

STATEMENT OF WORK

TITLE OF PROJECT:

Acquisition of American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer annual accreditation

BACKGROUND:

Cancer is a varied and complex collection of diseases having many causes and clinical characteristics. According to the American Cancer Society, it will claim more than 556,500 American lives in 2003, including a substantial fraction of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA's) estimated 175,000 veteran cancer patients. Cancer imposes a severe and in some ways unique burden of illness. Morbidity and mortality from the disease itself are significant, and one's quality of life may be dramatically reduced by currently available treatment. Arguably, it is the most feared of diseases, and its diagnosis imposes a significant emotional burden on both patients and their families.

Approximately 35,000 new cases of cancer occur in VA patients each year; and cancer is the second leading cause of death among veterans. Moreover, the course of the disease is often protracted, and the treatment is quite demanding of resources. As the veteran population ages, this encumbrance will increase. It is necessary that VA formalize its approach to this group of diseases. The purpose of this national VA cancer strategy is to ensure that users of the Veterans Health Care System have easy access to consistently high-quality cancer prevention, detection and treatment services. VA New Jersey Health Care System is seeking accreditation for implementation of this program at its facilities as required by the above directive.

TYPE OF CONTRACT:

Firm-Fixed-Price

PERFORMANCE PERIOD:

The contract shall be from the date of award covering calendar year 2015

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE / DELIVERY:

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SCOPE:

VHA Directive 2003-034 describes tumor registry as a critical element in any cancer program, and that registries provide important epidemiological staging, demographic, survival, and other clinical data. Cancer program surveys are a comprehensive evaluation of the entire scope, organization, and activity of a cancer program. A survey must be performed every three years by an accredited/certified physician surveyor who is specially trained to evaluate compliance with the 34 standards that are required for accreditation.

Registries provide important epidemiological, staging, demographic, survival, and other clinical data. A VA national tumor registry is established; this facilitates compilation of accurate incidence statistics, comparison of system wide outcomes with national standards, analysis of specific therapies and outcomes, evaluation of prevention practices, and planning for resource allocation. It also assists in providing analytic reports and contributes to nationwide cancer information. Each medical treatment facility must establish a tumor registry reporting to the central registry.

The Cancer Registry is established and accredited under the guidelines of the American College of Surgeons. The goal of the Cancer Registry is to improve cancer management by collecting, organizing, analyzing and interpreting cancer data. The data may be used for medical planning, physician education and research.

GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED PROPERTY, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT OR INFORMATION (GFP, GFM, GFE OR GFI):

No materials or information of this type are anticipated in this contract.

SECURITY:

Vendor/Contractor and subcontractor employees will be required to secure facility ID badges from the VA Police Department.

SAFETY CODES/CERTIFICATION/LICENSING:

Vendor/Contractor will be required to abide by all applicable VA, Federal, State, and Local safety codes, laws, and regulations that apply.

TRAVEL:

Vendor/Contractor does not have any special requirements for travel. Any necessary travel accommodations including travel to and from the contractor's/vendor's place of business to the place of performance is included in the price of the contract.

NOTE:

The C&A requirements do not apply and the Security Accreditation Package is not required.

Invoicing

As of November 15, 2013, all vendors submitting commercial invoices via fax to the VA Financial Services Center will be RETURNED.

All vendors invoicing VA are required to use the OB10 e-Invoicing system to submit invoices for payment. It is the responsibility of the vendor to have an active OB10 account established prior to invoicing.

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