

Thurston County DUI/Drug Court – Drug Testing RFP - Clarification Responses

1. Who is responsible for performing sample collections – someone at the Court, or the Bidder? All urine drug screens are observed by trained UA techs who follow our collection policy and procedure. Sealed samples are bagged and courier transports to lab.
2. Who is the current provider? Cordant Health Solutions
3. What goals does Thurston County have for their drug testing program? Drug and alcohol testing provides an accurate, timely, and comprehensive assessment of unauthorized substance use throughout participants' enrollment in the Drug Court.
4. What percentage of the testing volume requires confirmation testing? All positive screenings require confirmation.
5. What is the monthly or annual testing volume for the 7-Drug Urine Panel with Adulterants? The monthly testing volume for 7-Drug Urine Panel with Adulterants in 2023 was 120 tests per month.
 - What is the current cost for the 7-Drug Panel with Adulterants? Please see the County's answer to question 10 below. In the context of clarification question concerning this RFP, the County will not provide the contract. However, bidders are free to make a records request under general Rule 31.1, the process for which is available on the Superior Court Website.
6. What is the monthly or annual testing volume for the 8-Drug Urine Panel with Adulterants? The monthly testing volume for 7-Drug Urine Panel with Adulterants in 2023 was 460 tests per month.
 - What is the current cost for the 8-Drug Panel with Adulterants? Please see the County's answer to question 10 below. In the context of clarification question concerning this RFP, the County will not provide the contract. However, bidders are free to make a records request under general Rule 31.1, the process for which is available on the Superior Court Website.
7. Could you elaborate on which adulterants are added to each urine panel? For example, is creatinine added to each panel and pH, nitrate levels and specific gravity added as needed? Each sample is tested for specific gravity, creatinine, pH, and adulterants.
8. Please confirm if these panels are correct for the oral fluid options. Thurston County primarily uses urine toxicology screening as a first choice and in keeping with best practice for participant monitoring. Bidders should propose products that they feel reflect commonly screened substances in each panel.
 - 7-drug oral fluid panel: Amphetamine/Methamphetamine, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine, Marijuana, Opiates, Oxycodone, Fentanyl -
 - 8-drug oral fluid panel: Amphetamine/Methamphetamine, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine, Marijuana, Opioids, Oxycodone, Ethanol, Fentanyl -
 - Are there assays you'd like to have the ability to add on to the oral fluid panel? Yes, Fentanyl.
9. What is the best way to access the current contract? Please see the County's answer to question 10 below. In the context of clarification question concerning this RFP, the County will not provide the contract. However, bidders are free to make a records request under general Rule 31.1, the process for which is available on the Superior Court Website.
10. What is the current pricing? In the interest of furthering a fair competitive bidding process, the County declines to answer this question. The incumbent would not have the same advantage of knowing what it will be bidding against. Additionally, pricing is not the only criteria considered in

successful bid. The County encourages Bidders to propose pricing based on all aspects of services proposed.

11. What are the anticipated annual volumes for this contract? In 2023 there were approximately 15,000 samples collected between all the programs receiving toxicology services at the DUI/Drug court site.
12. What is the Court's current positivity rate? The positivity rate for all programs as of 2023 is 5%.
13. Would the Court consider proposals from Vendors that only hold CLIA licensure? The Court will consider proposals based on eligibility requirements sited in the RFP. Licensure considerations would only be made if no bidders had both CLIA and CAP certifications.
14. How many instances of testimony has the Court requested in the past year? Less than one. Typically, expert witnesses can provide testimony virtually.
15. Can the Court clarify how many references it requires for this RFP? The bidder can provide as many references as the bidder feels represents their proposal and company.
16. Would the Court consider bids to be submitted electronically (via email)? Bidders should not submit any proposal via email. You may provide a paper copy, but it must be in addition to the electronic format, detailed in section 4.2 of the RFP (e.g., flash drive or USB drive).
17. Due to the longer window of detection, may we always run ETG instead of Ethanol in urine specimens? Yes
18. For the Benzodiazepines panel, our validated confirmation cutoff is 50 ng/mL, is this acceptable? In addition, we do not have all the metabolites in the panel but cover the same drugs. Is this acceptable? The court's current confirmation cutoff is 25 ng/mL.
19. For Opiates and Oxycodone, our validated confirmation cutoff is 50 ng/mL, is this acceptable? The court's current confirmation cutoff is 25 ng/mL.