

# THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

# **BID OPPORTUNITY**

BID OPPORTUNITY NO. 551-2006

PROVISION OF POLICE OFFICERS PHYSICAL ABILITIES TESTING

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# **PART B - BIDDING PROCEDURES**

#### **B1.** CONTRACT TITLE

B1.1 PROVISION OF POLICE OFFICERS PHYSICAL ABILITIES TESTING

# **B2. SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

- B2.1 The Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m., Winnipeg time, September 8, 2006.
- B2.2 Bid Submissions determined by the Manager of Materials to have been received later than the Submission Deadline will not be accepted and will be returned upon request.
- B2.3 The Contract Administrator or the Manager of Materials may extend the Submission Deadline by issuing an addendum at any time prior to the time and date specified in B2.1.

#### **B3. ENQUIRIES**

- B3.1 All enquiries shall be directed to the Contract Administrator identified in D4.1.
- B3.2 If the Bidder finds errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or is unsure of the meaning or intent of any provision therein, the Bidder shall notify the Contract Administrator of the error, discrepancy or omission, or request a clarification as to the meaning or intent of the provision at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B3.3 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator to all Bidders by issuing an addendum.
- B3.4 Responses to enquiries which, in the sole judgment of the Contract Administrator, do not require a correction to or a clarification of the Bid Opportunity will be provided by the Contract Administrator only to the Bidder who made the enquiry.
- B3.5 The Bidder shall not be entitled to rely on any response or interpretation received pursuant to B3 unless that response or interpretation is provided by the Contract Administrator in writing.

# B4. ADDENDA

- B4.1 The Contract Administrator may, at any time prior to the Submission Deadline, issue addenda correcting errors, discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Opportunity, or clarifying the meaning or intent of any provision therein.
- B4.2 The Contract Administrator will issue each addendum at least two (2) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline, or provide at least two (2) Business Days by extending the Submission Deadline.
- B4.2.1 Addenda will be available on the Bid Opportunities page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt.
- B4.2.2 The Bidder is responsible for ensuring that he has received all addenda and is advised to check the Materials Management Branch internet site for addenda regularly and shortly before the Submission Deadline, as may be amended by addendum.
- B4.3 The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum in Paragraph 8 of Form A: Bid. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may render a Bid non-responsive.

# **B5.** BID SUBMISSION

B5.1 The Bid Submission consists of the following components:

- (a) Form A: Bid;
- (b) Form B: Prices.
- B5.2 All components of the Bid Submission shall be fully completed or provided, and submitted by the Bidder no later than the Submission Deadline, with all required entries made clearly and completely in ink, to constitute a responsive Bid.
- B5.3 The Bid Submission may be submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, or by facsimile transmission.
- B5.4 If the Bid Submission is submitted by mail, courier or personal delivery, it shall be enclosed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number and the Bidder's name and address, and shall be submitted to:

The City of Winnipeg Corporate Finance Department Materials Management Branch 185 King Street, Main Floor Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1

- B5.4.1 Samples or other components of the Bid Submission which cannot reasonably be enclosed in the envelope may be packaged separately, but shall be clearly marked with the Bid Opportunity number, the Bidder's name and address, and an indication that the contents are part of the Bidder's Bid Submission.
- B5.5 If the Bid Submission is submitted by facsimile transmission, it shall be submitted to (204) 949-1178
- B5.5.1 The Bidder is advised that the City cannot take responsibility for the availability of the facsimile machine at any time.
- B5.6 Bid Submissions submitted by internet electronic mail (e-mail) will not be accepted.

