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Cc: CSA Chief Executives Office
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Dear (Redaction),

Thank you for your E Mail sent to the Chief Executive of CSA on 24th May 2005. I have been asked to provide you with a response.

The Child Support Agency currently has a contract with LGC (Laboratory of Government Chemists) for DNA Paternity testing although this will very shortly be changing. Earlier this year this contract was due for re-let and the Department for Work and Pensions has recently completed a procurement exercise. This was advertised in the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) in December 2004. Following a full evaluation exercise, a 3 year contract has been awarded to Orchid Cellmark, which is effective from 6th June 2005.

We have noted the material on your website but regret that there is no current opportunity for your company to contract with the Department. We can make no commitment to contact potential suppliers of any re-lets as we advertise these at the appropriate time. However, we may wish to accept informal awareness discussions about DNA Testing processes during the life of the current contract and I suggest that you may therefore wish to contact us again in early 2007.

Thank you once again for your enquiry.

Regards,

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