



Convicted Offender and/or Arrestee DNA Backlog Reduction Outsourcing Program

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Overview

- The Convicted Offender DNA Backlog Reduction Outsourcing Program (known as the Outsourcing Program) is one of several NIJ programs targeted at reducing the backlog of unanalyzed convicted offender and/or arrestee DNA samples in the United States.
- The Outsourcing Program is a partnership between NIJ, state governments, and the private sector.
- Unlike typical NIJ grant programs, the Outsourcing Program is built around competitively awarded federal contracts to qualified private sector DNA laboratories.



Outsourcing Program = CONTRACTS

**Isn't this the GRANT Management
Summit?????**



Grants vs. Contracts

- The Outsourcing Program differs significantly from grant programs, especially in the following areas:
 - The Outsourcing Program uses multiple government contracts between NIJ and DNA vendors whereas grants are agreements between NIJ and States.
 - NIJ provides funding directly to the vendors, not to the States. These vendors must adhere to Federal contracting regulations and requirements that differ from Federal grant or cooperative agreement programs.
- **NO GMS!**



Program Objective

- To rapidly accelerate the analysis of convicted offender samples collected by States in order to provide CODIS-compatible data for all 13 CODIS core STR loci for local, State, and national DNA databases so that law enforcement is provided with critical investigative information in a timely manner.
- All convicted offender DNA profiles obtained with funding from this program are to be included in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).



Benefits

- Specifically designed to leverage the DNA analysis capacity of the private sector.
- Applying is much simpler for States compared to grants or cooperative agreements.
- Standardized Statement of Work is used.
- Private sector capacity is leveraged to reduce backlogs.
- States work-off their offender backlogs while simultaneously building in-house capacity.
- A single contracting entity (the Federal Government) has greater leverage for obtaining pricing discounts than the multiple, smaller contracts awarded by States.



Trends

- NIJ Funding for the Convicted Offender/Arrestee Backlog Reduction Outsourcing Program:
 - FY 2005 \$2,562,105
 - FY 2006 \$9,741,077
 - FY 2007 \$7,947,984
 - FY 2008 \$790,208
 - FY 2009 \$665,104
- FY 2005-FY 2009 Grand Total = \$21,706,478



Program Success

- Outsourcing FY 2005 – FY 2009:
 - Funded 747,084 samples
 - Recorded 6,431 hits as of 9/30/09
- When combined with in-house (overall):
 - Funded over 1.6 million samples
 - Recorded 15,063 hits



Eligibility

- Participants in this program must be the designated convicted offender laboratory(ies) for a State.
- All convicted offender samples analyzed under this program must be analyzed for all 13 CODIS core STR loci.
- Must use commercially available PCR kits accepted by the National DNA Index System (NDIS).
- The resulting DNA profiles must be entered into CODIS.



Vendor Laboratory Qualification

- Approved vendor laboratories are placed on the OJP Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) list. In order to be on the BPA, vendors must:
 - Obtain a General Services Administration (GSA) contract for Chemical Testing and Analysis Services
 - Participate in mandatory yearly DNA and GPA Assessments
 - Must show compliance with National DNA Quality Assurance Standards
 - Successful site visit from NIJ Program Manager
 - Successful analysis of 200 quality assurance samples



Vendor Laboratory Qualification

- Vendors must:
 - Follow the FBI's Quality Assurance Standards for Convicted Offender DNA Databasing Laboratories and the FBI's NDIS Standards for Acceptance of DNA Data.
 - Have either ASCLD/LAB or FQS-1 accreditation.
 - Participate in semi-annual external proficiency testing programs.
 - Submit to announced or unannounced site visits.
- NIJ provides funding, when available, for States to visit their vendors.
- All Delivery Orders are written using a detailed template that defines clear requirements for data quality.



Current BPA List

- The Bode Technology Group
- Chromosomal Laboratories
- Identity Genetics
- Laboratory Corporation of America
- Orchid-Cellmark, Inc.
- Strand Analytical Laboratories



Procurement

- Funding is obligated to vendors through the OJP Acquisition Management Division (Contracting Office) following a Request for Quotation (RFQ).
- The actual contract is between OJP and the vendor laboratory.
- The contracts are monitored by the Contracting Officer with the assistance of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative in NIJ



Roles

- States: The State's specify technical requirements, visit vendor(s) in accordance with FBI Quality Assurance Standards, conduct timely site visits and data reviews, and upload profiles to CODIS.
- Vendors: Analyze samples in compliance with contractual requirements, provide required reports and other materials in compliance with Federal contracting and NIJ requirements, and provide excellent customer service.



NIJ Role

- Providing support to the States
- Providing an arena for resolution of issues arising between States and vendors
- Contract monitoring
- Recommending contract modifications to AMD
- Recommending whether a contract option should be exercised to AMD
- Recommending contract closeout to AMD
- Processing invoices and recommending payment



AMD Role

- Contract administration and monitoring
- Soliciting bids and offers
- Conducting negotiations
- Approving payment to the vendor following NIJ COTR approval of invoices and tally sheets
- Modifying contracts
- Closing out or terminating contracts



Other Activities

- In order to facilitate open communication throughout the contracting process:
 - Vendor Industry Day
 - Kick-off Meetings
 - Quarterly Conference Calls



State Tally Sheets

No GMS means that performance metrics are collected manually.

Quarter	Reporting Period	Due Date
Quarter #1	January 1 – March 31	April 15
Quarter #2	April 1 – June 30	July 15
Quarter #3	July 1 – September 30	October 15
Quarter #4	October 1 – December 31	January 15



State Tally Sheets

State Name	
Point of Contact	
Phone #	
E-mail address	
Period of Performance	
Delivery Order #	
Vendor Name	
CLIN #	

of DNA database samples awaiting DNA analysis at beginning of award period* _____

of DNA database samples awarded during period of performance** _____

Quarter (year)	# samples sent to the Vendor Lab	# profiles returned by the vendor	Samples Analyzed # of DNA database samples analyzed for this reporting period	CODIS Entry # of samples reviewed & entered into CODIS/NDIS.	Hits # of CODIS Hits resulting from profiles developed from this award***	Failed Samples # Samples Tested 3x & Failed
Quarter Jan, Feb, Mar-200						
Quarter Apr, May, Jun-200						
Quarter Jly, Aug, Sep-200						
Quarter Oct, Nov, Dec-200						
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Including outsourcing, indicate the total # of DNA database samples your agency has awaiting DNA analysis. This # will remain constant.

**The # of samples your agency will analyze under this delivery order. This # will remain constant.

*** Hits: LDIS, SDIS, NDIS, forensic hits, offender hits, & investigations aided



FY 2010

- Interested in participating in the Outsourcing Program for FY 2010?
- Upon the release of the grant solicitation, an email notification will be sent to the state CODIS administrators and the GMS points of contact for the convicted offender and backlog awards.



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