



# Department of Health

**Questions and Answers  
For the  
New York State Over the Counter COVID-19 Test Supply  
Request for Quotes/ Invitation For Bid  
Issued: July 25, 2022**

Question Number	Section Reference	Question	Answer
1.	General	We are interested in the Over-the-Counter Covid test kit bid. Any chance we can provide DOH tests under the current contract?	<p>This solicitation is separate and distinct from the any prior/existing contracts. The selected Vendors will have to establish direct contracts with NYS.</p> <p>All entities meeting the minimum qualifications as stated in Section 3.0 Invitation for Bid (IFB) are invited to submit a Bid.</p>
2.	General	Would this bid proposal allow us to use the FSS contract we established previously? Or do you desire to have a direct contract?	This solicitation is separate and distinct from the FSS contract, and the selected Vendors will have to establish direct contracts with NYS.

3.	General	Can you please provide the bid tabulation from the previous bid indicating the award pricing per kit and winning vendor?	The Department has not released a prior IFB for this product.
4.	General	Can you provide us with the current price that you are paying for the test kits?	This would have to be requested through the FOIL process, please see <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/">https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/</a> for guidance.
5.	General	Historically what was this awarded at previously?	This would have to be requested through the FOIL process, please see <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/">https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/</a> for guidance.
6.	General	Can you advise the price that you previously purchased these test kits for?	This would have to be requested through the FOIL process, please see <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/">https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/</a> for guidance.
7.	General	What are the current brand and price for the Over-The-Counter Covid Test Home kits?	Various brands have been purchased. Pricing would have to be requested through the FOIL process, please see <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/">https://www.health.ny.gov/regulations/foil/</a> for guidance.
8.	General	Did we establish a Vender ID# when we were shipping Binax tests through the Federal Supply Schedule? If so, can I get that #?	Vendors should contact the SFS Help Desk for such information or system support. Their contact information is: <a href="mailto:Helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov">Helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov</a> OR 855-233-8363 toll-free
9.	General	What has been your monthly antigen test volume in the past 6-12 months?	Over the last year, the Department averaged six (6) million kits a month.
10.	General	What criteria are you using, such as positivity rate and surveillance testing, to determine how many kits you will purchase?	Department used the last three (3) months as a guide.

11.	General	When is the decision period to grant the award, given October 1st is the date given for first order?	The anticipated date of notification of selection is August 26 <sup>th</sup> .
12.	General	When will the award be finalized?	The anticipated date of notification of selection is August 26 <sup>th</sup> .
13.	General	Will there be some lead time between award date and expected ship dates to enable award recipient to order sufficient raw materials to cover NYS requirement?	The anticipated date of notification of selection is August 26 <sup>th</sup> which will give the selected Vendors 30 days to ensure ability to make first delivery.
14.	General	I did not notice an age for the EUA OTC test kit on the minimum requirements. Will the state require an OTC with under 14 years of age use?	No.
15.	General	Will there be a “vendor held inventory supply” or a supply owned by the state at the contract end. Essentially if we hold the monthly supply in stock as needed and the contract ends will the state take ownership of that already produced and remaining inventory?	The Department will own all inventory ordered and delivered during the initial term.
16.	General	Does the delivery of products under a contract awarded pursuant to this IFB involve creating, receiving, maintaining, or transmitting individually identifiable health information on behalf of the New York State Department of Health?	No.
17.	General	Does HHS have a preferred brand of OTC covid rapid tests?	We are not HHS, but No the Department has no preference.
18.	General	Will HHS require samples of OTC tests? If so, to which address?	We are not HHS, but No.
19.	General	Does HHS have a preference in packaging, ie. 2pk,5pk,25pk etc.	We are not HHS, but the Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.

