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**Addenda  
For  
Forensic Services**

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Addenda No, **01**

**Addenda Type: Questions and Responses**

The following addendum supersedes information contained in the solicitation document issued for this procurement to the extent referenced. This Addendum forms part of the solicitation documents and will be subject to all of the conditions set out in the contract conditions.

**Questions and Responses**

Question 1:	What is the size of the current criminal DNA Database and approximately how many are added annually?
Answer 1:	The size of the current criminal DNA Database is 7354 profiles.

Question 2:	Who is the current contract vendor?
Answer 2:	Wyndham Forensic Group Inc.

Question 3:	What are the current prices being paid by the BPS?
Answer 3:	The BPS is currently paying for services rendered on a month-to-month basis. The total estimated contract value is 100k, but this can vary based on services required.

Question 4:	Is the DNA database housed in the Vendor IT network or in the Bermuda government IT network?
Answer 4:	The DNA database is housed in the Bermuda Police Service IT network.

Question 5:	Is the vendor responsible for purchase of the SmallPond software and maintenance?
Answer 5:	No

Answer 6:	What is the frequency of in-person testimony pre-covid?
Question 6:	In person testimony pre-covid occurred approximately every two to three months or so in Magistrates and the Supreme Courts in Bermuda

Answer 7:	What are annual volumes for the last 5 years for serology and DNA?
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Question 7:	<p>2016 – approx. 216 case samples for DNA. Serology approx. 21 samples</p> <p>2017 – approx. 128 case samples for DNA. Serology approx. 0 samples</p> <p>2018 – approx. 156 case samples for DNA. Serology approx. 22 samples</p> <p>2019 - approx.120 case samples for DNA. Serology approx. 3 samples</p> <p>2020 – approx. 160 case samples for DNA. Serology approx. 15 samples</p>
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Question 8:	What are the types of cases (e.g. sexual assault, homicide, etc.) and what is the average number of samples per case?
Answer 8:	Homicides, Attempt Homicides, Narcotics Importation, Robbery, Firearm Offences, Sexual Assaults, Burglary and Other. Average numbers of samples per case is 4 or more.

Question 9:	1.12. Regarding searching, will the BPS provide a protocol or manual that includes search parameters, matching rules and other parameters to operate the database?
Answer 9:	YES, there is a protocol in place and a manual available.

Question 10:	Per Section 1.5.3, can the response be emailed or do you require a USB with pdf?
Answer 10:	Yes, the response can be emailed to the contact listed in the RFQ document. For larger files, the BPS can provide a cloud portal for submissions.

Question 11:	On the Bid Schedule, if only Powerplex Fusion is offered, is it acceptable to list 'N/A' for Line Items 4-8?
Answer 11:	YES

Question 12:	Would the PowerPlexY23 or Yfiler Plus Y-STR amplification kits be acceptable in lieu of Yfiler?
Answer 12:	YES

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Question 13:	Would a Y-screening method be acceptable on sexual assault kits in lieu of traditional serology?
Answer 13:	Yes, on a case by case basis

Question 14:	What percentage of kits also have clothing for testing?
Answer 14:	10%

Question 15:	Per section 3.6, our validated procedures include performing differential extractions based on the area of the body the swab was collected. We can spot slides during the extraction and confirm the presence of sperm after the extraction. Is this acceptable?
Question 15:	YES

Question 16:	Under what circumstances will BPS request YSTR analysis and what percentage of cases does BPS estimate requiring this service?
Answer 16:	BPS in consultation with the processing LAB, will request YSTR analysis. The percentage of cases estimated re YSTR service would be less than 10% at this time.

**End of Addenda No, 1**