

Questions and answers for JUD-RDQ-15-04UC

How much will each probationer be required to pay for the collection and testing for a standard urinalysis test?

Each agency charges the client differently, but currently the going rate is anywhere from \$11 for a 7 panel UA to \$15 for a 7 panel with ETG. Designer drugs (spice, bath salts) cost more.

Is probation severing ties with the current UA collection provider and if so why?

No, this RDQ is a result of the current contract coming to an end. Probation is interested in expanding services throughout the 4th Judicial District in order to accommodate the needs of Probation Officers and Clients.

What is the current vendor charging clients for urinalysis testing?

Currently we have two agencies under contract to provide UAs. One is Colorado Health Services (CHS) and the other is Bridge to Awareness (BTA). CHS has a contract to provide UAs for all non-specialty court cases and BTA provides UAs for all specialty courts. Each agency charges the client differently, but currently the going rate is anywhere from \$11 for a 7 panel UA to \$15 for a 7 panel with ETG. Designer drugs (spice, bath salts) cost more.

How will the specific dates for the monthly random Sunday testing be chosen and how much advance notice will the provider have?

Choosing the random Sunday will be up to the agency.

Where are Teller County clients currently reporting for urinalysis testing?

Currently, Teller County probation clients residing in Teller County report to either Journey's counseling or Aspen Counseling for their UAs. These are treatment agencies and we do not have a contract with either agency to be the sole UA Drop agency.

Will the award of this contract create a conflict of interest for providers that currently contract with Probation for Diversion or Private Probation services?

Due to a conflict of interests, only the agency that holds the contract for private probation would be ineligible, all other agencies would be considered.

Will the award of this contract preclude the chosen provider from entering into contracts with probation in the future due to a potential conflict of interest?

We do not foresee any conflict of interests in the future.

Does probation intend to contract with only one or multiple providers?

We are open to multiple agencies getting contracts, but if one agency can provide services in different parts of the city, we may only choose one.

If multiple providers are selected, how will the contract be divided?

The contract will not be divided in the sense that each agency is guaranteed a set amount of clients. The purpose of awarding multiple contracts would be to offer a variety of options to Probation Officers and Clients.

Page 2 B states that “A survey of the state has indicated that there are significantly different practices and costs associated with monitored collection and urine drug testing.” Can this survey be made available to prospective bidders?

We are unaware of a written survey. This survey was conducted informally at several meetings throughout the state.

Has probation ever terminated a UA contract for convenience? (Page 12, item B.14.a.)

Current management is unaware of any contract terminations.

If a client reports for a UA and is found to be under the influence of alcohol, what is the contracted provider required to do during normal business hours and after normal business hours?

We do not have a set expectation for this. However, we are looking for what each agency would do under this situation.

Who currently does your UAs in Teller County, and how many UAs on average are dropped in Teller County per month?

We do not have a UA contract with anyone in Teller County. We currently have two full time officers in Teller County and they primarily use Aspen Counseling and Journey's Counseling for UA drops. I don't have an average # of UAs for you, but we have roughly 250 clients in Teller County. I have a call into Aspen Counseling (the main provider) and I am waiting for a response to your question and will forward it once I have the number. **Follow up - Between the two agencies, there are roughly 275-325 UAs per month in Teller County

What is the breakout between males and females on average per month?

On average, for the months of June and July 2014: 273 Female clients per month submitted to 965 UAs per month and 845 males per month submitted to 2894 UAs per month. I received these numbers today, 8/12/14 from Norchem and I am realizing these numbers are in contradiction the number of UAs as stated in Section I A. I believe the number in Section I A is the number of clients and not the actual UAs submitted.

Are clients currently restricted to the two current providers, in terms of where they can drop?

Clients are restricted to either BTA or CHS for UA drops except for the following reason; if the client wishes to pay for the UA using insurance, they may go to any agency they choose.

How many clients are vouchered on average per month?

Currently the 4th Judicial vouchers only clients in our specialty courts (drug court, mental health court, DUI Court, DV Court, HEALS Court and Veterans trauma court). These vouchers cover a portion or all of the cost of the UA. We do not voucher non-specialty court clients (the majority of UAs). Billing for July 2014 indicates we will voucher 1266 UAs. This is pretty consistent but does depend on the number of clients in the specialty courts, so these numbers fluctuate month to month.

In the RDQ it mentions the hours of operation that are preferred, but does this mean that the hours are also negotiable?

The hours specified in the RDQ are what we'd like to have, but are not required to be awarded the contract.

Would the Probation Department find it acceptable for a vendor to segregate out males and females on certain days of the week? In other words could we have exclusive times for males and females spread out over a week? For example, have males from 7 AM to Noon and 1PM to 6 PM for females, and then maybe switch the gender every other day.

No, this would not be acceptable. Both genders must be able to submit to UAs upon request.

How will the contractor know who is scheduled for testing in the Sentry System on a given day in order to report a no-show?

Good catch. Sentry will notify probation of any missed UAs.

Will contractor be billing Probation for both the monitoring collection fee AND laboratory cost?

Normal billing doesn't change from the way it is right now with the exception that we may (hasn't been decided as of yet) voucher UAs. If we voucher, you will bill us what the clients are normally charged out of pocket.

Does the Automobile Liability Insurance pertain to this RDQ since the contractor will not be using automobiles in the fulfillment of this contract?

If your agency were to own a vehicle that is used by you or any staff for work reasons, you would need to have insurance.

How many saliva collection tests do you typically request on average in a month? Also what precipitates the use of a mouth swab testing from your office?

We do not request saliva collection tests. A treatment agency may use a saliva test or breathalyzer as a prelude to a Urine test if the agency believes the client is under the influence of drugs or alcohol when the client shows for their UA.

Does the current vendor(s) provide any technology to monitor drug and alcohol use along with UA collection? If so which **technology(s) not vendor(s)?**

BTA, in the past, has been one of the agencies that installs the Interlock system, but no technologies can be used in lieu of a Urine test.

Who currently holds the contract for urine screens in the 4th JD?

Colorado Health Services (CHS) and Bridge to Awareness (BTA) have contracts with us now.

If a vendor is capable of accommodating various locations through El Paso and Teller Counties, would that justify a sole contract by the 4th JD for urine screens.

We are open to multiple agencies getting contracts, but if one agency can provide services in different parts of the city, we may only choose one.

The RDQ is very specific on hours requested throughout the week/ weekend/holiday - The more hours requested increases the requirement of numerous staff members - which in turn will increase the cost of urine screens to the clients - Is the successful bidder required to meet the hours specified in the RDQ?

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Is there a current pricing list for urine screens that clients pay in the 4th JD?

Each agency charges the client differently, but currently the going rate is anywhere from \$11 for a 7 panel UA to \$15 for a 7 panel with ETG. Designer drugs (spice, bath salts) cost more.