20.	Section 1.0 Calendar of Events	Would it be possible to get an extension to the Monday July 18th at 4pm deadline to respond in writing with any proposed changes?	Questions must be submitted by 4:00 ET July 17, 2022, for consideration.
21.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	The DOH will accept Bid proposals from Bidders with the following type(s) and level(s) of experience as a prime contractor: 1. Guarantee that the Test Kits supplied by the Vendor are authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Antigen Diagnostic Testing for SARS CoV-2 and 2. Guarantee the Test Kits supplied by the Vendor are authorized by FDA for Over the Counter (OTC), Home testing, Serial Screening, Single Target use. Please clarify Serial Screening requirements	The FDA EUA Antigen Diagnostic Testing for SARS CoV-2 must include the attribute of serial screening. Serial testing involves testing the same individual multiple times within a few days.
22.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	Can another company submit a bid with our brand?	Yes, the bidder does not have to be the manufacturer.
23.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	Is the NYS bid for OTC Covid Tests open to all vendors? Or is the bidder selection criteria only among existing vendors that already have contracts with the State of New York?	Yes, the bidder has to meet all the minimum qualifications to bid found in Section 3.
24.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	Can another company submit our test in their own brand name (with our EUA approval of course and notification to FDA)?	No, the test kits must be supplied under the EUA approved brand name.
25.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	Can the prime contractor be outside the US?	Yes, there is not geographic restriction.
26.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	Can subcontractors be outside the US?	Yes, there is not geographic restriction.
27.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	In 3, 2, what is meant by "single target use"?	Single target indicates that the test is designed to detect only one antigen target.

28.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	<p><i>"Guarantee the Test Kits supplied by the Vendor are authorized by FDA for Over the Counter (OTC), Home testing, Serial Screening, Single Target use".</i></p> <p>Question: Does single target use indicate that the test should be packaged in a single test package or that the Rapid Antigen Covid-19 test should only be used by the administrator/proctor once (single test use)? Is Point-of-Care (POC) CLIA approved tests kits authorized an option for supply?</p>	Single target indicates that the test is designed to detect only one antigen target.
29.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	<p>Under the minimum qualifications for this bid it states:</p> <p>Guarantee the Test Kits supplied by the Vendor are Authorized by FDA for Over the Counter (OTC), Home testing, Serial Screening, Single Target use.</p> <p>To confirm, NY DOH will accept an OTC multitarget test as well, correct?</p>	An OTC test that detects multiple targets would qualify and will be accepted.
30.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	Is there a specific brand of tests that DOH is requiring?	No, the Department will accept any FDA Authorized Over the Counter (OTC), Home testing, Serial Screening, Single Target use.
31.	3.0 Minimum Qualifications to Bid	Would New York state accept OTC antigen test kit that are authorized by FDA under an EUA?	Yes.
32.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Is the request a guarantee purchase? Is it possible that DOH will not make any purchases against this contract?	It is the Department's intent to award up to three (3) contracts from this procurement; a primary, a secondary and a tertiary. The Department is guaranteeing to purchase a minimum of two (2) million test kits each month of the initial term. See Section 4.1.5 for how New York State will utilize the three (3) contracts.

33.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Is there a preference on quantity orders and MOQ's (minimum order quantities). Ex. 2 tests per box or 5 tests per box?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
34.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	The volume of tests listed is 2M per month or 24M over the life of the agreement. Does that number refer to individual test cards? Or Self-test kits (2 tests per)?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
35.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	The bid mentions the term kits in identifying the quantity. In general, many tests come 2 tests per kit? Is that the departments intention?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
36.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Are there requirements on how many tests per Kit, 1/2/4?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
37.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Each Vendor selected must: Guarantee to be able to provide a minimum monthly supply of two (2) million test kits for each month of the Initial Term.  Does this mean that it has to be 2 million 1 (single) test kit or would 1 million X 2 tests/kit meet the qualifications for 2 million test kits?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
38.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Are there requirements on how many tests per Kit, 1/2/4?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
39.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Is there a preference as to the packaging of the test kit? some test kit comes in packs of 1, 2 or 5	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
40.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Does the state have a preference on configuration of test kits (ie 1 test or 2 tests per kit)?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.

41.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	How many test units are included in each Kit? For example, the test kit includes 2 tests, please confirm that the quantity is 2,000,000 test kits per month. That is 4,000,000 individual test units per months.	The Department is asking for a minimum of 2,000,000 kits per month with one (1) test kit being defined as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle or 4,000,000 individual tests.
42.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<i>"Guarantee to be able to provide a minimum monthly supply of two (2) million test kits for each month of the Initial Term"</i>  Question: Can a test kit include 1, 2, 5, and/ 10 tests in the package? Please clarify the requirement and/or definition of "kit". How many tests can be included within a kit?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
43.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements	Each Vendor selected must: 1. Guarantee to be able to provide a minimum monthly supply of two (2) million test kits for each month of the Initial Term. Does test kits means one (1) test per kit or two (2) tests per kits. Please clarify?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
44.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements	A lot of tests have two tests in one kit. When you say there will be 2,000,000 kits per month, does this mean 2,000,000 total tests (1,000,000 kits if in packs of 2 tests or 2,000,000 one packs), or does it mean 4,000,000 tests (2,000,000 kits of 2 tests)?	The Department is asking for a minimum of 2,000,000 kits per month with one (1) test kit being defined as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle or 4,000,000 individual tests.
45.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Will NYS guarantee of purchase 2,000,0000 kits every month for 12 months?	The Department is guaranteeing to purchase a minimum of two (2) million test kits each month of the initial term

