

Laboratory Enhancement RFA
Application Deadline is 12:00 (Noon), Friday, January 8, 2016
Answers to Questions Submitted to DCJS

Technical Question:

Q1: Are the Answers to the Program Narrative Questions due 12/9/15? Or are they to be submitted by the grant deadline of 1/9/16 in GMS?

A1: Questions to DCJS from Applicants concerning the RFA can be submitted to DCJS through December 9, 2015. Programmatic questions located within the RFA that are asked of the Applicant, are due to DCJS as part of the entire submission by Noon, Friday, January 8, 2016.

Programmatic Questions:

Q1:

“For the LIMS initiative, is it permissible to purchase computers, printers, and peripherals such as memory for LIMS enhancements?”

A1:

Yes, the laboratories can use the LIMS Initiative funds to purchase computer equipment. All proposed expenses for this Initiative will need to be thoroughly justified in the *answers* to Program Narrative Questions as to why they are necessary and how it would specifically enhance the LIMS software used for reporting data to the Annual Workload Survey.

Q2:

“Is it permissible to purchase computers, printers, and peripherals such as memory for the Probabilistic Genotyping Initiative?”

A2:

Laboratories cannot use the Probabilistic Genotyping Initiative funds to purchase equipment such as computers, printers, or peripherals.

Laboratories may use the funds to:

- purchase or partially purchase Probabilistic Genotyping Software, and/or;
- purchase items such as DNA kits, primers, etc., that would need to be purchased additionally in order to complete validation studies, and/or;
- authorize overtime to perform internal validations, and/or;
- Successfully train staff in the use of Probabilistic Genotyping Software.

All proposed expenses for this initiative will need to be thoroughly justified as to why they are necessary and how they would specifically enhance the accuracy of DNA Mixture Interpretations through the purchase, validation, and/or successful training of personnel for probabilistic genotyping software. Justification should be provided in the *answers* to Program Narrative Questions for this initiative. Unjustified requests will not be approved.
