



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
 TENNESSEE STATE VETERAN'S HOMES BOARD

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS # 32399-00224  
 AMENDMENT # 3  
 FOR LABORATORY SERVICES**

DATE: July 12, 2024

RFQ # 32399-00224 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFQ Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFQ dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT		TIME (Central Time Zone)	DATE (all dates are State business days)
1.	RFQ Issued		June 5, 2024
2.	Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	June 12, 2024
3.	Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	June 13, 2024
4.	Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	June 14, 2024
5.	State response to written "Questions & Comments"		June 21, 2024
6.	Second Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	July 3, 2024
7.	State response to second written "Questions & Comments"		July 12, 2024
8.	RFQ Technical Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	July 19, 2024
9.	RFQ Negotiations (if applicable)		July 22 - 24, 2024
10.	State Notice of Intent to Award Released and RFQ Files Opened for Public Inspection		July 25, 2024
11.	End of Open File Period		August 1, 2024
12.	State sends contract to Contractor for Signature		August 2, 2024
13.	Contractor Signature Deadline		August 14, 2024

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

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

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		1. Can you provide draw volumes, by week or by month (whatever is available), for each location for the past 12 months? If this is not available, can you provide more specificity by location than the general 50-200 draws per week?	The State cannot provide the actual numbers. There are many variables related to case mix and census.

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		2. Can you provide additional clarity on the phlebotomy requirements of 6 days per week? How many hours per day would the phlebotomist be needed at each location?	The Phlebotomist is not required to be in-house 6 days per week. It is more of an "as-needed" when there are lab draws to be completed.
		3. Can you provide the split between how many draws per week would fall under "residents with service-connected disabilities of 70% or greater and residents covered by Medicare Part A" (the testing that would be billed directly to the state) and the # of draws per week that would fall under 3rd party billing?	The State is unable to provide this data as the case-mix changes often due to admits and discharges. It is safe to answer that there is usually many more service connected than Medicare Part A.
		4. Can you provide clarity on the STAT requirement of 2 hours? Is this 2 hours from time of the request until the draw? What is the timeline for delivering STAT results?	Two hours from request to draw. The timeline for results will be at least same day.
		5. Can you provide the volume of STAT requests by location for the past 12 months? If this is not available, volume of STAT requests for any time period that is available, preferably by location.	The State does not track this information.

3. **RFQ Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFQ not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.