Digital Data Loggers
IFB #16945
Questions and Answers
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	Topic Area	Bidder's Question	Answer
1.	Bidder Eligibility	If a manufacturer outside of New York State submits a bid and subcontracts to a New York State company, will that be acceptable? If acceptable, will there be any constraints?	This is acceptable as long as the **bidder** meets the eligibility requirements stated in the IFB.
2.	Bidder Eligibility	If a New York State company submits a bid and subcontracts to a manufacturer outside of New York State, will that be acceptable? If acceptable, will there be any constraints?	This is acceptable as long as the **bidder** meets the eligibility requirements stated in the IFB.
3.	Bidder Eligibility	Can the two years' experience requirement can be waived for a company when subcontracting to an authorized representative?	No.
4.	Product Specifications	Would you be interested in a temperature monitoring system, versus a logger that does not alert and requires manual downloading?	No.
5.	Product Specifications	a. Are providers going to be required to download and install "Verifier" software from Berlinger's website?	No.
		b. Will the state of New York verify the integrity of each PDF file?	No. Data logger download files are required to be in a Comma Separated Values (CSV) format as listed in IFB Section C.
6.	Product Specifications	Will the state of New York accept a bid that requires software to be installed?	No.

7.	Product Specifications	There is an inconsistency on page 6 of the IFB. We meet the -50° C requirement for the lower alarm threshold but the Berlinger FridgeTag 2L does not meet this requirement as detailed in their published product specification sheet, therefore, will bids for "equivalent products that meet the complete list of required product specification" be accepted if they meet most, but not all of the requirements? If not, will a bid for the Berlinger FridgeTag 2L be rejected for not meeting all of the requirements?	This discrepancy has been addressed. Refer to the Revised Language section of the Data Logger IFB 16945 Amendment 2 Document for an updated **Required Product Specifications/Features** chart.
8.	Product Specifications	With respect to item (d) under "Data Download/Software and Hardware" on page 7 in the table of Required Product Specifications/Features, we supply our DDLs (Digital Data Loggers) pre-configured for either the refrigerator or freezer. The user can change configuration settings using the Program Manager software provided with the DDL, or send it to Tech Support Team to have the settings changed. Is this acceptable to bid?	The data logger must arrive at the healthcare provider's office with pre-configured settings. Software cannot be required for download of data logger data to the PC.
9.	Product Specifications	The PDF report generated from our digital data logger contains statistics (e.g. Min/Max temperatures) since the last download and a complete data table, and the daily summary data, e.g. Daily Min/Max, minutes above high alarm and minutes below low alarm are provided only in a CSV file that is automatically downloaded at the same time as the PDF report. Is this acceptable?	Yes.

10.	Product Specifications	Are you only looking for USB data loggers or would it be an advantage if the system offered Automatic Downloads and Access to Real Time Data?	The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) is requesting bids for a product that meets the required specifications listed in IFB Section C.
11.	Product Specifications	Would it be an advantage if, in the event of a temperature excursion, remote notification could be sent via Email, SMS, Text or Phone?	The NYS DOH is requesting bids for a product that meets the required specifications listed in IFB Section C.
12.	Product Specifications	Our product is 99% matched with the specification that you are looking for. Does the product bid have to meet 100% of the requirements?	Yes. The NYS DOH is requesting bids for a product that meets all the required specifications listed in IFB Section C.
13.	Product Specifications	Our logger meets all the criteria but we only have a visual alarm. Is this okay?	No. Refer to the **Revised Language** section, beginning on page 2 of the Data Logger IFB 16945 Amendment 2 document for an updated **Required Product Specifications/Features** chart.
14.	Product Specifications	Please further clarify the requirements regarding minimum battery life and the warranty expectations for the battery life. Also, should bidders submit separate prices for the cost of the unit and the cost of the warranty?	Refer to the **Revised Language** section, beginning on page 2 of the Data Logger IFB 16945 Amendment 2 document for an updated **Required Product Specifications/Features** chart. For warranty requirements, see IFB Section C, Item 5 (Product Replacement/Warranty). The product bid price per unit must include the warranty coverage. Refer to IFB Section D, Item 3 (Cost Proposal).
15.	Product Specifications	IFB Product Specification under section Probe and Buffer, letter "c" states: "The glycol bottle has a method to secure it to maintain a fixed position in the center of the storage unit." What are some examples of the types of methods used to secure the glycol bottle?	The types of methods used to secure the glycol bottle can be zip ties, cable ties, Velcro or any other methods that keep the probe wire out of the way when accessing the vaccines and ensuring that the glycol bottle maintains an upright position.
16.	General	Do you need the equipment leased?	No.
17.	General	Is the equipment already in these offices?	No.
18.	General	Will a minority business owner have a better chance to win the bid in this project?	No.

19.	General	After submission of a monthly invoice, how soon will the winning bidder receive payment?	Claims for payment are processed within thirty days from the date of a complete, correct invoice.
20.	General	There are two amendments posted for Digital Data Loggers IFB 16945. Which has the most current product specifications chart?	Refer to the **Revised Language** section, beginning on page 2 of the **Amendment 2** document for the most current Required Product Specifications/Features chart.