Addendum to IFB# 6100060475

Sanitation Devices

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Addendum Changes:

This addendum hereby:
Section 1. Deletes and replaces the answer to question 10 in Addendum 2 of the IFB.
Section 2. Modifies the electronic submission documentation required at time of bid submission of the IFB.
Section 3. To provide answers to questions per the IFB Standard Terms and Conditions.

1. Question 10, Addendum 2:

I represent a company that sells a product that matches the specifications of the above IFB. The only caveat is the device itself has not been UL2998 verified, however the technology that the purifier uses has. The company has went through the 2998 verification process with the other products they offer using this same Technology and is willing to have this unit verified as well. The question is, can we still submit an application even though it will take a few months to complete the verification process for this particular device? I will attach a spec sheet for your review.

Revised Answer:

A UL2998 certificate should be submitted with the bid. If the documentation is not submitted with the bid, the bidder must submit the documentation within 60 days after award. Failure to provide the certificate within 60 days from the award will result in forfeiture of the award and shall result in award to the next responsive and responsible supplier.

2. Per the General Requirements for all Items, Header text: “Your electronic submission should also include the following as attachments. Failure to submit these items may result in the rejection of your bid” language has been modified for Items 5, 6, and 7 Peer reviewed study and item 10, UL2998 certificate. The documents in Items 5, 6, 7, and 10 do not have to be uploaded with the submission of bid. These documents will be required within 60 days after award. Failure to provide the peer review study documents and Ul2998 certificate will result in forfeiture of the award and shall result in award to the next responsive and responsible supplier.

3. Questions (Q) and Answers (A):

Q1. What is the relevance of a surface technology in relation to eliminating pathogens, including COVID-19 when the NY Times recently put out an article stating "But studies have since showed that contaminated surfaces are rarely to blame for the spread of the virus. It’s more likely to spread through the air we breathe. Other studies have shown that the virus is still evolving to become better at spreading through the air, said Vincent Munster, chief of the virus ecology section at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases’ Rocky Mountain Laboratories.

A1. These devices are being purchased using Enhancing Lab Capacity (ELC) COVID funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While all projects must be focused on COVID-19, per CDC guidance States and Jurisdictions may leverage these funds to aid our ability to prevent or eliminate other emerging infections in addition. While COVID-19 is not primarily spread through surface contact, other pathogens are more likely spread through this route; purchasing these devices with this added capability leverages our funding to prevent COVID-19 transmission as well as eliminate other viruses, bacteria and mold on surfaces simultaneously– increasing the potential public health benefit of these devices and this project. CDC has reviewed this project and determined it to be an allowable use of funds.

Q2. Why do the technical requirements in this bid not align with the science of transmission and spread of COVID-19 and viruses as an airborne pathogen?
In an article by the EPA, they mention "Spread of COVID-19 occurs via airborne particles and droplets. People who are infected with COVID can release particles and droplets of respiratory fluids that contain the SARS CoV-2 virus into the air when they exhale (e.g., quiet breathing, speaking, singing, exercise, coughing, sneezing). ...Spread may also sometimes occur through contact with contaminated surfaces, though this route is now considered less likely. See Science and Technical Resources related to Indoor Air and Coronavirus (COVID-19) or Indoor Air and COVID-19 Key References and Publications for technical information."

A2. See the answer to Q1 above.

Q3. How is cost being evaluated in this bid? A non-CDC recommended surface technology addition can cost 4x a competent air purifier cost - what is the benefit of this component?

A3. See the answer to Q1 above.

*Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the IFB and any previous addenda, remain as originally written.