46.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Each Vendor selected must: Guarantee to be able to provide a minimum monthly supply of two (2) million test kits for each month of the Initial Term.  What documentation is required to Guarantee ability to fulfill this requirement?	The Department requires the Bidders to attest to their ability to meet the quantities and delivery requirements and supply supporting documentation that they have fulfilled an order this large (2M in one month) as well as fulfilled a reoccurring order (same volume for more than one month consecutively) over the last twelve months.
47.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Is the 8-month expiry requirement including extension or must that be a printed date	Printed expiration date at time of delivery.
48.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	For the 8-month expiration, are OTC test kits with an extension permissible?	No, the requirement is eight months or greater from date received by NYS.
49.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Guarantee that each Test Kit delivered has a minimum expiration date of eight (8) months or greater from the date received by New York State.  Will New York State accept a minimum expiration date of six (6) months shelf life?	No, the requirement is eight months or greater from date received by NYS.
50.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Will testing companies with greater shelf life be viewed more favorably, including those that may offer to replace tests if they are not fully utilized before an expiration date?	No, the requirement is eight months or greater from date received by NYS.
51.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Must a test have at least 8 months of shelf life left at the time of shipping, or can it have (for example) 6 months left at time of shipment, knowing that a shelf-life extension will be granted by the FDA in the next 2 months and thus make the test soon compliant with the 8-month requirement?	No, the requirement is eight months or greater from date received by NYS.



52.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<i>"Guarantee that each Test Kit delivered has a minimum expiration date of eight (8) months or greater from the date received by New York State"</i> Question: Please clarify what document that would indicate NYS received delivery? Would a Bill of Lading (BOL) suffice as confirmation of date of delivery confirmation?	Yes, Bill of Lading will suffice.
53.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Will tests and applications that have ongoing applicability to ongoing government research projects, like Project NIH Recover (that are analyzing effects of long covid people) be preferred and useful to the State?	This is not a requirement of this bid.
54.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Are there any restrictions on where it is manufactured, or preference given to US manufactured goods? If so, are there separate pricing considerations?	No, the Department will accept any FDA Authorized Over the Counter (OTC), Home testing, Serial Screening, Single Target use.
55.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Is it acceptable to bid multiple brands on the same bid?	The Department will accept only one brand on each bid received. A Vendor can submit multiple bids, one for each brand.
56.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Will Substitutions be accepted as long as they meet the requirements and are the same price as the bid item?	No, substitutions will not be accepted without formal amendment to the ensuing contract.
57.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Will the state be seeking companion proctoring / observed test support given potential future outbreaks?	This question is not relevant to this procurement.
58.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	If one month that volume of test is not available, is it interchangeable with another test, as long as the pricing and technical requirements are met	No, substitutions will not be accepted without formal amendment to the ensuing contract.

59.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements	For any reason, if the supply of the awarded product is disrupted, will there be a provision to approve an alternate brand that meets the bid requirements?	No, substitutions will not be accepted without formal amendment to the ensuing contract.
60.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Would the State of New York consider other aggressive ramp-up period proposals besides that which is stated in Section 4.1(4)?	No.
61.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Deliver test kits by the fifth (5) business day of each month of the Initial Term. Will NYS accept a single delivery by the 5th, or can this be delivered through the month to NYS?	NYS prefers one (1) single delivery but will accept more than one shipment as long as all kits ordered that month are delivered by the 5 <sup>th</sup> business day of the month.
62.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Are the kits delivered to one or multiple locations? If multiple locations, how many locations are the test kits delivered to?	Deliver test kits by the fifth (5) business day of each month of the Initial Term to:  New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 2 Van Buren Blvd, Building 10, Bay 3 Guilderland Center, NY 12085
63.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	What are the shipping requirements for the shipment location? For example, is any requirement for pallet height, pallet labelling with a PO number, etc.?	Regular size pallets; no limit on pallet height. PO number should be clearly marked on the pallets and on the Bill Of Landing (BOL).
64.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	Deliver test kits by the fifth (5) business day of each month of the Initial Term Please clarify hours of delivery? Verify that delivery includes only one ship to location during the period of performance?	Yes, there is only one ship-to location, and the hours of delivery are 8am-6pm Monday through Friday, excluding State Holidays.

