



**OHIO TURNPIKE AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION**

ADDENDUM NO. 1
ISSUED FEBRUARY 28, 2025

to

RFP NO. 7-2025
FOR MOBILE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: 5:00 P.M. (EASTERN TIME) MARCH 24, 2025

ATTENTION OF RESPONDENTS IS DIRECTED TO:

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH 5:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Issued by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission through Aimee W. Lane, Esq, Director of Contracts Administration.

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Q#1 Would a collector network be considered, instead a mobile collection unit? If so, could the Ohio Turnpike facilities be used for the collection, due to no mobile unit?

A#1 The facilities along the Ohio Turnpike do not possess adequate private spacing to facilitate drug testing. We are unable to transport multiple employees for off-site testing locations for random testing sessions if required for network testing.

Q#2 For what reason(s) are you going out to bid at this time?

A#2 The current contract is due to expire in June of 2025.

Q#3 Who performs the collections today? Do they use a mobile unit?

A#3 Safety Controls Technology performs all mobile drug testing at all maintenance and toll facilities, covering all three scheduled work shifts, stretching across the entire 241-miles of the Ohio Turnpike, by utilizing their mobile drug testing unit.

Q#4 What is your current pricing for mobile collection services?

A#4 Costs for mobile testing is set by zone proximity across the 241-mile stretch of the Ohio Turnpike.

A. Exit 4 and Kunkle M.B. Williams County

- \$96 for Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*
- \$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- \$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
- \$84.00 – Post-Accident/Reasonable Suspicion – employees sent off site, mobile unit not required*

B. Swanton M.B., Exit 52, Exit 59 and Exit 64 – Fulton, Lucas and Wood Counties

- \$94.00 - Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*
- \$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- \$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
- \$84.00 – Post-Accident/Reasonable Suspicion – employees sent off site, mobile unit not required*

C. Exit 71, Exit 91 and Elmore Maintenance Building – Wood and Sandusky Counties

- \$92.00 - Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*

- *\$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- *\$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
- *\$84.00 – Post-Accident/Reasonable Suspicion – employees sent off site, mobile unit not required*

D. Castalia M.B., Exit 110 and Exit 118 – Erie County

- *\$90.00 - Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*
- *\$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- *\$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
- *\$84.00 – Post-Accident/Reasonable Suspicion – employees sent off site, mobile unit not required*

E. Exit 142, Exit 145, Exit 151 and Amherst M.B./Sign Shop – Lorain County

- *\$88.00 - Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*
- *\$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- *\$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
- *\$84.00 – Post-Accident/Reasonable Suspicion – employees sent off site, mobile unit not required*

F. Exit 151, Exit 152, Exit 161, Exit 173, Exit 180, Berea Admin. Comm. Center and Boston M.B. – Lorain, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties

- *\$86.00 - Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*
- *\$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- *\$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
- *\$84.00 – Post-Accident/Reasonable Suspicion – employees sent off site, mobile unit not required*

G. Exit 187 – Portage County

- *\$88.00 - Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*
- *\$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- *\$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
- *\$84.00 – Post-Accident/Reasonable Suspicion – employees sent off site, mobile unit not required*

H. Exit 209, Exit 211, Exit 239, Hiram and Canfield Maintenance Buildings – Portage, Trumbull and Mahoning Counties

- *\$90.00 - Federal and Non-Federal Panels - Random testing (includes – specimen collection, analysis, chain of custody, MRO And computerized reporting)*
- *\$75.00 – Drug Panel, collection only*
- *\$50.00 – Alcohol Screening*
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Q#5 How many tests were previously performed on prior contracts?

A#5 390 Random tests were conducted using the mobile unit. Additionally, 24 random, 46 post-accident and 54 pre-employment tests were conducted off-site, however our mobile drug screening company is our MRO. All results are processed and forwarded from them.

Q#6 How many vendors are you seeking to award?

A#6 The Commission would prefer to use 1 vendor for consistency purposes.

Q#7 Is an offsite facility required to be awarded a contract?

A#7 No, an offsite facility is not required.

Q#8 How much notice is provided by the Commission to notify the vendor of random testing dates and times?

A#8 Commission notifies testing company one month in advance for the upcoming quarter. Testing company then provides dates of service to the Commission based upon the testing company's availability to test.

Q#9 Will the vendor manage the random selection process?

A#9 No, this process is managed by the Commission and Teamsters Local 436.

