide and Metabolite, Blood	4.00
Postmortem, Basic w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic)	4.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	4.00
Carfentanil, Furanyl Fentanyl, and U-47700 (Quantitative Forensic Investigation), Blood	3.00
Tetrafluoroethane and Difluoroethane Panel Add-On, Blood	3.00
Acetaminophen, Blood	2.00
Ethylene Glycol, Blood	2.00
Metals/Metalloids Acute Poisoning Panel, Blood	2.00
Metformin, Blood	2.00
Postmortem, Basic, Fluid (Forensic)	2.00
Postmortem, Expanded, Fluid (Forensic)	2.00
6-Monoacetylmorphine - Free (Unconjugated), Urine	2.00
Alcohol Panel, Blood	1.00
Beryllium, Blood	1.00
Carbon Monoxide Profile, Blood (Forensic)	1.00
Carbon Monoxide - Iron Ratio Profile, Blood	1.00
Digoxin, Blood	1.00
Furosemide, Blood	1.00
Glycols Panel, Blood	1.00
Inhalants Panel, Blood	1.00
Metoprolol, Blood	1.00
Propranolol, Blood	1.00
Valproic Acid, Blood	1.00
Tryptase, Serum/Plasma - Send Out	1.00
Salicylates Screen, Blood	1.00
Postmortem, Expanded w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic)	1.00
Postmortem, Expert, Blood (Forensic)	1.00
Opiates - Free (Unconjugated), Fluid	1.00
Cyanide Screen, Blood	1.00
Anabolic Steroids Screen, Urine	1.00
Benzodiazepines Panel, Blood	1.00



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End of Addendum I.

Addendum must be acknowledged in your response.

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Heather Whitehead  
Knox County Procurement