



QUESTION AND ANSWER #3

Question #1

On Part 5, page 19 of the RFP under the Points Breakdown column on item R3 (Approach and Methodology), we would like to find out the definition of “secondary sources”, and “non-academic sources”.

For “secondary sources”, would that be resources (manpower / literature) for the contractor OR the forensic lab(s)?

For “non-academic sources”, would that mean any non-scholarly literature such as newspaper articles, magazines, forums, websites, government published statistics? Please kindly elaborate specifically.

Answer #1

R3 specifically relates to the evaluation criteria for the Bidder’s proposed approach and methodology regarding the how the Bidder will complete the work identified in the statement of Work.

In any research project, there are often primary and secondary sources of information or data that the researcher will be using to answer their research question. The primary source is a first-hand source of information or data that a researcher would be using. A secondary source is a supplementary source of information or data that a researcher would use. It could be used to support, supplement, or criticize the analysis of the primary source. How potential Bidders see the primary sources and the secondary sources depends on their approach to the data, availability of sources, their methodological approach, the design of the project, etc.

The non-academic sources may include (but not limited to) non-scholarly literature such as newspaper articles, magazines, forums, websites, government published statistics.

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