#### B6. BID

- B6.1 The Bidder shall complete Form A: Bid, making all required entries.
- B6.2 Paragraph 2 of Form A: Bid shall be completed in accordance with the following requirements:
  - (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, his name shall be inserted:
  - (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, the full name of the partnership shall be inserted:
  - (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, the full name of the corporation shall be inserted;
  - (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, the business name and the name of every partner or corporation who is the owner of such business name shall be inserted.
- B6.2.1 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, each and all such persons shall identify themselves in accordance with B6.2.
- B6.3 In Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid, the Bidder shall identify a contact person who is authorized to represent the Bidder for purposes of the Bid.
- B6.4 Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid shall be signed in accordance with the following requirements:
  - (a) if the Bidder is a sole proprietor carrying on business in his own name, it shall be signed by the Bidder;
  - (b) if the Bidder is a partnership, it shall be signed by the partner or partners who have authority to sign for the partnership;

- (c) if the Bidder is a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officer or officers and the corporate seal, if the corporation has one, should be affixed:
- (d) if the Bidder is carrying on business under a name other than his own, it shall be signed by the registered owner of the business name, or by the registered owner's authorized officials if the owner is a partnership or a corporation.
- B6.4.1 The name and official capacity of all individuals signing Form A: Bid shall be printed below such signatures.
- B6.4.2 All signatures shall be original and shall be witnessed except where a corporate seal has been affixed.
- B6.5 If a Bid is submitted jointly by two or more persons, the word "Bidder" shall mean each and all such persons, and the undertakings, covenants and obligations of such joint Bidders in the Bid Submission and the Contract, when awarded, shall be both joint and several.

#### B7. PRICES

- B7.1 The Bidder shall state a price in Canadian funds for each item of the Work identified on Form B: Prices.
- B7.1.1 Notwithstanding GC.9.01(1), prices on Form B: Prices shall not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Manitoba Retail Sales Tax (MRST, also known as PST), which shall be extra where applicable.
- B7.2 The quantities listed on Form B: Prices are to be considered approximate only. The City will use said quantities for the purpose of comparing Bids.
- B7.3 The quantities for which payment will be made to the Contractor are to be determined by the Work actually performed and completed by the Contractor, to be measured as specified in the applicable Specifications.

# **B8. QUALIFICATION**

- B8.1 The Bidder shall:
  - (a) undertake to be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Bidder does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Bidder does carry on business;
  - (b) be responsible and not be suspended, debarred or in default of any obligation to the City;
  - (c) be financially capable of carrying out the terms of the Contract;
  - (d) have all the necessary experience, capital, organization, and equipment to perform the Work in strict accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract;
  - (e) have successfully carried out work, similar in nature, scope and value to the Work;
  - (f) employ only Subcontractors who:
    - (i) are responsible and not suspended, debarred or in default of any obligation to the City (a list of suspended or debarred individuals and companies is available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt); and
    - (ii) have successfully carried out work similar in nature, scope and value to the portion of the Work proposed to be subcontracted to them, and are fully capable of performing the Work required to be done in accordance with the terms of the Contract;
  - (g) have a written workplace safety and health program in accordance with The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba);

- (h) Acceptable minimum accreditation for Testers will be Certified Fitness Consultants or equivalent, and Supervisors (Professional Fitness and Lifestyle Consultant) or equivalent.
- B8.2 The Bidder shall be prepared to submit, within three (3) Business Days of a request by the Contract Administrator, proof satisfactory to the Contract Administrator of the qualifications of the Bidder and of any proposed Subcontractor.
- B8.3 The Bidder shall provide, on the request of the Contract Administrator, full access to any of the Bidder's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Contract Administrator's satisfaction, that the Bidder's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.

# B9. OPENING OF BIDS AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

- B9.1 Bid Submissions will not be opened publicly.
- B9.2 Following the Submission Deadline, the names of the Bidders and their bid prices (unevaluated, and pending review and verification of conformance with requirements) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at <a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt">http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt</a>.
- B9.3 After award of Contract, the name(s) of the successful Bidder(s) and the Contract Amount(s) will be available on the Closed Bid Opportunities (or Public/Posted Opening & Award Results) page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt.
- B9.4 The Bidder is advised that any information contained in any Bid Submission may be released if required by City policy or procedures, The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba), or by other authorities having jurisdiction.

