

INVITATION TO BID

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF BALDWIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Commission of Baldwin County, Alabama, will receive bids in the Purchasing Office on January 6, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., for the Purchase of One (1) Portable Handheld Analyzer using Raman Spectroscopy or Equivalent for the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. Bids will be opened on January 6, 2026, at 2:00 P.M., in the Purchasing Conference Room located in the Annex III Building at 257 Hand Ave., Bay Minette, Alabama. Bids received after the January 6, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., deadline will not be considered. All times to be determined solely by the clock on the wall of Purchasing Conference Room. For all purposes and uses herein, a bid and all required paperwork is "received" at the time and date indicated on the Purchasing Office file stamp which shall be impressed on the face of all such documents when and as presented at the Purchasing Office.

SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS

This invitation package consists of **EIGHT (8)** pages. Bidders shall verify they have received all pages as indicated. If all pages have not been received, then it is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Director, Wanda Gautney at (251) 580-2520 phone, (251) 580-2536 fax.

GENERAL BID INFORMATION

Bidders shall carefully read all parts of the invitation package with its accompanying schedules and attachments, if any. Bidders shall direct all requests for explanation or additional information concerning the meaning or interpretation of the conditions or attached specifications of this invitation to Wanda Gautney in writing or e-mail (wgautney@baldwincountyal.gov) in sufficient time for a reply before submission date of bids. The Commission cannot, and does not, guarantee that such inquiries sent by mail or e-mail will be received timely or prior to the required submission date and time. It is the responsibility of the bidder to contact the Purchasing Director, Wanda Gautney, at (251) 580-2520 if a reply is not received.

The use of specific names and numbers in the specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size and quality of materials, product services, or equipment considered best suited for Baldwin County.

Contact initiated by a potential bidder with a county official will be only as specifically set out in this invitation. Any other contact with a county official initiated by a potential bidder or bidder regarding this bid, **between the date of this invitation to the date of bid award**, shall be deemed and treated as an attempt to unduly influence the bid award, and may be grounds for

rejection of the bid submitted by the bidder initiating such other contact, at the discretion of the Baldwin County Commission.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

All bidders, to the best of their knowledge and belief, must be in, and remain in compliance with all applicable Federal, Alabama State, County and municipal laws, regulations, resolutions and ordinances. In particular, and without limitation, all bidders must be licensed and permitted in accordance with The Code of Alabama Title 10, concerning corporations doing business within Alabama, Title 34, dealing with licensing for businesses, Title 40, concerning licenses and taxation, unless otherwise exempt. All bidders should be prepared to submit to the County non-confidential evidence or documentation demonstrating that the fact they are presently licensed and permitted under Alabama law. Such non-confidential evidence or documentation is encouraged to be submitted with the Bid Package.

The bidder expressly acknowledges, to and for the benefit of the Baldwin County Commission, that this Agreement may be funded with **federal grant monies** and, therefore, bidder expressly warrants and agrees that it shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state, local and municipal laws and regulations. For more information about the Federal regulations visit the website <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200> Code of Federal Regulations.

The Certification Regarding Lobbying form must be completed and submitted in your response package.

All bidders must provide proof of proper certification of authority, and any required registration, to transact business in this State, in order to perform work for the Baldwin County Commission. Bidder's Registration Number shall be provided on the Bid Response Form. The phone number for the Alabama Secretary of State is (334) 242-5324, Corporate Division.

All vendors, contractors and grantees are required to comply with the Alabama Immigration Law under Sections 31-13-9 (a) and (b) of the Code of Alabama. Forms and documents will be included with award documents. Information and forms can be found on the Baldwin County Commission's Purchasing website under E-Verify at www.baldwincountyal.gov. Please complete and submit with your Bid Response the E-Verify package.

PREPARING THE BID

Bids must be typed or handwritten in ink. A bid submitted in pencil is unacceptable. The Bid Guarantee and Bid Response Form must be the original paperwork; copies are not acceptable. All required paperwork must be received in the sealed Bid Package.

These specifications exhibit the general intent and purpose of Baldwin County regarding this bid; and they shall be so considered by the bidders. Accordingly, the bidder admits and

agrees that said specifications are not complete in every detail. The bidder also agrees that the work and materials not indicated, or expressly mentioned in these specifications, but which are reasonably necessary for the full and faithful performance of the item(s) bid in accordance with the full and faithful intent, will be included in the bid and incorporated in the work the same as if fully and expressly indicated and specified.

The Bidders shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. The exceptions shall be labeled “**EXCEPTION(S) TO BID CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS,**” and shall be attached to the front of the bid inside the Bid Package. Additional features and/or capabilities not included in the specifications may be included in the bid.

To facilitate the bid evaluation and tabulation, bids should be submitted with specifications identified in the order in which they appear in this document. If applicable, the bidder will provide cost in two (2) categories:

- (1) Cost using material as specified.
- (2) Cost using material as specified of at least 25% recycled material, if available.

It is the intent of the Commission to award bids which include recycled material when not prohibitive in cost and when in compliance with all other terms and conditions of the Alabama Competitive Bid Law.

SUBMITTING THE BID

In the event that a bidder is financing the product(s) through another agency other than itself, the financing agency must sign the Bid Response Form along with the bidder. A copy of the financing agreement and all conditions must be included with the Bid Response Form. The bidder and the Financing Agency will be held to the requirements stated in the Invitation to Bid. Any assignment of the financing agreement must be approved by the financing agency and the County Commission. Failure to disclose the financing information and all conditions will disqualify the Bidder at the County’s discretion.

