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To: All Potential Bidders From: Ken Discher, Issuing Officer Subject: RFP1216009012 – Online LIMS System

Amendment One

Please amend the subject RFP to include answers to the following timely received questions. This Amendment shall supersede, modify and/or change all requirements to the contrary in the RFP and associated documents.

1. <u>Question 1 (Q1)</u>: Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like, from India or Canada)

<u>Answer 1 (A1)</u>: The State requires Contractor implementation and training to be onsite. We would require full support during typical U.S. business hours. Please note the requirement in #2 concerning Off-Shore Sourcing in the RFP Section 6.2 Special Terms.

- <u>Q2:</u> Whether we need to come over there for meetings?
 <u>A2:</u> See answer to Q1 above.
- 3. <u>Q3:</u> Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA? (like, from India or Canada) <u>A3:</u> See answer to Q1 above.
- <u>Q4:</u> Can we submit the proposals via email?
 <u>A4:</u> No. Contractors interested in submitting proposals must follow the directions found in the RFP1216009012 within Section 3 Form and Content of Proposals.
- 5. Q5: I wanted to confirm the number of "Named" or "Concurrent" Users that will be needed for the Feed Laboratory. It was listed in the Technical Specifications that the LIMS needs to support at least 50 Concurrent Users, but it was not clear if that was the capacity that you wanted on the quote.
 A5: 1. State would need approximately 10 concurrent laboratory users. 2. State would also need approximately 20 "non-laboratory" users (sample collectors, regulatory bureau chiefs, key regulatory staff) to have capabilities such as pre-logging samples, checking the status of samples, viewing and printing final reports. 3. State requires the system to be capable of 50+ "non-laboratory" users in the future.

- <u>Q6:</u> Is there a list of instruments that will require interface to the LIMS?
 <u>A6:</u> State requires future ability to interface with typical laboratory equipment (ICP, HPLC/MS, GC/MS, etc.) from major manufacturers, but is not requesting this interface function at installation.
- <u>Q7:</u> Are you able to provide examples of the required system reports?
 <u>A7:</u> We do not have report examples. For additional report information, refer to the "Reports" section in the RFP attachment titled, "RFP,,,Scored Specifications".