



## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

This Procurement Notice is issued by the Government of Bermuda (the “Government”) to provide summary information in relation to a specific procurement, as detailed below.

### 1. Subject Matter of Procurement

RFX Title: **Forensic Services - MNS-BPS-2021-02**

RFX Number: **MNS-BPS-2021-02**

Purchase Type: **Service**

The Bermuda Police Service (hereafter known as “BPS”) seeks proposals from an ISO-17025, or equivalent, accredited laboratory for specialized Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) analysis, testing, comparing services, and database management. The BPS must partner with an independent and efficient forensic laboratory with the necessary technical, financial, and human resources.

A well-established forensic infrastructure is crucial to a successful justice system in Bermuda. The quality and accuracy of forensic investigations and examinations have an extensive impact on the quality of justice and the overall perception of the justice system by the litigants and other users. Services should include DNA analysis of database (arrestee) samples, DNA analysis of evidence standards, evidence samples, DNA analysis of cuttings from biological evidence, pre-DNA screening, and subsequent DNA analysis, if needed, of original items of evidence and serology.

The successful proponent must have the ability to receive, process, and dispatch couriered shipments of exhibits efficiently. Laboratory personnel must be available for court testimony and consultation with the Department of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for all cases worked on. All rates relating to expert witness testimony, whether written interrogatories or telephone dispositions, must be attached as an appendix.

The BPS currently owns a Criminal DNA database. Data for a Bermuda DNA Population Database exists, but it has not been vetted and published. The current contract holder maintains database Management and Technical Support. The DNA database, as well as the backups, are maintained by the BPS.

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The anticipated duration of this contract will be two (2) years with the option to renew for one (1) year.

## 2. How to Obtain Relevant Documents

All relevant documents for this procurement are posted at <https://www.gov.bm/procurement-notice>.

## 3. Procuring Entity’s Name

Name of Ministry: **Ministry of National Security**

Name of Department: **Bermuda Police Service**

## 4. Contact Information

Acting Detective Sergeant Jewel Alex Hayward, Forensic Support Unit, email [jhayward@bps.bm](mailto:jhayward@bps.bm)

## 5. Language of Submissions

Unless otherwise indicated, all submissions shall be in English only.

## 6. Important Dates

Issue Date	Thursday, October 28, 2021
No Pre-Bid / Site Meeting	N/A local time
Deadline for Questions	Friday, November 12, 2021 local time
Deadline for Issuing Addenda	Friday, November 19, 2021 local time
Submission Deadline	Friday, December 03, 2021 04:00:00 PM local time
Anticipated Execution of Agreement	Saturday, January 01, 2022

All times listed are in Atlantic Standard Time (AST).

## **7. Location of Submission**

Responses to this solicitation shall be submitted to the following location:

Bermuda Police Services  
Southside Police Station  
Attention Acting Detective Sergeant Jewel Alex Hayward  
#2 Stocks Point Road  
St. David's DD03

## **8. Site Visit / Pre-Bid Meeting Details**

N/A