

RFP #7550850: Pharmacy Program Oversight/ Utilization Review



**Solicitation Information
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Addendum #1

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TITLE: Pharmacy Program Oversight/ Utilization Review

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 8, 2016 at 2:00 PM (ET)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 AT 2:00 PM (ET).

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Vendor A

1.) Under this solicitation, what is the anticipated start date of services once this RFP is awarded?

A. 01/01/2017

2.) Is the URI School of Pharmacy still the provider for pharmacy program oversight/utilization review for RIDOC?

A. yes

3.) Has RIDOC's contract with the service provider reached end of term or are there remaining options for renewal?

A. End of term

4.) Is RIDOC satisfied with the current service provider for pharmacy program oversight/utilization review?

A. yes

5.) Are there performance goals used by RIDOC and can RIDOC share what these are?

A. no

6.) How many clinical pharmacy staff are dedicated to providing services through the current vendor? (please distinguish pharmacy students from licensed clinical pharmacists)

A. 1.0 full time pharmacist

7.) Please provide RIDOC's expenditures on pharmacy program oversight/utilization review for the previous three fiscal years.

A. Available in RIDOC Budget Documents

8.) Please provide the current fee structure for the pharmacy program oversight/utilization review contract.

A. Monthly payments for services rendered

9.) What specific reports, pharmacoeconomic analyses, and trainings does the current service provider supply on a scheduled basis?

A. Review data, pharmacy and therapeutics

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10.) Which electronic health record system does RIDOC use?

A. NextGen

11.) If this RFP is awarded to a new service provider, will that provider be able to continue RIDOC's relationship with the URI School of Pharmacy?

A. That is between the School of Pharmacy and the provider

12.) Is RIDOC currently an approved rotation site for the URI School of Pharmacy?

A. yes

Vendor B

1) When can vendors expect answers to all questions submitted?

A. All questions and answers are posted herein

2) Will there be an opportunity for a second round of questions if any answers in the first round of questions needs clarification?

A. No

3) Will RIDOC consider extending the due date for Submission of Response to accommodate thoughtful consideration of answers to all questions submitted and a potential second round of questions in order to provide the most cost effective proposal possible?

A. Submission deadline has been extended to Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 2:00 PM. There will not be an additional round of questions.

4) When will the intent to award a contract be published?

A. As soon as possible

5) What is the anticipated start date for the new contract?

A. 01/01/2017

6) What are the current contracted pharmacy program oversight/utilization review rates?

A. Available in RIDOC Budget Documents

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7) Please describe in detail the expectations for oversight of pharmaceutical purchasing for the Department. (Page 6 of RFP, General Purpose, paragraph 3.) Does this refer to oversight over the prescriptions ordered from pharmacy contractor and evaluation of invoices, or does RIDOC intend for the vendor to actually purchase the medications for the DOC?

A. No we do not intend for the vendor to purchase medication

8) Who administers medications to the inmates? Nursing staff or Custody Staff?

A. Nursing staff

9) Who enters orders into the pharmacy order entry system? Providers/nurses or the current contract pharmacist?

A. Providers, Nurses

10) Is your correctional facility accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) or American Correctional Association (ACA)? If not, do you expect to seek accreditation during the term of the contract? Please provide all current Accreditation for all facilities.

A. No

11) Please list any support staff (pharmacy technicians, secretaries, residents & students) currently in place with the current program oversight/utilization review provider.

A. none

12) Does the on-site pharmacist/manager assist with med distribution to inmates? If so, please describe in detail.

A. No

13) Who receives the medications from the pharmacy product vendor? Pharmacist/Manager or Nursing staff?

A. Nurses in each facility

14) Who distributes medications to individual facilities?

A. Courier service by pharmacy vendor

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15) Please describe in detail the 24/7/365 on-call Pharmacist support to RIDOC staff expectations. According to RFP #7549098 for the Pharmacy Supplier, issued in November, 2014, Item #8 under vendor responsibilities lists On-Call/Emergency Pharmacist Response as the responsibility of current pharmacy supplier. Are there additional after-hours/on-call/emergency pharmacist response requirements of the Pharmacy Program Oversight vendor that are not currently covered by the current Pharmacy Supplier?

A. No

16) What reports are currently being utilized by the Department? What additional reports will be required? Can RIDOC provide examples of current monthly reports provided by current vendor?

A. The reports are fluid and upon request

17) Please describe the current destruction policy for all outdated/expired/returned drugs.

A. In compliance with RI Laws and DEA

18) Does the current pharmacy supplier use a FDA-registered re-packager to ensure compliance with federal regulations for Correctional Health stock medications?

A. Yes

19) How many hours/week or month is the Rhode Island registered pharmacist required or expected to work on-site at RIDOC?

A. As needed

20) Please describe in detail the number and frequency of meetings the Rhode Island registered pharmacist will be required to attend? Is in-person attendance required or will teleconferencing and/or video conferencing on occasion be allowed?

A. At least once a week, in person and as needed

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21) Will you consider allowing the Technical Proposal to exceed six (6) pages? In order to facilitate a fair and equitable bidding process, all vendor candidates should have the opportunity to fully discuss their potential offerings to the state and provide examples of such in order to inform the state of the different options available that the current vendor may be unable to provide. Using other DOC RFP's of a comparable size as a reference, industry standards typically allow for a technical response page limit between 50 and 100 pages.

A. Yes

22) With regards to the Response Contents, please clarify whether you require 2 or 3 separate documents. 3 documents: Items #1-3 on page 16 of RFP Response Contents Section as one document; Technical Proposal as 2nd document; and Cost Proposal as 3rd document. Or 2 documents: Technical Proposal along with Bidder Certification, W-9, and Letter of Transmittal all together as one document; Cost Proposal as 2nd document.

A. Two documents – Only Cost Proposal must be separate and sealed.

23) Does the contract with the current vendor meet the State's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements, which address the State's goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE's in all state procurements? (Page 4 of RFP, #14.)

A. Yes