# **B10.** IRREVOCABLE BID

- B10.1 The Bid(s) submitted by the Bidder shall be irrevocable for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.
- B10.2 The acceptance by the City of any Bid shall not release the Bids of the next two lowest evaluated responsive Bidders and these Bidders shall be bound by their Bids on such Work for the time period specified in Paragraph 9 of Form A: Bid.

#### **B11. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**

- B11.1 A Bidder may withdraw his Bid without penalty by giving written notice to the Manager of Materials at any time prior to the Submission Deadline.
- B11.1.1 Notwithstanding GC.7.06(2), the time and date of receipt of any notice withdrawing a Bid shall be the time and date of receipt as determined by the Manager of Materials.
- B11.1.2 The City will assume that any one of the contact persons named in Paragraph 3 of Form A: Bid or the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A: Bid, and only such person, has authority to give notice of withdrawal.
- B11.1.3 If a Bidder gives notice of withdrawal prior to the Submission Deadline, the Manager of Materials shall:
  - (a) retain the Bid Submission until after the Submission Deadline has elapsed:
  - (b) open the Bid Submission to identify the contact person named in Paragraph 3 of Form
     A: Bid and the Bidder's authorized representatives named in Paragraph 10 of Form A:
     Bid; and
  - (c) if the notice has been given by any one of the persons specified in B11.1.3(b), declare the Bid withdrawn.

B11.2 A Bidder who withdraws his Bid after the Submission Deadline but before his Bid has been released or has lapsed as provided for in B10.2 shall be liable for such damages as are imposed upon the Bidder by law and subject to such sanctions as the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate in the circumstances. The City, in such event, shall be entitled to all rights and remedies available to it at law.

#### **B12. EVALUATION OF BIDS**

- B12.1 Award of the Contract shall be based on the following bid evaluation criteria:
  - (a) compliance by the Bidder with the requirements of the Bid Opportunity (pass/fail);
  - (b) qualifications of the Bidder and the Subcontractors, if any, pursuant to B8 (pass/fail);
  - (c) qualifications of the testers and supervisors

30%

(d) unit cost of proposed fee to be charged to applicant

70%

- B12.2 Further to B12.1(a), the Award Authority may reject a Bid as being non-responsive if the Bid Submission is incomplete, obscure or conditional, or contains additions, deletions, alterations or other irregularities. The Award Authority may reject all or any part of any Bid, or waive technical requirements if the interests of the City so require.
- B12.3 Further to B12.1(b), the Award Authority shall reject any Bid submitted by a Bidder who does not demonstrate, in his Bid Submission or in other information required to be submitted, that he is responsible and qualified.
  - (a) submit, within two (2) Business Days of a request by the Buyer, proof satisfactory to the Buyer of the qualifications of the Bidder and of any proposed subcontractor;
  - (b) provide, on the request of the Buyer, full access to any of the Bidder's equipment and facilities to confirm, to the Buyer's satisfaction, that the Bidder's equipment and facilities are adequate to perform the Work.
- B12.4 Further to B12.1(c), qualifications of testers and supervisors will be evaluated considering the Bidders submission or in other information required to be submitted. The Bidder shall submit within two (2) business days of a request by the Buyer, documentation, (photocopies acceptable), to verify the qualifications of the Testers and Supervisors who will be performing duties for this contract.
  - (a) Acceptable minimum accreditation for Testers will be Certified Fitness Consultants or equivalent, and Supervisors (Professional Fitness and Lifestyle Consultant) or equivalent.
  - (b) Qualifications of the testers and supervisors will be evaluated on the minimum qualifications as stated in 12.4(a), all qualifications in excess of 12.4(a), quantity of testers and supervisors submitted for POPAT work, and the bidder's previous accumulated work experience with job related testing will be evaluated.
- B12.5 Further to B12.1(d), unit cost of proposed fee to be charged to applicant will be evaluated on the basis of the approximate quantities shown on Form B: Prices considering early payment discounts if offered.
- B12.6 This Contract will be awarded as a whole.

