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TO: ALL OFFERORS

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SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO.: **GSS15637-K-9_SECURITY,
K-9 Security, Detection and Tracking Dogs**

ADDENDUM #1

This addendum is issued to answer vendor questions and provide greater contract detail regarding the referenced Request for Proposal.

1. **RFP Section 5.a. states that “Documentation of canine’s medical history along with x-rays of delivered canines hips, elbows and shoulders will be provided by the vendor upon the acceptance of the canine.”**

Question 1: Are shoulder x-rays mandatory? If so, please provide more detail on the type of radiograph required.

X-rays of delivered canines **must** include hips and elbows. Shoulder x-rays may be included in the medical history provided by the vendor upon the acceptance of the canine.

2. **RFP Section 5.c. states that there is a health guarantee involving “2 year genetics.”**

Question 2a: What does the genetic testing entail?

. Genetics guarantee refers to pre-disposition/behaviors that are genetically inherent to the dog breed that training cannot overcome. In instances where the ordering agency accepts a younger dog from a vendor these behaviors do not show themselves until the dog gets a few months older or we begin putting more pressure on the dog in the advanced stages of training. Usually uncontrollable aggression or a K9 cowering presents in these stages. Training will not overcome these genetic traits.

Question 2b: Please clarify the purpose of the genetic testing, and if this is related to the skeletal requirements.

Please refer to the response for Question 2a.

3. RFP Section 6 states “Canines must pass an initial testing process as established by the Delaware State Police and Department of Correction Canine Training Division prior to purchase.”

Question 3: Please provide the testing criteria for each canine category.

Section 6 of the RFP identifies the traits of the K9 that will be tested as outlined in recommendations of the National Police Canine Association (NPCA) and the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).

4. RFP Section 7.d. states that “Fully Trained Specialty Canine’s must be able to be certified through NPCA in minimum Handler Protection, Patrol, Tracking, Narcotics, Explosives, Wildlife and Gun, and Trailing.”

Question 4: What is the term “Wildlife and gun” referring to in this requirement? Is the State referring to firearm detection canines, or is the State referring to firearms being used as part of the canine training?

The term “Wildlife and gun” refers to wildlife detection and firearm detection.

5. RFP Section 13 states that “Guarantee canine work ability and general health for 1 year from date of original delivery. 2 years on genetics. Workability shall be considered capable of being worked, dealt with, or handled as specified under the purpose of this RFP.”

Question 5: Please define the canine workability guarantee. Are we correct in assuming that this linked to performance problems resulting from inconsistent training activities that vary from the original training received, or that customer has engaged trainers other than those of canine vendor to correct a problem without concurrence of canine vendor?

Work ability is defined as the canine’s positive response to being worked, dealt with, or handled. This is industry standard language.

6. RFP Section 16 states that “Damage to teeth while in State’s possession during guarantee period is not covered and is State’s responsibility to repair or cover cost of repair. Any broken teeth or broken bones voids ALL warranties on the dog as well and no returns will be accepted with broken or damaged teeth or broken bones under any circumstance.”

Question 6: Is the state claiming responsibility for broken teeth and bones while the dog is in state possession? Please confirm as the statements in these requirements seem to contradictory.

Yes. The state would claim responsibility for broken teeth and bones while the dog is in the State’s possession.

7. RFP Section 19 “Green Dogs” (Untrained Police Dogs) states that “If the State does not attend training from vendor or a green dog is purchased then the dog has a 1 year work ability guarantee and 1 year general health guarantee. Damage to teeth while in State’s possession during guarantee period is not covered and is State’s responsibility to repair or cover cost of repair. Any broken teeth or broken bones voids ALL warranties on the dog as well and no returns will be accepted with broken or damaged teeth or broken bones under any circumstance.”

Question 7: Is the state claiming responsibility for broken teeth and bones while the dog is in state possession? Please confirm as the statements in these requirements seem to contradictory.

Yes. The state would claim responsibility for broken teeth and bones while the dog is in the State's possession.

- 8. RFP Section 17 states that "Re-certification for life of the dog shall be offered by the vendor for a fee, to be provided in the pricing proposal. Dues are responsibility of State of Delaware and must be paid before any certification testing. The State is responsible for Evaluators charges for travel cost, and/or meals."**

Question 8a: Is re-certification referring to recertifying the dog alone or the dog team as a unit? Please clarify.

Recertification for fully trained dogs is for recertification of the dog team.

Question 8b: Does this re-certification extend for the life of the team, not life of the dog? Please confirm.

The recertification for fully trained dogs is for the life of the dog.

Question 8c: Please confirm that the 1 year work-ability guarantee for fully trained dogs is the state's responsibility if the issue is a performance issue resulting from inconsistent training activities that vary from the original training received, or that customer has engaged trainers other than those of canine vendor to correct a problem without concurrence of canine vendor?

Section 13 of the RFP stated that, "The vendor must guarantee work ability and general health for 1 year from date of original delivery."

Question 8d: Will certification and re-certification occur in operational area or at vendor location?

Generally, certification and recertification occurs at the vendor's location. The State is responsible for Evaluator's expenses for travel and/or meals, should the recertification take place at the Agency's location. Therefore it is at the State's discretion to determine the location of the recertification.

- 9. RFP Section 22 states that there are two categories for consideration: Untrained Green and Trained Specialty. The RFP does not specify which breeds are acceptable for each category.**

Question 9a: Which breeds are acceptable for each category?

Acceptable purebred breeds are identified in RFP Section 3. Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Labrador Retriever, Bloodhound and Beagle may be used. Vendor should specify which breeds are available for each category on the pricing spreadsheet in Appendix B.

Question 9b: Are the breeds suitable for single purpose only sporting breeds and those suitable for dual purpose German Shepherd, Belgium Malinois?

Yes.

- 10. RFP Section 22 - #5 Trained Specialty Agriculture specifies that bidders will provide "Wild Game" Canines.**

Question 10: Please confirm and provide an example of what this dog will be used for.

Trained specialty agriculture dogs are used to detect agricultural materials whose illegal importation is deemed a threat to agricultural interests. Various types of searches include vehicle, building, parcels, cargo and luggage searches.

11. RE: Appendix B Pricing Forms

Question 11a: Please confirm that vendors should price categories they intend to provide canines/canine services. For example, if wild game canines are not typically provided, is it acceptable to leave that section of the pricing matrix blank.

Vendor shall indicate "No Bid" on Appendix B in the space provided for those categories the does not intend to bid.

Question 11b: Can vendors provide additional canine categories not outlined in the pricing spreadsheet to include other types that should be considered by the State of Delaware?

Vendor may provide additional canine categories available in a separate document as a value added component of the bid proposal.

12. We understand budget is an important factor in this decision. Has the State set a funding level for this contracting opportunity, and will the State disclose what the funding level is?

The State's current budget for all State Agencies can be found at:
<http://budget.delaware.gov/fy2015/index.shtml>

13. Is Professional K-9 Equipment included in this RFP? In referring back to previous contract for this same subject (Contract GSS12637-K-9_Security) I noticed equipment was included in it.

The current bid solicitation does not include professional K-9 equipment.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.



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