

FEMA Temporary Hospital Services Q & A

1. We see that the 100% Small Business Set-Aside requirement has been removed; however, the classification has not been changed. Please clarify whether this solicitation is a small business set-aside or unrestricted.

Answer: This requirement is Unrestricted.

2. We see that the original NAICS code of 621999 has been stricken but it is not clear what the new NAICS requirement is. Please clarify.

Answer: The overall NAICS sector is 62. However, each individual order established against the BOAs will have the proper NAICS identified.

3. The government specifically mentions Contractor Teaming Agreements (CTA). Is a CTA required to submit a proposal for this requirement and must all members of the CTA have the same General Services Administration (GSA) or VA Veterans Administration (VA) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS).

Answer: No, a CTA is strongly encouraged for this requirement, but it is not a requirement. Yes, all members of the CTA must have a GSA or VA Schedule Contract to participate in this requirement.

4. Based on the solicitation content provided, though not specifically stated, our assumption is that we submit our proposal via Email to brandon.york@gsa.gov and hope.mitchell@gsa.gov. Can the government confirm this assumption or further state its desires?

Answer: All Proposals must be submitted to Brandon.york@gsa.gov. Beta.SAM posting will be amending to address this.

5. The PWS states that FEMA “may” award to more than one vendor, but elsewhere it states that contractors are able to bid any of the Components they wish. Can you please clarify the FEMA intent for a) what contractors are required to bid on, and b) whether there will be multiple BOA awards to support the state-level tasks.

Answer: To establish the BOA, proposals must be able to provide all components listed in the PWS. Once BOAs are established with multiple vendors, then individual orders will be competed amongst all established BOA holders.

6. What level of insurance is expected that the awarded contractors carry for any medical activities provided?

Answer: The contractor would be responsible for any claims so the contract should make a determination of appropriate risk and build the insurance cost into the contract.

7. What shared resources will the local hospital be providing to these sites?

Answer: The shared resources would be minimal. The goal is for this to be independent. If they did move into a hospital environment the expectation would be not to use their resources but details would need to be worked out.

8. In the current medical environment, 3M 1860 Respirators are very difficult to source and very expensive. Will the Government consider substitute Respirators of equal quality?

Answer: The contractor would need to meet the requirement. There is also the alternative Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for other PPE. If at that time an issue came up, FEMA and HHS would attempt to support.

9. For the Cover Gowns, is the Government requesting Level I, II or III?

Answer: Whatever is appropriate for care of COVID patients.

10. For the ear loop surgical masks, we assume the Government is expecting 3 ply masks. Can the Government confirm that this expectation is correct?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for using the PPE to meet requirements of state and federal regulations.

11. Regarding the Hand Sanitizer 937916 bottles, what size bottle is the Government anticipating?

Answer: Appropriate to support the operations. The contractor is required to support all needs of staff and patients. The bottles should be reasonable to allow access to all the individuals that may need the sanitizer.

12. For the Yellow Isolation Gowns, is the Government requesting Level I, II or III?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for using the PPE to meet requirements of state and federal regulations.

13. Is the Government anticipating disposable non-Tyvek coveralls? Additionally, what level of coverall is the Government expecting for these items?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for using the PPE to meet requirements of state and federal regulations.

14. Regarding the Patient Gowns itemized in Component One of the Appendix, can the Government clarify what level of Gown is required?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for using the PPE to meet requirements of state and federal regulations.

15. Regarding the Surgical Masks itemized in Component One of the Appendix, can the Government clarify what level of Surgical Mask is required?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for using the PPE to meet requirements of state and federal regulations.

16. What height Shower Seat is the Government requiring for those items listed in the Appendix?

Answer: The height that would be appropriate for diverse patients with varying needs of support.

17. What tube size stethoscope is the Government requiring for those items listed in the Appendix?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for using the PPE to meet requirements of state and federal regulations. This piece of equipment should be appropriate for support to COVID patients with a diverse population. Ultimately if the device is not appropriate the contractor would need to bring the appropriate equipment for use.

18. What size tourniquets is the Government requiring for those items listed in the Appendix?

Answer: This piece of equipment should be appropriate for support to COVID patients with a diverse population. Ultimately if the device is not appropriate the contractor would need to bring the appropriate equipment for use.

19. What size Bath Towel is the Government requiring in the Appendix as they come in various inch lengths?

Answer: Should be for a diverse population. Ultimately if the device is not appropriate the contractor would need to bring the appropriate equipment for use.

20. No price sheet was provided with the draft documents. Is it the Government's expectation that offers will provide pricing later? If not, can the Government provide pricing documents?

Answer: It is the intent of the Government to use established pricelists currently provided on your GSA or VA Schedule contract.

21. Can the Government confirm if the subsequent contract will be SCA covered?

Answer: Orders against the BOA requiring services covered by SCA will be identified in the actual order.

22. In the chart provided for the medical staffing on page 4 of the PWS, is it appropriate for offerors to assume that the hours provided are the daily hours expectations per site/shelter?

Answer: This is a recommendation from the CDC. In the chart provided, the listed totals are the number recommended by CDC to be provided for a 250-bed facility in a 24 hour period. All future orders will outline the required service levels.

23. How many BOAs does the Government plan to award from this requirement?

Answer: There is not a set number of BOAs that the Government plans to award. We will establish several BOAs to vendors whose proposals are determined to be acceptable.

24. Are bidders required to propose on all components?

Answer: Yes, to establish a BOA, each proposal will need to include all components in their offer.

