Solicitation Information

August 14, 2015

Addendum #2

RFP #7549759

TITLE: On-Site Psychiatric Services for Jailed Inmate Population

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 24, 2015 AT 2:30 PM (ET)

Attached are vendor questions with State responses. No further questions will be answered.

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Vendor A

We are a mental health services provider interested in submitting a proposal for RFP#7549759 as well as #7549757. Before we draft our proposals, we would like to know if the services could be provided via telemedicine. The physicians we provide would be board certified, licensed in Rhode Island, and have experience in psychiatric care for jails and detention centers. Also, I did not see Addenda for either of these RFPs, but both referenced an "Addenda I" where we would be able to find the number of inmates expected to require services. Please let me know if it has been posted and I am missing something.

A. The RFP's do not discount telemedicine and if the vendor would like to submit a proposal it will be reviewed along with others, the RIDOC does not currently use Telemedicine. The addenda you refer to is posted on line along with the RFP.

Vendor B

I noticed that you had a couple of Psychiatry bids out and I wanted to inquire about possibly becoming a vender. Have you all ever worked with a locum tenens company for physician staffing before and would that be a possibility? I'm happy to fill out all of the required paperwork but thought I would check in with you first. Thanks!

A. The department has used locum tenens in the past for other disciplines. If the vendor would like to submit a response to the RFP it will be reviewed along with the others. The vendors submitting the response will be responsible for all aspects of the RFP.

Vendor C

1. RFP # 7549404 was issued in March 2015. What was the outcome of that solicitation? What challenges resulted in re-issuing RFPs in July?
   A. The RIDOC chose to re-bid. No new challenges.
2. Are the psychiatric services encompassed by RFPs ## 7549757 and 7549759 currently provided by a private vendor?
   A. YES
3. Please explain the rationale for dividing the procurement of psychiatric services between pre- trial detainees and sentenced inmates.
   A. Two different populations with different needs.

4. RFPs ## 7549757 and 7549759 appear to be accompanied by identical "Addenda 1," which suggest that psychiatric services at the Intake Service Center may overlap between the two RFPs. Please confirm that this is not the case.
   A. This is not the case.
5. Under specific requirements, both RFPs require the vendor to provide training to RIDOC master's level mental health staff and medical and nursing staff. Please specify the scope and frequency of the training envisioned under the procurement.
   A. Topics of interest and relevant to our operation. Maximum of once a month, unless an acute need arises.
6. How often do psychiatric staff go to court?
   A. As needed, approximately 6 times per year
7. Please explain what is involved in "seeking a PFI from a Judge."
   A. Documenting a need, preparing affidavit for our attorney's, possibility of going to court if judge request.
8. Under item 7 in "Contractor Responsibilities," the RIDOC anticipates developing "HIPAA compliant telephonic and asynchronous telephonic processes" for adjunctive psychiatric consultation to primary care physicians. Does the RIDOC anticipate using telehealth systems that permit videoconferencing?
   A. No we have not, but are not closed to exploring the idea.

Vendor D

Section 3, #12: The selected vendor will provide on-call services each week day from 8:00pm through 8:00am. Monday through Friday. Again to be utilized at the discretion of the Medical Program Director and/or the Director of Behavioral Health.

1) **Question regarding section 12 above:** Are on-call services limited to telephone coverage or is there the potential for an on-site consultation during on-call hours (Monday through Friday 8:00am to 8:00pm)?
   A. It is the intent that all telephone coverage is via the telephone. In an acute situation there might be a need for on-site coverage but this is extremely remote.

Vendor E

1. Please provide any cost information reflecting the Department's expenditures for psychotropic medications, such as a report of monthly costs for a recent period.

   A. May 2015 - $42,674.41 approximately 15% of the annual medication budget

2. Please provide any utilization statistics for psychotropic medication, for example top ten medications prescribed, cost report by drug for a recent month(s), etc.

A. The Rhode Island Department of Corrections will not divulge this information.

4. Is Rhode Island Hospital Psychiatric Department still the current provider of the services sought under the two RFPs? If not, is there another vendor?

A. No, There are also two private contractors involved in the provision of coverage.

5. How many hours per week of on-site psychiatry coverage are currently being provided by the current contractor?

A. Currently 45 hours per week for jails, 50 hours per week for prisons

6. How many other mental health staff by discipline currently work in the prisons employed by the State? This information will help us determine the amount of non-psychiatry services available to inmates.

A. 11Clinical Social Workers, 1Clinical Psychologist, 1Clinical Director, 1Mental Health Discharge Planner

7. Please provide a copy of the current agreement(s) with the current contractor(s) for the services sought under the two current RFPs (i.e.,Rhode Island Hospital Psychiatric Department).

A. This information may be requested by completing an Access to Public Records form.
http://www.purchasing.ri.gov/publicrecords/publicrec.aspx

8. Please provide the current billing rates of the current contractor(s).

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