

Request for Information (RFI) number VA118A-15-N-0027 Real Time Location System Hand Hygiene

Questions and Answers (Round 2) - 12/18/2014

ID	Question	Response
1	Is there a requirement for this bid to have RTLS? If we do not, would we still be in consideration for this bid?	According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) definition, any system that utilizes battery-powered devices to automatically identify the location of a device or person is considered a Real Time Location System. Responses to the RFI should describe how they integrate with VA's existing infrastructure. If a solution cannot utilize the existing infrastructure, the response should describe the advantage and inherent processes for implementing the alternative solution.
2	Is the RTLS system going to be mandatory across all VISNs?	No. This RFI is intended to acquire information about the feasibility of a small-scale pilot installation, which will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the application within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).
3	If not, what is the criteria for inclusion and which VISNs / Medical Facilities will be exempted from RTLS?	This criteria has not yet been established, but the responses to the RFI should assume the facility already has RTLS completely implemented.
4	Are those VISNs and or Medical Centers choosing not to integrate RTLS but still expressing interest in a Hand Hygiene monitoring system, excluded from the RTLS Hand Hygiene Moratorium in place?	No. The Moratorium applies to all facilities within VHA. As stated above, please assume the facility already has RTLS completely implemented.
5	Are any VA medical centers able to purchase a stand alone Hand Hygiene monitoring system outside of the RTLS program in any scenario?	No. The Moratorium applies to all facilities within VHA. As stated above, please assume the facility already has RTLS completely implemented.

6	<p>Are there any scenarios that allow for a stand alone Hand Hygiene monitoring and reminding system to be installed in VA medical centers alongside RTLS?</p> <p>If so, when will the RTLS moratorium for a Hand Hygiene monitoring and reminding system be lifted?</p>	<p>Not at this time. According to VA definition, any system that utilizes battery-powered devices to automatically identify the location of a device or person is considered a Real Time Location System. This RFI is to support acquisition planning for a small-scale pilot. VA contemplates an award during FY15 for this effort. The outcome of this solution will contribute to future business decisions the VA may make concerning a national hand hygiene solution.</p>
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