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**CHROMATOGRAPHY SYSTEMS  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2132  
Addendum #1 dated March 24, 2021  
Questions and Answers**

The District draws your attention to the following changes to Addendum #1 dated March 24, 2021 for Request for Proposal #2132; this Addendum #2 makes the following changes:

Question

1. Gradient is not necessary for Metrohm IC solutions. Can you amend the requirement to say "isocratic OR gradient". Mandating a gradient locks a vendor into providing a solution that is not necessary to effectively run EPA 300.0 and EPA 300.1 Part B.

Answer

**I will take that into consideration. We asked for both capabilities. Go ahead and list the exception/deviation on the Exceptions Response Page and it will be noted.**

Question

2. Analytical runs of less than 10 minutes works for 300.0, not 300.1B. Can you amend 300.1B to be less than 30 minutes run time? Also, While 300.0 can be done in under 10 minutes, the preferred method and flow rate allows for a 13-15 minute run time. Is this acceptable?

Answer

**Same as above. Mention the deviations on the Exceptions Response Page and we will take it into consideration.**

Question

3. For system 2, “ability to remove contaminants from eluents continuously, without the need for offline chemical regeneration”, what does this mean? Can someone from the lab elaborate on this? Did they mean continuous suppressor regeneration instead?

Answer

*For the bromate system, does your instrument offer carbonate removal? If not, explain how your system works.*

Question

Sampler and Software

4. High sample capacity: how high? Please elaborate.

Answer

**Please list your autosampler options. How many samples can it hold?**

Question

Spec sheet

5. “Reagent-free IC system with auto eluent generation”: “reagent-free” is vendor-specific lock out language. Thermo Eluent generation cartridges contain chemicals and are actually reagents by definition, in solid form. These must be removed using HazMat procedures. Can you amend and allow simple reagents like sodium bicarbonate and sulfuric acid be acceptable? All Metrohm IC waste is allowed to drain into a regular lab sink.

Answer

**Explain options for your system if they are different than above.**

Question

6. Page 19: This page talks about GCMS, do you think it's an error? I don't know what level I, II, and III color codes mean here. Can you elaborate?

Answer

**Yes sorry about that. It should be IC on the top. Some places offer "gold support", "silver support", "bronze support". Please list your support and cost options.**

Question

7. Overall, I have one major question about COVID-19 during this. Do we have to submit this via regular mail? Are there COVID-19 exceptions to this? Can you amend to allow electronic submission, or will you still require the paper copies (three total)?

Answer

**Yes, the reason being is to prevent any transmission issues that could occur.**

This document is available online at [www.ccwater.com](http://www.ccwater.com), and is hereby made an official part of Invitation to Bid #2005.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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I acknowledge receipt of the foregoing Addendum #2.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_