ADDENDUM #5 FOR SOLICITATION
LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY – TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETER (LC-MS/MS)
THIS ADDENDUM NO. 5 ISSUED: OCTOBER 6, 2025

This Addendum No. 5 serves to address questions submitted by vendors interested in the Invitation for Bid (IFB) issued by OWASA. The purpose of this addendum is to provide a response to that inquiry.

Addendum No. 5 does not alter, amend, or materially change the specifications or requirements.

INVITATION FOR BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

The bid submission deadline remains unchanged, and bids will be accepted until **Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM ET.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1:
Is the bid opening open to the public?

Answer:
Yes, the bid opening is open to the public and will be held at 2:00 pm at OWASA on Wednesday 10/8.

Question 2:
The advertised mass to charge ratio range of 2 – 3,000 m/z is unnecessary, given that the stated analytes all fall within the range of 5 – 1,250 m/z. This restriction may inadvertently restrict bid competition, since some instruments cannot detect compounds throughout this entire range.

Answer:
The bid requires a mass range of 2 – 3,000 m/z (or similar) to allow PFAS testing and future analyte expansion. Since we are unsure exactly which analytes we will want to run in the future, we do not want to limit ourselves to a smaller range.

Question 3:
Do bids need to be notarized hard copies or is electronic submission acceptable? Also, do bids need to be received by 10/8 or just postmarked by 10/6?

Answer:
Two hard copy notarized bids must be received before 2:00 pm on Wednesday 10/8, either by mail or in-person.

End of Addendum