

DETERMINATION DECISION MEMO
DNA Lab Facility at State Police Greensburg,
Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Project Number DGS C-0210-0004 P1 Revised Rebid

Project Allocation: \$22,500,000 Est. Construction Duration: 730 Calendar Days

DETERMINATION REGARDING THE USE OF THE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) METHOD OF PROCUREMENT

The scope for this project involves construction of a new 40,000 SF DNA Analysis Laboratory Building and associated site work. The building will be a three-story laboratory/office building. The third floor is a mechanical penthouse. The site work includes the demolition and removal of an existing house, barn and two spring houses, along with their foundations and a septic tank. Asbestos-containing floor tiles in the house and barn will require abatement prior to demolition.

In particular, this DNA lab project requires contractor(s) familiar with:

- Complex laboratory construction, to create a controlled and sealed environment with varying spaces that require individual air pressure, humidity, and the ability to preserve evidence free from contamination; and
- Complex and comprehensive commissioning associated with the systems serving those spaces; and
- Installation of a sophisticated control system; and
- Installation of a fully sealed and properly insulated exterior building envelope

The above factors demonstrate the unique construction considerations on this project, which requires specific contractor knowledge, skill and experience to safely and successfully complete the project work. Consequently, it is not practical or advantageous to use the competitive sealed bidding process because the low bid approach does not allow the Commonwealth to consider the specific factors presented herein and cost in the award process in a timely manner.

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Deputy Secretary for Public Works

08/18/2022

Date