IFB # 20159

Digital Data Loggers for Vaccine Temperature Monitoring

Amendment #2

Questions and Answers Posted January 19, 2024

Question #	Corresponding IFB Section	Question	Answer
1.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Will you accept an alternative product if it meets or exceeds specifications?	No, only the Fridge Tag 2L will be accepted.
2.	Attachment B	Would pricing be held for the duration of the contract or will there be escalators through the contract?	Pricing is for the duration of the contract.
4.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Do they need any cloud connections or is it strictly a local connection to the data?	No cloud connection is required.
5.	4.3 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements	The Fridge-Tag2L can't be shipped with the date format, date, time, or temperature scale. This is because there is no way to enter these settings into the device without starting the logger. Once the logger is started it can't be turned off. If we were to pre-configure them here they would be shipping in an alarm state which isn't recommended.	Units will be shipped with the alarm values, alarm duration, and sample rate of 15 minutes pre-configured and locked. End users will activate the logger and program in the time/date format, time/date, and temperature scale. Please see Amendment #2.
6.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Can you please attach the specifications?	Specifications can be found in the solicitation at Invitation for Bids: Digital Data Loggers for Vaccine Temperature Monitoring (ny.gov)

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7.		The link published in the NYS Contract Reporter document we downloaded from the NYS Contract Reporter site references the availability of "detailed specifications" at a dead link: http://devweb.health.ny.gov/funding/ifb/20159/index.htm Can this issue be resolved by fixing the broken link?	The link published in the NYS Contract Reporter was updated. The correct link can also be accessed here: https://health.ny.gov/funding/ifb/20159/index.htm
8.	3. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS TO BID	The specifications of the Agency precludes fair and open competition by the inclusion of condition "D" of bidder minimum eligibility requirements, which states "Bidder must be accredited to perform calibration of digital data loggers." Additionally, the State's solicitation states, "The bidder may not propose the use of a subcontractor." Both of these conditions limits fair and open competition. The inclusion of these minimum bidder requirement limits competition to the incumbent supplier and one other company. These requirements needlessly, and to the State's detriment, makes the solicitation a de facto sole source for MicroDAQ, the incumbent supplier. By limiting bidders to companies who are authorized distributors and are an accredited calibration laboratory, creates a bid scenario where only MicroDAQ and one small west-coast company can respond to the solicitation – thus needlessly limiting competition. Other states have issued awards for DDL goods and services to authorized distributors partner where accredited calibration laboratory services are subcontracted to an outside (accredited) laboratory.	Please see Amendment #2 to the IFB.
9.	Attachment E	How many shipping locations does the State expect the contractor will be required to deliver DDLs? (Estimate is acceptable)	Please see Attachment E – Sample List of Shipping Cities and Zip Codes for shipping estimates by city and zip code.
10.	Attachment F	Regarding the Berlinger Fridge-tag 2L, DDL product specifications, bullet one states the product requires a "DOH-designed sticker affixed". Where can we review the specific requirements of this DOH-designed sticker? Can you provide an example of the sticker?	Please see amended Attachment F – Sticker Size and Suggested Location in Amendment 2
11.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Will other brands of data loggers be considered, or you are solely entertaining the purchase of Berlinger FridgeTag2L type?	No, only the Fridge Tag 2L will be accepted.

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12.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Is it required that sensors be capable of storing data locally at the sensor itself, or storing data at the server/software level?	Date is stored locally on the Fridge Tag 2L. No server/cloud connectivity is required.
13.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Does current temperature/humidity/CO2/etc. level need to be viewable locally on the sensor via an LCD screen or other visual indicator?	Sensor readings are stored locally on the Fridge Tag 2L and are readable on the screen.
14.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Is a FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliant solution required, including the overview of which user adapted which settings and when, including all electronic signatures.	An FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliant solution is required. The Berlinger Fridge Tag 2L DDL is compliant and the only acceptable DDL under this IFB.
15.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Is there an IQ/OQ/PQ requirement?	No, there is no installation, operational or performance qualification requirement.
16.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	For any combination fridge/freezer, please confirm there is a requirement for two temperature sensors, one for the fridge, one for the freezer in each appliance.	Data loggers purchased under this solicitation will not be used on combination units.
17.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Are temperature specification of +/- 0.1°C and a humidity specification of +/-0.8% RH a requirement?	Units must pass the calibration test with accuracy or uncertainty of +/- 1°F (0.5°C) or better and an operating range of -4 to 104°F (-20°C to 40°C) or better. There are no humidity specifications.
18.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Do you require color-coded alarm bands to be visible on the chart view of the data for quick analysis of alarm conditions?	No, the default data output of the Fridge Tag 2L is acceptable.
19.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Do you require automatic report generation to be emailed directly to end-users?	No, end users will download reports.
20.	4.2 Product and Service Requirements	Can we have drawings of the building floor plans?	No floor plans will be provided.