



City of Tacoma

Questions and Answers

Laboratory Testing and Analytical Service

RFB Specification No. **PS22-0067F**

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Tina Eide, Senior Buyer. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. Navigate to [Current Contracting Opportunities / Services Solicitations](#), and then click *Questions and Answers* for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: Regarding TSCA, we understand that EPA has a proposed rule that would allow for expanded sample preparation procedures. Can we bid with those proposed preparation procedures?

Answer 1: No, bid response cannot be based on proposed rules or procedures.

Question 2: Subcontracted short holds - we would need to subcontract some tests. Due to short hold and other factors, we would propose that City ship directly to the subcontractor? Some examples include Fish Bioassay and Cr+6. Is this acceptable to City?

Answer 2: No, due to numerous possible concerns, at this time we will expect that all subcontract work is coordinated and handled by the primary bidder.

Question 3: Regarding "Rush" turnaround – RFP mentions Rush numerous times. Can you clarify what Rush turnaround the City is looking for? (how many days?)

Answer 3: "Rush" turnaround time, as well as "Normal" turn around time, is determined by the bidder and stated as a required piece of submittal information "Time Statement" in the "Line Item Cost Table"