Q#10 Are there special security protocols for accessing OTIC facilities?

A#10 All Commission facilities require proximity cards to access entry points. A Commission representative will be onsite to assist with building access.

Q#11 Will a Commission representative be present at each testing event to manage flow?

A#11 Yes.

Q#12 Are there specific standards for the mobile unit, aside from being able to be brought on-site with a bathroom?

A#12 The mobile unit needs to meet standards of cleanliness with a private bathroom area. The unit must be in good operating condition, mechanically with safe access in and out of the unit.

Q#13 Does “Medical-like condition” reference equipment inside?

A#13 Yes, equipment and all accessories needed to complete drug testing in a safe and private manner.

Q#14 Will other services beyond drug and alcohol testing be expected or expanded during the term of award?

A#14 Medical Review Officer (“MRO”) reporting for all drug screens.

Q#15 Can you provide historic testing volumes to help anticipate staffing needs to ensure optimal coverage?

A#15 Please refer to A#5.

Q#16 Is there an expectation for 24-hour on-call response?

A#16 No, however, the mobile unit is required to be able to service all scheduled work shifts. Currently, there are work shifts ranging from starting at 6:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Q#17 Our firm has clinics stretching a large portion of the Turnpike. Will Turnpike employees be going to these locations if they miss an on-site testing event? If so, where can we indicate pricing for that service and others not specifically included in Appendix B?

A#17 Off site testing is decided by proximity of location of the Commission facility where the employee works. The Commission uses various facilities along the turnpike for these services.

Q#18 It is likely that during the term of fulfillment the FMCSA will allow oral fluid DOT testing. Does the commission have any interest in participating in this option vs. urine?

A#18 Yes.

Q#19 Does the Commission use any proprietary software for transmitting results?

A#19 No.

Q#20 How does the Commission currently receive drug and alcohol results?

A#20 From our current MRO, secure fax or email link.

Q#21 Is cyber liability insurance required of the servicing vendor?

A#21 No, but per Section 14 of the Contract, the vendor is required to comply with all applicable laws, which would include any such laws regarding privacy or the confidentiality of an individual's medical records.

Q#22 What "other insurance" is in question as referenced by Section 18, item i?

A#22 No "other insurance" has been identified at this time as being required for this contract.

Q#23 Please clarify firm's understanding that any additional insurance coverage and expenses incurred by the vendor to meet the coverage requirement, including any insurance coverage not currently in the RFP, will be reimbursed by the commission.

A#23 If the Commission requires additional insurance coverage (see Section 18 of the Contract), which is not contemplated at this time, the Commission will reimburse the vendor for the premium cost of obtaining such additional insurance.

Q#24 Will vendor be responsible for return-to-duty testing?

A#24 No, facilities used for these types of testing are based on proximity of the individual's residence.

Q#25 Does servicing the commission's drug and alcohol testing needs preclude firm's ability to service BWC needs or injury management of any Commission employee?

A#25 No. The Commission is self-insured for BWC claims. We have a current TPA we are in contract with.

Q#26 DOT or Non-DOT, is there any circumstance where the Commission recognizes medically prescribed THC products?

A#26 No.

Q#27 What is the maximum response time before the Commission would consider a failure to meet contract requirements?

A#27 The random tests are prescheduled, so the vendor would know the arrival time. The vendor will not be called out to perform post-accident drug tests. Employees are driven to a facility for post-accident drug tests. Like any services agreement, repeated failure to show up, respond or perform the required services could result in the Commission issuing a default notice under the contract. Often before issuing a default notice, the Commission makes reasonable attempts to discuss performance issues with the vendor in an attempt to resolve the issue.

Q#28 What is the process for exercising the additional two-year renewal option?

A#28 As provided in Section 2 of the Contract, which is attached to the RFP as Appendix C, if the Commission wants to exercise its option to renew the Contract for the two-year renewal term, the Commission will provide written notice to the vendor not less than 90 days before the termination of the initial two-year term. Currently, renewals are documented by a renewal letter issued by the Commission and countersigned by the vendor.

Q#29 Beyond federal and state regulations, is there a record retention specific for the Commission that vendor should be aware of?

A#29 Pursuant to the Commission's Retention Schedule, positive drug test results must be kept for six (6) years and negative drug test results must be kept for one (1) year. Additionally, positive drug test results for CDL drivers must be kept until separation of employment.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1