

## RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### **Are divider pages permitted or do they count against the page count?**

Divider pages are permitted and do not count towards the page count.

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### **Can proposals be hand delivered or delivery service only?**

There is nothing in the RFQ stating that the proposal must be delivered through the mail. However, it is the responsibility of the Design Professional to verify that the proposal has been submitted and received to the address by the time and date stated in the RFQ. Failure to meet this requirement shall result in automatic disqualification for consideration under this RFQ.

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### **Will the project seek a formal certification for sustainable design (e.g., LEED, Green Globes)?**

The RFQ does not specifically state that the project will be certified for any type of sustainable design. However, the project will have to be designed and constructed to meet current codes and laws including energy usage.

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### **Will the specific site proposed for the project at Camp Joseph T. Robinson be shared or disclosed with the prospective design teams at any point during the selection process?**

The specific site will be disclosed after the conclusion of the RFQ process

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### **Have you decided on a construction delivery method for this project (i.e., Construction Management or Hard Bid)?**

This project will be constructed in accordance with the DBA MSC utilizing competitive bidding with award to the lowest qualified bidder.

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### **Will the initial feasibility study be made available for those who are submitting to review? If it is available online, please provide address. This might help us form our statement of qualifications.**

The feasibility study is made available on our website:

<https://www.dps.arkansas.gov/crime-info-support/arkansas-state-crime-lab/>

<https://www.dps.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/ASCL-Feasibility-Study-FINAL.pdf>

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The following questions deal more with the overall design concept and thought processes which the feasibility study might help provide insight into. Our team wants to provide the most relevant trends and information as part of our response.

**Are you generally thinking about centralizing all the lab functions into one building or decentralizing lab functions (reference your recent forensic project) to understand the relevance of multiple smaller facility supporting the new central facility?**

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**Will there be a need for creating a “fentanyl lab” in the latent print section for processing latent prints on fentanyl baggies in a safer environment.**

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**Should the lab provide a NIBIN entry/search station located outside of the secure area for local non-state agencies to access and use? This would also include a water tank for safe discharge, retrieval, and system entry.**

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**Will there be a need to provide a Rapid DNA room (for new advanced Pre & Post DNA equipment) near DNA but located outside of DNA to prevent cross contamination?**

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