Bidders that are returning a **NO BID** statement shall write on the outside of the Bid Package, the **Bid Number (i.e. WG26-12) with “NO BID”** written underneath. The Bid Package will not be opened in public, but it will be noted that the bidder did respond.

Bids may be hand delivered at any time prior to the bid opening date and time to the Baldwin County Purchasing Office, Annex III Building, 257 Hand Avenue, ATTN.: Wanda Gautney, (mailing) 312 Courthouse Square-Suite 15, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507. The Commission cannot guarantee that bids sent by mail or courier will be received on or before the bid opening day and time as required. Bids received after the deadline shall not be accepted and shall be returned.

All bids received must be in a sealed envelope plainly marked, “**WG26-12**” “**PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PORTABLE HANDHELD ANALYZER USING RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY OR EQUIVALENT.**” Bids submitted by “Express/Overnight” services must be in a separate inner

envelope/package sealed and identified as stated in the previous sentence. Bidders and any other interested individuals are invited to attend the bid opening.

BID AWARD

All factors stated in this invitation package will be considered in determining the successful bidder, and any omission(s) of the stated requirements may be cause for rejection of the bid (s), all as determined solely by the Baldwin County Commission.

The County Commission reserves the right to study bids as to their correctness and may award the bid within a thirty (30) day period, but the County Commission reserves the right to extend the bid award for an additional thirty (30) days until an award decision can be made.

The Baldwin County Commission reserves the right to reject any, and all bids, to waive any informality in bids, and to accept in whole or in part, such bid or bids, solely at its discretion.

NOTE: Any failure to fully comply with this section or any applicable laws of the State of Alabama shall be deemed a material breach of the terms of both the Bid Award and the respective contracts resulting there from. Furthermore, Baldwin County takes no responsibility for resulting delayed payments, penalties, or damages as a result of any failure to strictly comply with Alabama Law.

Done this 11th day of December 2025.



ROGER H. RENDLEMAN, County Administrator
Baldwin County Commission

Bid #WG26-12 Specifications

These specifications shall be construed as minimum. Should manufacturer's published data or specifications exceed these, such standards shall be considered minimum and furnished. All integral parts not specifically mentioned in the scope of these specifications that are necessary to provide a complete working unit shall be furnished.

Bidder shall give a unit price as indicated on the Bid Response Form. The price shall include all applicable charges, to include but not limited to delivery, etc.

The use of specific names and numbers in the specifications is not intended to restrict the bidder or any seller or manufacturer's but is solely for the purpose of indicating the type, size and quality of equipment considered best adapted to Baldwin County.

Award will be to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications. It is not the policy of the Baldwin County Commission to purchase on the basis of low bid only. Quality, conformity with specifications, purchase for which required, terms of delivery, finance package, resale value of equipment, and fast service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the responsive bidder.

BID RESPONSE FORM

Each supplier should use the Response Form provided for their bid. **Exceptions are to be attached to the back of the Response Form.**

DELIVERY

Delivery shall be as soon as possible but not more than SIXTY (60) days after receipt of order from the Baldwin County Commission. **Delivery location shall be the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office located at 18126 County Road 54, Robertsdale, Alabama 36567.** A Purchase Order will be issued for the equipment listed.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PORTABLE HANDHELD ANALYZER USING RAMAN SPECTROSCOPY OR EQUIVALENT

Specifications, Functionality and Capabilities for equipment:

1. The system must have the capability to identify at least 1200 distinct substances, and these substances must include fentanyl, meth, cocaine, xylazine, and other narcotics.
2. The system must be handheld and weigh 1.27 lbs or less.
3. The unit must have an IP Rating of IP64.
4. The unit must have a temperature operating range of -14 degrees F and 122 degrees F.
5. The system must have automated reporting with data export formats to include CVS, SPC, and PDF.
6. The system must have an internal library that regularly updates the library of chemical signatures.

7. The system must have automated, tamper-proof records with time and date stamps for legal Integrity.
8. The system must have the capability to analyze substances through sealed glass and plastic containers, with the ability to provide clear, real-time results without direct contact with most samples.
9. The system must have a rechargeable internal battery with a battery life of 10 hours, with a DC wall adapter.
10. The system must have reachback support, including automated spectral analysis with additional feedback from product staff scientists as needed.

BID #WG26-12 RESPONSE FORM

Purchase of One (1) Portable Handheld Analyzer using Raman Spectroscopy or Equivalent

Date: _____

Out of State Yes or No If yes, Registration Number _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Company Rep _____

(Rep. Name Typed or Printed)

Position: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Financing through another agency beside yourself Yes or No

If yes, must attach a copy of the financing agreement and all conditions to this response from.

Financing Agency Authorized Signature

Purchase of One (1) Portable Handheld Analyzer using Raman Spectroscopy or Equivalent

Bid Amount: \$ _____

Model : _____

Delivery Time after Receipt of Order (Days) _____

Brochures showing the equipment offered shall be attached to this Response Form.

All exceptions must be listed and attached to the bid response form.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

* APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	
* PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
Prefix: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	* First Name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>	Suffix: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
* Title: <input style="width: 300px;" type="text"/>	
* SIGNATURE: <input style="width: 250px;" type="text"/>	* DATE: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>