



Solicitation Information

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Addendum #2

RFP #7549404

TITLE: PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 9, 2015 AT 2:00 PM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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RFP#7549404 Psychiatric Services

Vendor A

1. On page 7 of the solicitation, under Contractor Responsibilities, it states Psychiatrists and/or supervised psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. Are you advertising for both or is the solicitation ONLY for a Psychiatrist? Please clarify.

A. Vendors can propose a clinical nurse specialist and/or a psychiatrist though the Department prefers a psychiatrist.

2. This solicitation requires a lot of on-call time, however, there is no set schedule. The schedule listed on page 8 of the solicitation describes the Monday-Friday, however, could you please me more specific regarding how many hours of on call you typically use and how many hours you have used in the past?

A. See page 8 #13 and #14

3. With the lengthy on-call schedule, listed on page 8, it seems as though one Psychiatrist will not be enough. How many Psychiatrist(s) will you need?

A. This is up to the vendor

4. Is there an incumbent and if so, who is it?

A. Rhode Island Hospital Psychiatric Department

5. How many inmates are being treated at any given time for each correctional facility?

A. See addendum 1.

6. Do the positions in this solicitation augment the services currently being provided?

A. Yes by a Behavioral Health Unit consisting of a psychologist and msw's.

7. Who is providing these services at this time?

A. See #4

8. Is extensive on-call a new requirement? If so, how much is anticipated?

A. Vendors can detail their coverage plan in their response.

9. If there is an incumbent, have there been issues with service delivery?

A. Yes, Rhode Island Department of Psychiatry. There have been no issues with service delivery.

10. If there is an incumbent, are they eligible to respond to the new solicitation?

A. Yes

Vendor B

1. Who is the current vendor providing the services?

A. Rhode Island Hospital Psychiatric Department

2. What is the current billing rate for this service?

A. Vendors are responsible for quoting their own rate

Vendor C

1) Will you be making multiple awards?

A. No

2) How many hours of work per week are anticipated for each physician and/or how many FTE Psychiatrists are you seeking for this need?

A. This is the vendors decision

3) Which additional languages do you prefer each of our candidates to speak?

A. Spanish if possible

4) Regarding the line item 8 on page 8; Please explain in more detail what the requirements are

A. Telephone discussions on patient care and treatment

5) Is there an incumbent?

A. Yes, Rhode Island Hospital Psychiatry

6) By looking at the cost proposal, please state whether or not a locum tenens vendor would be suitable for this RFP.

A. No

Vendor D

1) Contractor Responsibility number 8 indicates the exploration and utilization of HIPAA compliant telephonic and asynchronous telephonic communication processes as an adjunct to on-site treatment. Can a vendor propose innovative approaches to treatment, including telephonic communication, as the primary form of clinical treatment, consultations, services and/or evaluation? Will the exploration of telephonic strategies extend to the provision of services and consultation in the court system? Do district or superior courts have such capabilities now or will they in the future?

A. Yes the vendor can within Rhode Island Department of Corrections. This will not extend to the court system.

2) Contractor Responsibility number 3 indicates that the vendor must designate one lead clinician per facility. Can the vendor designate the same lead clinician for multiple facilities?

A. Yes

3) Can clarification around the definition or expectations related to the on-site clinical coverage referred to in Contractor Responsibility number 7 be provided?

A. Physically present

4) Can clarification around the definition of on-site services to jail inmates referred to in Contractor Responsibility number 15 be provided, specifically the difference between what is indicated in number 15 versus what is required in Contractor Responsibility number 11?

- A. The Rhode Island Department of Corrections is a dual jurisdiction correctional containing both jails and prison. There is a greater demand of service presence in the jail setting system as opposed to the prison setting.