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**at - à 2:00 PM
on - le 05 July 2017**

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Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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Title - Sujet Mortuary Services	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W6369-17-A039	Amendment No. - N° de la modification 001
Date of Solicitation - Date de l'invitation 23 May 2017	
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AMENDMENT 001 TO SOLICITATION NUMBER W6369-17-A039 IS RAISED TO:

1. Provide clarification and answers to questions from potential suppliers;
2. Extend the solicitation closing date by two (2) days from 3 July 2017 to 05 July 2017; and
3. Amend the solicitation to clarify the Mandatory Technical Criteria.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

<p>Question 1</p>	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>Regarding RFP for Mortuary Services. A portion of the RFP includes a requirement for a laboratory and the wording is as follows:</p> <p>"The Bidder must identify a laboratory with which they are partnered with, to provide the DNA and Stable Isotope analysis that forms a part of this requirement. The laboratory must comply with the International Organization for Standardization which is outlined in the most recent publication titled ISO/IEC 17025 http://www.iso.org/iso/home.htm</p> <p>To my knowledge, there is not a laboratory that does Stable Isotope testing that is ISO certified. Most Stable Isotope labs are in Universities rather than commercial entities and are involved in Education and research rather than profit based ventures. Subsequently none of them have sought to achieve ISO certification. The attached email is from a well-known laboratory that does stable Isotope testing that says the same thing. We have a resource for DNA testing that is ISO certified but it is a completely different resource than the stable Isotope lab.</p> <p>Universities are not a commercial or contract operation. We focus on research. We would need to become commercial to justify the cost and time of going through an ISO exercise, and it would bring us nothing of particular value.</p> <p>All of our standardization is done using the latest of USGS and IAEA isotope standards and protocols, and we are meticulous with duplicates, method duplicates, independent checks on calibration curves, and so on.</p> <p>Please provide some direction on how to deal with this.</p>
<p>Answer 1</p>	<p>Accreditation or certification is not required. Laboratories are asked to comply with the ISO standards for sampling, testing and reporting in order to ensure a professional and accurate product that will withstand scrutiny.</p> <p>See Amendment 1.2.</p>

SOLICITATION NO. W6369-17-A039 IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.1 DELETE from Page 1, "03 July 2017" and REPLACE with "05 July 2017".



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1.2 DELETE Attachment 1 to Part 4 - Technical Evaluation, Mandatory Criteria MA3, and REPLACE with the following:

MA3	<p>The Bidder must identify a laboratory with which they are partnered with, to provide the DNA and Stable Isotope analysis that forms a part of this requirement.</p> <p>The laboratory must comply with the International Organization for Standardization which is outlined in the most recent publication titled ISO/IEC 17025 http://www.iso.org/iso/home.htm.</p> <p>Bid Preparation Instructions: For each proposed summary in MA3, the Bidder must include the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The name of the laboratory;2. The location or address of the laboratory;3. A letter from the laboratory indicating partnership or agreement in principle that they will partner; and4. The contact name and telephone number of the laboratory.
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ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME.