



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ADDENDUM

ADDENDUM #1

DATE: November 6, 2009

REFERENCE: Request for Proposals: #R-BH-9044
Issue Date: October 26, 2009
Title: Medical Examinations and Medical Consultant Services
Sealed Proposals Due Date: December 10, 2009 @ 2:00 p.m.

All potential Offerors are advised of the following responses to questions received to the referenced solicitation:

Question 1: Re: **Section 6.1.4:** Our facility uses both physicians and physician assistants in conducting physical examinations. Our physician co-signs all forms signed by the physician assistants. The requirements, *“All physical examinations shall be conducted by a physician...”* and *“Examinations conducted by a nurse practitioner or other healthcare professional are not acceptable”*, will severely limit our ability to schedule and provide examinations. Will PWCS reconsider these stipulations?

Answer: The requirement is Section 6.1.4. is negotiable.

Question 2: Re: **Section 6.2 (multiple entries):** Our physician co-signs all forms signed by the physician assistants. The requirement, *“A nurse practitioner’s, physician’s assistant, or any other healthcare professional’s signature is not acceptable”*, will severely limit our ability to provide examinations for PWCS. Will PWCS reconsider this stipulation?

Answer: The requirement is Section 6.2. is negotiable.

Question 3: Re: **Section 6.2.1.3 and 6.2.2.3 regarding TB tests:** Due to the significant public health considerations regarding positive TB test results, there would need to be a mechanism established to alert PWCS representatives about a positive TB test so that the information is acted upon appropriately.

Answer: TB testing is not included in this solicitation.

Question 4: Re: **Section 6.2.3.2 regarding Asbestos examinations:** “Blood gas” studies are not necessary for these types of surveillance exams. What is the reason for including this testing in the RFP?

Answer: Blood gas studies are hereby removed from the requirements for occupational asbestos exposure examinations.

Question 5: Re: **Section 6.2.4.3.7:** Section 6.2.4.3.7., regarding lead exposure examinations, states “Any other laboratory or other test which the examining physician deems necessary by sound medical practice. Pregnancy testing and laboratory evaluation of male fertility shall be available should the employee request it at the time of the lead medical examination. PWCS shall be notified of the reason such tests are necessary

prior to performing any tests other than those identified in Section 6.2.4.3.1 through 6.2.4.3.6 above.”

Does this give the provider the ability to order additional testing (upon PWCS employee request) without seeking pre-authorization?

Answer: No. Section 6.2.4.3.7. (regarding occupational lead exposure examinations) states, "PWCS shall be notified of the reason such tests are necessary **prior** to performing any tests other than those identified in Section 6.2.4.3.1 through 6.2.4.3.6..."

Question 6: Re: **Section 6.3 (Medical Consulting Services)**: Our facility’s staff cannot provide Medical Consulting Services. Is it the intention of PWCS to consider proposals only from offerors that can provide all services listed in the RFP?

Answer: No.

Question 7: Re: **Sections 8.1.1.3 and 8.1.1.5 regarding copies of the proposal submitted on CD-ROM**: Is CD-ROM the only format that PWCS will consider for this requirement? Would a flash-drive be an acceptable alternative?

Answer: Either CD-ROM or flash-drive is acceptable.

Question 8: Re: **Attachment E (Physician’s Certificate)**: Is this form required, or may we develop and use an alternative form, following approval by PWCS?

Answer: Yes. However, alternate forms must be approved for use by PWCS.

ALL OTHER SPECIFICATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

A signed acknowledgment of this addendum must be received by the Central Purchasing Office either prior to the Proposal due date and hour specified, or attached to the RFP. Signature on this addendum does not constitute the Offeror’s signature on the original proposal document. The original proposal document shall also be signed.

Barbara Hanlin, Senior Buyer
Contract Administrator, Purchasing

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Name of Firm

Signature

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