65.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<p><i>"Deliver test kits by the fifth (5) business day of each month of the Initial Term to: New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) 2 Van Buren Blvd, Building 10, Bay 3, Guilderland Center, NY 12085"</i></p> <p>Question: May the deliveries to DHSES totaling two (2) million test kits for each month of the initial term be authorized to be delivered in tranches and/or batches? For Example: deliveries are batches of two million five hundred thousand (2,500,000) tests kits per week during a four (4) week period (Month).</p>	NYS prefers a single delivery but will accept more than one shipment as long as all kits ordered that month are delivered by the 5 <sup>th</sup> business day of the month.
66.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<p>Guarantee the Vendor's ability to increase monthly supply of Test Kits delivered to the State, as provided, above, by five (5) times the minimum monthly supply order (that is, up to ten (10) million Test Kits), on ten (10) business days' notice.</p> <p>Please clarify?</p> <p>Will suppliers have to guarantee that a vendor has the capacity to increase monthly supply of Test Kits by 5 times the minimum on ten (10) business days?</p>	The contractor must have the ability to increase the monthly supply order by up to five (5) times the minimum monthly order within Ten (10) business days' notice refers to increase for the next month's supply.
67.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<p>"Guarantee the Vendor's ability to increase monthly supply of Test Kits delivered to the State, as provided, above, by five (5) times the minimum monthly supply order (that is, up to ten (10) million Test Kits), on ten (10) business days' notice."</p> <p>Is that 10 days' notice for delivery or 10 days' notice for the following month's order?</p>	Ten (10) business days' notice refers to increase for the next month's supply.

68.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<p>The primary Vendor will have up to fifteen (15) business days prior to the due date of the next month's shipment to notify New York State of their inability to meet the monthly supply of Test Kits ordered by the State for that month. At that time, New York State will then offer the work to the secondary Vendor, which will have ten (10) business days prior to the due date for the delivery date for that month to accept the order or to notify New York State of their inability to meet the requested monthly supply. In the event both the primary and secondary Vendors are unable to meet the supply request, New York State will offer the order to the tertiary Vendor.</p> <p>Can you please explain and clarify a tertiary Vendor?</p>	<p>A tertiary vendor is third in line for the work, should the primary and secondary vendor be unable to fulfil the request, but NYS does reserve the right to concurrently engage all three vendors in order to fulfill the needs of the State.</p>
69.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<p>It appears deliveries are expected once a month.</p> <p>Can these be delivered in partial shipments throughout the month if the final portion is delivered by the 5th business day of the month?</p>	<p>A partial shipment could be received from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month until the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of the month, but the full shipment for that month must be delivered by the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of each month.</p>
70.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<p>The anticipated contract start date is October 1st. If the initial term starts October 1st, is the first delivery expected by 5 business days from October 1st, or would it be November?</p>	<p>Contracts are anticipated to be in place on or before October 1, 2022, for a delivery on the 5<sup>th</sup> business day of October, 2022.</p>
71.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<p>Is there timeline prior to the 15 days, as referenced in section 4.1, notifying the quantity needed for that upcoming month? Can you provide a schedule timeline example?</p>	<p>Selected Vendor will ship \$2M kits by the 5<sup>th</sup> Business Day of each month; anytime between the 1<sup>st</sup> business day and the last 10 business days of each month the Department may notify the Selected Vendor of a need to increase the next month's delivery. I.E., any day between 10/3 and 10/17 the department may notify the Selected Vendor of the increased need for delivery on 11/7 (5<sup>th</sup> business day of Nov)</p>