#### B13. AWARD OF CONTRACT

- B13.1 The City will give notice of the award of the Contract or will give notice that no award will be made.
- B13.2 The City will have no obligation to award a Contract to a Bidder, even though one or all of the Bidders are determined to be responsible and qualified, and the Bids are determined to be responsive.
- B13.2.1 Without limiting the generality of B13.2, the City will have no obligation to award a Contract where:

- (a) the prices exceed the available City funds for the Work;
- (b) the prices are materially in excess of the prices received for similar work in the past;
- (c) the prices are materially in excess of the City's cost to perform the Work, or a significant portion thereof, with its own forces;
- (d) only one Bid is received; or
- (e) in the judgment of the Award Authority, the interests of the City would best be served by not awarding a Contract.
- B13.3 Where an award of Contract is made by the City, the award shall be made to the responsible and qualified Bidder submitting the lowest evaluated responsive Bid.
- B13.3.1 Following the award of contract, a Bidder will be provided with information related to the evaluation of his Bid upon written request to the Contract Administrator.
- B13.4 Notwithstanding GC.3.01 and GC.3.02, the City will issue a purchase order to the successful Bidder in lieu of the execution of a Contract.
- B13.5 The Contract Documents, as defined in GC.1.01(7), in their entirety shall be deemed to be incorporated in and to form a part of the purchase order notwithstanding that they are not necessarily attached to or accompany said purchase order.

# **PART C - GENERAL CONDITIONS**

# C1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- C1.1 The *General Conditions for Provision of Services* (Revision 1996 02 05) are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- C1.1.1 The *General Conditions for Provision of Services* are available on the Information Connection page at The City of Winnipeg, Corporate Finance, Materials Management Branch internet site at http://www.winnipeg.ca/matmgt.

# **PART D - SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS**

#### **GENERAL**

# D1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- D1.1 In addition to the *General Conditions for Provision of Services*, these Supplemental Conditions are applicable to the Work of the Contract.
- D1.2 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "The City of Winnipeg Act" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "The City of Winnipeg Charter".
- D1.3 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Board of Commissioners" or "Commissioner" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting the "Chief Administrative Officer".
- D1.4 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Tender Package" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "Bid Opportunity".
- D1.5 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Tender Submission" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "Bid Submission".
- D1.6 The General Conditions are amended by striking out "Bidding Instructions" wherever it appears in the General Conditions and substituting "Bidding Procedures".

# D2. SCOPE OF WORK

- D2.1 The Work to be done under the Contract shall consist of physical abilities testing for police officers for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009.
- D2.2 The Work shall be done on an "as required" basis during the term of the Contract.
- D2.2.1 The type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract shall be as authorized from time to time by the Contract Administrator and/or Users.
- D2.2.2 Subject to GC.4.07, the City shall have no obligation under the Contract to purchase any quantity of any item in excess of its actual operational requirements.
- D2.3 Notwithstanding D2.1, the type and quantity of Work to be performed under this Contract is subject to annual approval of monies therefore in a budget by Council. Bidders are advised that monies have been approved for work up to and including December 31, 2006.
- D2.4 Notwithstanding D2.1, in the event that operational changes result in substantial changes to the requirements for Work, the City reserves the right to alter the type or quantity of work performed under this Contract, or to terminate the Contract, upon thirty (30) Calendar Days written notice by the Contract Administrator. In such an event, no claim may be made for damages on the ground of loss of anticipated profit on Work.