25. Can the Government provide the evaluation criteria for offeror's proposals?

Answer: This is stated in the Beta.Sam description posted.

26. What is the anticipated start of performance (or when do they anticipate start of services?)

Answer: This is unknown at this time.

27. What is the estimated time frame from time of award to start of services?

Answer: After award of BOA, RFQs against the BOAs will be issued on an as needed basis. Start of services after award of RFQs will be identified with each individual order.

28. Will State license requirements be waived or is recruiting limited to the State of the deployment?

Answer: The contractor would need to find appropriate staff under the supervision of a chief medical officer.

29. What is the breakdown of the staffing requirements in each State?

Answer: RFQs against the BOAs will be issued on an as needed basis. Staffing requirements for each state will be identified with each individual order.

30. Will the successful bidder have FEMA access to procurement channels to assist in the sourcing of difficult to find materials?

Answer: All materials must be currently available on BOA holders GSA/VA schedules.

31. Will medical oversight / control be done internally or under the direction of FEMA's medical infrastructure?

Answer: There will not be FEMA internal medical oversight. HHS may designate an officer to ensure operations and care is appropriate; however, the contractor would be under appropriate state licensing and regulations.

32. Will the successful bidder be expected to have ICU capabilities or only ACLS capabilities in the event of a cardiac arrest or other emergency?

Answer: The requirement is for low acuity COVID and non-COVID patients. If necessary, the contractor should coordinate movement to an emergency room in the local jurisdiction.

33. Are the ambulance services a requirement or possibility?

Answer: No

34. Would FEMA be willing to commit to a 3-month minimum contract versus "up to three months" and possible extensions?

Answer: Any optional terms and conditions shall be discussed with each individual order.

35. With the request for 10 locations supporting between 100-1000 personnel, can we respond using an average number of 500 per location?

Answer: The most appropriate would be 10 locations of 100 people.

36. What is the estimated mobilization time allotment from notice of award?

Answer: After award of BOA, RFQs against the BOAs will be issued on an as needed basis. Start of mobilization after award of RFQs will be identified with each individual order.

37. Can FEMA provide any clarity on the order in which states would engage these services?

Answer: Yes, when an actual order comes in, it will clearly specify which location these services will be provided for.

38. What GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) SIN would be required to bid on this solicitation?

Answer: The SINs required for the establishment of the BOA are subject to NAICS sector 62. However, each individual order established against the BOAs will have the proper SINs identified.

39. Will FEMA FastTrack additional Labor Categories on GSA Schedule Holders to support the needs listed in the scope of services?

Answer: All GSA Schedule Holders shall submit labor category modifications with their GSA Schedule COs.

40. Please confirm that all offerors must possess a current GSA Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) in order to be qualified to bid?

Answer: Yes, All Offerors must possess a current GSA or VA Schedule in order to be qualified to bid on this requirement.

41. Are offerors required to utilize their GSA FSS if issued an award?

Answer: Yes

42. Is possessing a GSA FSS only a prerequisite for bidding? In other words, will we be expected to have task orders/calls issued against our FSS if issued an award from this Solicitation?

Answer: Yes

43. The Solicitation documents don't appear to have been uploaded to the Beta SAM posting. Are you able to provide the Solicitation documents to us via email?

Answer: Yes, these will be provided via Beta.SAM posting.

44. Would our prices bid for this effort be restricted to only those established on our FSS?

Answer: Yes, Schedules can be modified to add urgent requirement pricing in accordance with the terms and conditions of your schedule contract.

45. Are we eligible to bid if our FSS does not include the Geographic Coverages Areas identified in the Solicitation?

Answer: Depending on restriction of individual schedules, there may be eligibility issues with bidding on this BOA opportunity. Please consult your GSA Schedule CO for confirmation.

46. Are we eligible to bid if our FSS does not include the labor categories/SLINs identified in the Solicitation?

Answer: All potential offerors will be evaluated on how they can successfully perform the requirements of the solicitation.

47. Reference the earlier market survey for this effort: are we able to bid only for certain components, such as Component Two (Medical Personnel)?

Answer: No, each proposal will need to cover all areas of the Component List. It is strongly encouraged for a vendor to seek out Competitive Teaming Arrangements to find partners that will help you provide a proposal that encompasses all components of this solicitation.

48. If our company is in a Mentor-Protégé Joint Venture and the mentor partner has a GSA FSS, would the JV be eligible to bid?

Answer: Yes; however, all orders against a BOA must be awarded against a GSA or VA Schedule.

49. Are we able to bid only on certain regions/states or for specific labor categories?

Answer: The intent of the solicitation is to establish BOAs with vendors to cover the full geographic scope of this requirement.

50. When the solicitation was first issued, it stated it is a 100% small business set aside under NAICS 621999. This morning it was amended and that language was stricken from the description. We noted that the NAICS code also changed to encompass all of 62. Is it still a 100% small business set aside for any business under 62, or has it been opened up to competition from companies that do not qualify as small businesses?

Answer: This requirement is listed as Unrestricted.

51. Assuming the contractor intends to use teaming agreements, does every subcontractor need to have a GSA or VA MAS, or can orders be submitted through the prime contractor?

Answer: Every Team Member must have a GSA or VA Schedule Contract.

52. If each subcontractor is required to have an active GSA or VA MAS, would a VA IDC satisfy the requirement?

Answer: No, the solicitation is for vendors with active GSA or VA MAS.