72.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	<i>"Guarantee the Vendor's ability to increase monthly supply of Test Kits delivered to the State, as provided, above, by five (5) times the minimum monthly supply order (that is, up to ten (10) million Test Kits), on ten (10) business days' notice".</i> Question: What are examples of documentation that would provide evidence the Vendor, ability to increase monthly supply of Test Kits by five (5) times the minimum monthly supply order (10-million Test Kits). For example: Letter of Authorization from the Manufacture attesting production capacities and schedules? Manufacture production contract insert?	Either of those examples would be acceptable as evidence.
73.	4.1 Estimated Quantities and Delivery Requirements.	What is timeframe by which vendor is expected to deliver up to 10 million tests upon notification of request for 5x monthly supply – i.e. Could product be delivered over a period of 2-3 weeks post notification?	See response to question sixty-nine (69)
74.	5.4 Payment	What are the payment terms after the invoices are submitted?	The Department shall be made in accordance with Article XI-A of the New York State Finance Law.
75.	5.5 Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements	Does this section apply to US prime contractor and subcontractors outside of NY?	Although participation is encouraged, there is no goal associated with this procurement.
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77.	5.5 Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements	We are a NYS Certified WBE and have been supplying the rapid Covid test kits to NYS for the past year. I am requesting that you reinstate the 15% goal to WBE and MWBE for this bid.	The Department has assessed the ability to meet a goal and had determined this procurement will not have a goal. Subcontracting is still encouraged.

78.	5.5 Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements	Given the 0% goals set for MWBE participation under this IFB: (a) why are vendors being asked to submit Form 4 within Attachment 5; (b) are vendors still required to submit a MWBE Utilization Plan (Form 1) as described in Attachment 8, Appendix M, Section IV; and (c) will contractors be required to submit Quarterly MWBE Compliance Reports as described in Attachment 8, Appendix M, Section VI?	Form four (4) is a requirement of all NYS contracts. Forms one (1), Utilization Plan, will not be required as the contract does not have an MWBE goal. Compliance reporting will not be required.
79.	Section 5.6 EEO Reporting	As a contract for the delivery of products, under which no personnel will be dedicated to fulfillment of this specific contract, is the Staffing Plan required within Form #4 still relevant?	Yes, the successful Bidder will be required to submit an Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan identifying the anticipated work force to be utilized on the Contract
80.	5.7 Sales Tax and Compensating Use Tax Certification	I would like to get clarification on whether these test kits would fall under the sales tax exemption with government organization in the New York tax law 1116(a)? Will we be provided a governmental purchase order or an exemption document?	Yes, this is sales tax exempt, and the Department will issue a Contract to the Selected Vendors. The Department can also provide the Selected Vendors with their tax-exempt document.
81.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Please provide guidance on what we need to provide you to participate in the supply opportunity with the New York State Department of Health.	Please see the IFB/RFQ section 6.0 for guidance on how to participate.
82.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Are vendors able to use several brands of OTC covid rapid tests in their bid to fulfill the quantities outlined?	The Department will accept only one brand on each bid received. A Vendor can submit multiple bids, one for each brand.
83.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Would we be able to offer multiple brands to fill the requirement? If so, can they be at different price points?	The Department will accept only one brand on each bid received. A Vendor can submit multiple bids, one for each brand.
84.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Can a single vendor submit multiple bids for each product option offered?	The Department will accept only one brand on each bid received. A Vendor can submit multiple bids, one for each brand.

85.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Can a single vendor submit one bid listing multiple product options, that may differ in manufacturer, pricing and unit of measure?	The Department will accept only one brand on each bid received. A Vendor can submit multiple bids, one for each brand.
86.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Attachment A, Bid Package Checklist, references section 6.1.1 Documentation of Bidder's Eligibility. Are you able to provide an example of the evidence being requested? Would the State of New York consider reducing the time for the vendor to receive payment, as referenced in section 5.4.1?	The Department will be looking for the FDA EAU for the product being offered, as well as documentation supporting the entities' ability to supply the quantities required.
87.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Is there a provision for price increase based on documented justification in the test kit price?	No.
88.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Ref: 6.1.2 Attachment B: Our packaging of a "test kit" is 2 tests. For Attachment B, it appears that it is required we will indicate the price of a single test (though the wording is "test kit"). Is indicating single test price regardless of kit packaging what is required here?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
89.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	As price is FOB, is it expected that the cost per test we submit includes shipping?	Yes, the price per kit is all-inclusive.
90.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Please confirm that the price quote is for test kit which may include 1 or more individual test.	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
91.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Based on current gaps/blind spots in reporting for OTC tests, is it a requirement that any testing solution must integrate reporting of results to the State (via the NIH)?	The Department will award one contract as described in this IFB to the responsible and responsive Bidder who offers the lowest total bid price.
92.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Will participants in the NIH MARS Program be prioritized?	The Department will award one contract as described in this IFB to the responsible and responsive Bidder who offers the lowest total bid price.

