



## OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND FORENSIC LABORATORIES

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To: Tarrant County Purchasing Department

The Medical Examiner Office is requesting the annual renewal of the vendor exemption list from the bid process due to the special needs and sensitive nature of our work in forensic services.

AB Sciex, LLC	Reagents, Controls, Instruments Parts
Abacus Diagnostics	DNA Kits and Consumables
Aldinger Co.	Calibration Services
Alere San Diego, Inc., d/b/a Immunalysis Corp	Reagents, Controls, Instruments Parts
Ambry Genetics Corporation	Non-Routine Laboratory Testing
Axis Forensic Toxicology, Inc.	Non-Routine Laboratory Testing
Beta Analytic, Inc.	Non-Routine Laboratory Testing
Cayman Chemical Company, Inc.	Pure Drug Standards
Cerilant Coporation	Pure Drug Standards
Collaborative Testing Services, Inc.	Proficiency Samples
College of American Pathologists	Proficiency Samples
Dickson/Unigage, Inc.	Calibration Services, Parts, Supplies
Eppendorf North America, Inc.	Reagents, Consumables, Instruments, Parts
Fisher Healthcare	Reagents, Chemicals, Controls, Instruments Parts
Forensic Sience Consultants	Proficiency Samples
Jee Caridovascular Registry	Non-Routine Laboratory Testing
Life Technologies Corporation	DNA Kits and Consumables
Lipomed, Inc.	Pure Drug Standards
National Insitute of Standards and Technology	Standard Reference Materials
National Medical Serivces Inc.	Non-Routine Laboratory Testing
Nova Biomedical	Consumables and Controls
Perkin Elmer Health Sciences, Inc.	Instrument Parts, Software Maintenance, Non-Routine Laboratory Testing
Phenomenex	Analytical Columns
Qiagen	DNA Kits, Consumables, Instrument Parts
Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc.	Non-Routine Laboratory Testing
Restek Corporation	Analytical Columns
Serological Research Institute	Reagents, Chemicals, Controls, Stains, PM



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Shimadzu Scientific Instruments, Inc.  
Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences (SWIFS)  
Steroids, Inc.  
TESCAN USA, Inc.  
Tissue Techniques Pathology Labs LLC  
Torronto Research  
UCT, LLC  
USA Scientific, Inc.  
UT Southwestern Medical Center  
UTAK Laboratories, Inc.

Instrument Parts, PM  
Non-Routine Laboratory Testing  
Pure Drug Standards  
Instrument Parts, Consumables, PM  
Non-Routine Laboratory Testing  
Consumables and Controls  
Extraction Columns, Reagents  
Benchtop Containers  
Non-Routine Laboratory Testing  
Controls, Blank Plasma and Urine

The forensic laboratories for the Medical Examiner's Office are required to be accredited by the Texas Forensic Science Commission under the auspices of the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). Part of this accreditation process requires us to have very detailed procedures that describes the methods we use, and the materials that are to be used in those methods. Required details include:

- The source of each reagent, internal standard and control used in the process.
- SDS sheets, validation of purity, concentration all which must be traced to a NIST (government) standard. All must be traceable.
- The amounts of reagents used in the preparation of various stock solutions and working solutions.
- This information must be stated in the method and logs are kept documenting time and use.

Our procedures are very detailed and complex, and any deviation from previously validated materials must be revalidated. The validation process is long and time-consuming with multiple layers approval and accreditation assessor review. For these reasons, these materials must be ordered exactly as specified.



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