1. Is a letter of interest the actual application?
   a. Yes

2. And it (the letter of interest) must contain the below?

VI.   TO RESPOND:

Interested vendors should provide a response to this advertisement with the following:

1. A cover letter stating the firm's name, address, primary contact name and phone number.

2. Documentation demonstrating Vendor's ability to meet each of the specified the Minimum Qualifications listed in the Section III including which Lots you are qualified to provide services. When responding to Lot II, vendor must provide a list of counties where they provide service.

3. A Description of the process the Vendor will utilize to deliver and collect home self-collection specimens' samples as well as patient identification protocols, and results delivery protocols.

A Statement acknowledging the vendor's ability to perform the intended Scope of Work as described in Section V as well as their willingness to enter into an agreement without any added conditions, qualifications or exceptions, the contract terms and conditions attached to this Solicitation of Interest, including any exhibits and attachments
   a. Yes, it must contain the items listed in Section VI TO RESPOND.

3. Or is the letter of interest only a laying say it is our intent to apply? I assume it's the actual application? and is a larger application due at a later date?
   a. There are no plans for an additional solicitation. We will be awarding to all qualified vendors, starting with Lot 1 until capacity is reached.

4. What is the total State work force? How many?
   a. Please see attachment, "State Employees by County" posted on the DOH website at: https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/soi/na_amplification_testing/

5. Do you have any estimate on # that will need weekly testing?
   a. Section V. Scope of Work, second bullet states:
   "approximately thirty-six thousand (36,000) testing kits, Statewide per week starting on or about September 20, 2021"

   This represents the estimated statewide number of test, based upon 30% of the total State work force needing testing.

6. Any sort of break-down by region or county
   a. Please see attachment, "State Employees by County" posted on the DOH website at: https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/soi/na_amplification_testing/

7. Is an eligible employee expected to collect specimen for COVID 19 at home several time during a certain duration? If yes then can he schedule himself for multiple dates and the laboratory can ship the employee several kits to him so employee can collect the specimen on the pre-defined schedule. or it will be random for each employee.
    a. Non vaccinated employees will need to be tested once a week, prefer they test on the same day, but that is not required. Since an employee's vaccination status may change over the course of time, one could not anticipate that an individual would use more than 3 at home tests in any given stretch of time as 3 weeks is the timeframe between 1st and 2nd doses.

8. Is the in-county physical vendor/collection site required or would you consider a proposal where the specimen is sent in by some sort of courier. In home collection is then sent in for testing.
    a. We have 3 separate LOTS; LOTs one (1) and two (2) require an in-county physical vendor collection site; LOT three (3) does not.

9. Is there any solicitation number for this RFP –
    a. There is no solicitation number for this Solicitation of Interest (SOI)

10. Do we have to sign and return all the appendix A, B, F and H and attachments 1, 3, 4 and 11
    a. Attachments 1,3,4 and 11 need to be signed and returned, but the Appendices do not need to be signed and returned at this time. They are there for reference as they will be incorporated in the final agreement.

11. The link https://portal.osc.state.ny.us is not working in attachment 3
    a. OSC recently updated their website. Here is the updated link: https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-vendors/vendrep/vendrep-system