# D3. DEFINITIONS

- D3.1 When used in this Bid Opportunity:
  - (a) "Business Day" means any Calendar Day, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a Statutory or Civic Holiday;
  - (b) "POPAT" means Police Officers Physical Abilities Testing;
  - (c) "Submission Deadline" and "Time and Date Set for the Final Receipt of Bids" mean the time and date set out in the Bidding Procedures for final receipt of Bids;
  - (d) "**User**" means a person, department or other administrative unit of the City authorized by the Contract Administrator to order Work under this Contract;

# D4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

D4.1 The Contract Administrator is:

Craig Davill C.P.P. Winnipeg Police Service 472 Notre Dame Ave Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 1R5

Telephone No. (204) 986-6141 Facsimile No. (204) 986-6127

D4.2 At the pre-commencement meeting, the Contract Administrator will identify additional personnel representing the Contract Administrator and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

# D5. CONTRACTOR'S SUPERVISOR

D5.1 At the pre- commencement meeting, the Contractor shall identify his designated supervisor and any additional personnel representing the Contractor and their respective roles and responsibilities for the Work.

#### D6. NOTICES

- D6.1 GC.7.06 is hereby amended to delete reference to "registered mail" and to replace same with "ordinary mail".
- D6.2 GC.7.06 is further amended hereby to include delivery by facsimile transmission (fax) as an acceptable means of delivering notices, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Contract. Deliveries by fax will be deemed to have been received on the day of delivery, if a business day, or if not a business day, on the business day next following the day of delivery.
- D6.3 Further to GC.7.06, all notices, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications to the City, except as expressly otherwise required in D6.4, D6.5 or elsewhere in the Contract, shall be sent to the attention of the Contract Administrator at the address or facsimile number identified in D4.1.
- D6.4 All notices of appeal shall be sent to the following address or facsimile number:

The City of Winnipeg Chief Administrative Officer Secretariat Administration Building, 3rd Floor 510 Main Street Winnipeg MB R3B 1B9

Facsimile No.: (204) 949-1174

D6.5 All notices, requests, nominations, proposals, consents, approvals, statements, authorizations, documents or other communications required to be submitted or returned to the City Solicitor shall be sent to the following address or facsimile number:

The City of Winnipeg Corporate Services Department Legal Services Division 185 King Street, 3rd Floor Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1

Facsimile No.: (204) 947-9155

# **SUBMISSIONS**

# D7. AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

D7.1 The Contractor shall be in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba, or if the Contractor does not carry on business in Manitoba, in the jurisdiction where the Contractor does carry on business, throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

# D8. WORKERS COMPENSATION

D8.1 The Contractor shall be registered with the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, shall provide and maintain Workers Compensation coverage throughout the term of the Contract, and shall provide the Contract Administrator with evidence thereof upon request.

# D9. INSURANCE

- D9.1 The Contractor shall provide and maintain commercial general liability insurance, in the amount of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) all inclusive, with The City of Winnipeg being added as an additional insured, with a cross-liability clause, to remain in place at all times during the performance of the Work.
- D9.2 Deductibles shall be borne by the Contractor.
- D9.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a certificate of insurance of the policy at least two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of any Work on the Site but in no event later than seven (7) Calendar Days from notification of the award of Contract.
- D9.4 The Contractor shall not cancel, materially alter, or cause the policy to lapse without providing at least fifteen (15) Calendar Days prior written notice to the Contract Administrator.

#### **CONTROL OF WORK**

# D10. COMMENCEMENT

- D10.1 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until he is in receipt of a purchase order authorizing the commencement of the Work.
- D10.2 The Contractor shall not commence any Work until:
  - (a) the Contract Administrator has confirmed receipt and approval of:
    - (i) evidence that the Contractor is in good standing under The Corporations Act (Manitoba), or properly registered under The Business Names Registration Act (Manitoba), or otherwise properly registered, licensed or permitted by law to carry on business in Manitoba;
    - (ii) evidence of the workers compensation coverage specified in D8;
    - (iii) evidence of the insurance specified in D9.
  - (b) the Contractor has attended a meeting with the Contract Administrator, or the Contract Administrator has waived the requirement for a meeting.