93.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Given the White House's test to treat initiative, is it expected that any proposed testing solution should include a seamless referral for treatments such as Paxlovid?	No, that is not required.
94.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Will tests brands that are manufactured and supported by US based companies be prioritized?	The Department will award one contract as described in this IFB to the responsible and responsive Bidder who offers the lowest total bid price.
95.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Will test bids that offer brands from US based and founded companies be prioritized over those that are foreign?	The Department will award one contract as described in this IFB to the responsible and responsive Bidder who offers the lowest total bid price.
96.	Section 6.0 Bid Format and Content	Will reviews and comparisons of tests and its companion mobile applications - be taken into consideration (including Amazon reviews, iOS app store etc?) when evaluating bids with different testing solutions?	The Department will award one contract as described in this IFB to the responsible and responsive Bidder who offers the lowest total bid price.
97.	7. Bid Submission	We have a 2-test pack and single test price available and has been ordered by states for constituents. For example, North Carolina orders a mixture of both. Would you prefer for us to submit pricing on both or just the single test?	The Department defines one (1) test kit as two (2) individual tests per box/bundle.
98.	7. Bid Submission	Is there a solicitation number we can refer to or is "New York State Over the Counter COVID-19 Test Supply" sufficient?	No, please refer to the title.
99.	7. Bid Submission	Can you confirm electronic email submission only ok unless hard copy requested?	Yes, Bids should be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:DOHMISC@health.ny.gov">DOHMISC@health.ny.gov</a> in PDF format.



100.	7. Bid Submission	<p>A Bid should be submitted in all formats as prescribed below. Submit a complete Bid via email to: <a href="mailto:DOHMISC@health.ny.gov">DOHMISC@health.ny.gov</a> with the subject "Bid Submission Over the Counter COVID-19 Test Supply". Include, as attachments to the email, the complete distinct PDF files labeled "Mandatory Bid Requirements" and "Other Bid Documents" In the event an electronic submission cannot be read by the Department, the Department reserves the right to request a hard copy and/or electronic resubmission of any unreadable files. A Bidder shall have 2 business days to respond to such requests and must certify the resubmission is identical to the original submission</p> <p>Please confirm if this submission method is the most desirable submission form? Is there a limit to the document sizes when submitting via email?</p>	<p>Bids should be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:DOHMISC@health.ny.gov">DOHMISC@health.ny.gov</a> in PDF format.</p> <p>In the event more than one email is required, please number the emails 1 of # to ensure the Department received the correct number of emails from the bidder.</p>
101.	7. Bid Submission	<p><i>"Submit a complete Bid via email to: <a href="mailto:DOHMISC@health.ny.gov">DOHMISC@health.ny.gov</a> with the subject "Bid Submission Over the Counter COVID-19 Test Supply". Include, as attachments to the email, the complete distinct PDF files labeled "Mandatory Bid Requirements" and "Other Bid Documents"</i></p> <p>Question: Shall all the required "Mandatory Bid Requirements" be combined into one PDF file, or shall the "Mandatory Bid Requirements" be attached by email, and labeled separately?</p>	<p>Bidders may choose to put all Mandatory Bid Requirement in to one or separate PDF documents.</p>
102.	7. Bid Submission	<p><i>"Submit a complete Bid via email to: <a href="mailto:DOHMISC@health.ny.gov">DOHMISC@health.ny.gov</a> with the subject "Bid Submission Over the Counter COVID-19 Test Supply". Include, as attachments to the email, the complete distinct PDF files labeled "Mandatory Bid Requirements" and "Other Bid Documents"</i></p> <p>Question: Can you define what are examples of "Other Bid Documents". I'm not clear on examples of what "Other Bid Documents" implicates.</p>	<p>The Other Bid Documents are those found on Attachment A, of the solicitation document, such as Vendors Responsibility Attestation.</p>