#### D11. ORDERS

D11.1 The Contractor shall provide a local Winnipeg telephone number or a toll-free telephone number at which orders for service may be placed.

# D12. RECORDS

- D12.1 The Contractor shall keep detailed records of the Work performed under the Contract.
- D12.2 The Contractor shall record, as a minimum:
  - (a) Number of POPAT tests performed, broken down in monthly increments;
  - (b) Number of actual applicants tested, broken down in monthly increments;
  - (c) Number of males and females tested each year, broken down into the following categories:
    - (i) passed
    - (ii) failed
    - (iii) incomplete
  - (d) Total amount of fees collected per year;
- D12.3 The Contractor shall provide the Contract Administrator with a copy of the records annually within fifteen (15) Calendar Days of the end of each Contracted year.

# **MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT**

# D13. PAYMENT

D13.1 Further to GC.9.01 and GC.9.03, payment shall be in Canadian funds net thirty (30) Calendar Days after receipt and approval of the Contractor's invoice.

# **PART E - SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **GENERAL**

#### E1. GENERAL

E1.1 These Specifications shall apply to the Work.

# E2. SERVICES

- E2.1 The Contractor shall provide Police Officers Physical Abilities Testing (POPAT) in accordance with the requirements hereinafter specified.
- E2.2 Provide testing to members of the general public (police officer applicants) according to the recognized and accepted protocol set out by the Winnipeg Police Service. See Appendix #1.
  - (a) Provide all required facilities, equipment and qualified fitness testers to administer the POPAT;
  - (b) Services for POPAT testing shall be available, at a minimum, of sixty (60) hours a week, consisting of various days and evenings.
  - (c) Provide a partitioned off area for POPAT testing in order to limit non-applicant spectators.
  - (d) Provide applicants with a completed Statement of Test applicant and Test Record, (Appendix #2), confirming their time, errors and if they passed the POPAT and an original copy of the POPAT Certificate of Results (Appendix #3);
  - (e) Retain file copies of Test Results Record and Certificate of Results of each applicant for future reference by the Contract Administrator;
  - (f) Administer scheduling and fee collection from applicants:
  - (g) Administer appropriate Physician's Medical Permission/Release Waiver forms (sample documents will be provided to the successful Contractor;
  - (h) Upon request of the Contract Administrator, the Contractor shall provide access to the City of Winnipeg Police Service personnel to observe testing of applicants and the test area.
- E2.3 The City agrees to provide the Contractor with advance notice of any recruitment blitz.
  - (a) For the convenience of the bidder(s) the following historical information is provided about recruitment class participants:
    - (i) Winter 2004 226 participants
    - (ii) Summer 2004 351 participants
    - (iii) Winter 2005 509 participants
    - (iv) Summer 2005 404 participants
    - (v) Winter 2006 263 participants

#### E3. CONFIDENTIALITY AND OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION

- E3.1 Information provided to a Bidder by the City or acquired by a Bidder by way of further enquiries or through investigation is confidential. Such information shall not be used or disclosed in any way without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator. To the extent permitted, the City shall treat all proposals as confidential.
- E3.2 The Bidder shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the Request for Proposals to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.
- E3.3 Information provided to the Contractor by the City or acquired by the Contractor during the course of the Work is confidential. Such information shall not be used or disclosed in any way without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

- E3.4 The Contract, all deliverables produced or developed, and information provided to or acquired by the Contractor are the property of the City. The Contractor shall not disclose or appropriate to its own use, or to the use of any third party, all or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the Contract Administrator.
- E3.5 The Contractor shall not make any statement of fact or opinion regarding any aspect of the Contract to the media or any member of the public without the prior written authorization of the Contract Administrator.

# E4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

E4.1 The Contractor shall ensure their employees observe the highest standards of conduct in their performance of related duties concerning the administration of POPAT testing. Testers shall not place themselves in situations where they may be required to conduct tests on family members or acquaintances. Given this situation, the Contractor shall assign a different qualified individual to conduct the testing.