

See all answers highlighted in yellow below.

1. The space is being provided at the VA Medical Center. No additional commercial space is needed or be built or leased? The space is provided at either the Hot Springs or Fort Meade sight. The sleep study is performed on site the Contractor can be off-site for scoring, interpretation, and review.
2. Is site visitation going to be requested and allowed? Site visitation will be allowed after award. If Contractors are interested in viewing each site the Government may set up a date and time.
3. Will the contractor have access to at least one high speed internet access for the scoring staff & interpreting physicians? Yes.
4. We have three physicians that are boarded in sleep and accredited by AASM who read for us and the scorers are RPGST's. We follow AASM standards but had elected not to get out facilities accredited by them. This should not affect our ability to provide services to you? The Contractor does not need to be accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. The equipment and software needs to follow AASM standards. The personnel should be boarded and accredited by AASM.
5. Is the equipment vendors choice or does it have to be new equipment? The equipment is the Contractor's choice, the equipment should enable the Contractor to provide reliable services.
6. The closest commercial airport is Rapid City? Yes.
7. How are these services being provided now? Same way as described in the solicitation. The Contractor provides the equipment and scores and reads the sleep study off-site.
8. Has there been sleep services at this location in the past, and if so, what have the attended and unattended study volume been? Approximately 600 fully attended studies and 150 unattended.
9. Who is the existing sleep services provider? Precision Diagnostic Services, Inc.
10. Pg. 7 states that " Contractor shall furnish services at the [VA Black Hills Health Care System-Fort Meade Campus, 113 Comanche Rd, Fort Meade, SD 57747] and [VA Black Hills Health Care System-Hot Springs Campus, 500 North 5th Street, Hot Springs, SD 57747]." on another document in the set of documents it states that services are only provided at the Fort Meade address. So, are services to be provided at either locations, or just one? And if it is at 2 locations, more than 2 sets of equipment will be necessary as is asked for in the next question. Equipment will needed for a fully attended sleep lab at Fort Meade. Scoring and interpretation is only needed at Hot Springs for the unattended sleep lab. Government owns all of the unattended equipment.

11. Pg. 7 asks to bid "Necessary ancillary equipment for two (2) patient rooms...."Are you suggesting that you are going to purchase the equipment outright that we can use, or is the bidder supposed to account for the cost of the equipment in its bid pricing for services? **The Government is not going to buy the equipment outright. The CLIN is in the solicitation for each year so the Government knows the approximate cost for the Contractor to provide equipment each year. Once the Contract ends or the equipment is no longer needed the equipment will still belong to the Contractor. The Contractor will be responsible for maintaining their equipment.**

You ask for the price of this equipment for each year, but you only have to purchase the equipment one time, not every year. Are you just asking that we separate the cost of equipment from the rest of the pricing? **Yes, see answer above.** Additionally, as mentioned above, if you have sleep services provided at two locations, you will need more than two sets of equipment. Any elaboration you can provide on this would be helpful.

12. If services are to be provided at two separate locations, can you provide the volumes that would be at each location? **Approximately 600 fully attended studies at Fort Meade and 150 unattended studies at Hot Springs.**
13. 2.1.5 states that "**The Contractor shall have or obtain appropriate NPI and if pertinent the Taxonomy Code confirmation notice issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) be provided to the Contracting Officer with the proposal.**" NPI numbers are specific to location, so us providing you with our NPI # for one of our locations, isn't going to be applicable for a location in South Dakota. Do you need this for the interpretation location, our billing location, or just any of our NPI numbers? **Each physician should have their own NPI number. You should list in your proposal the NPI number for each physician providing services under this contract.**
14. It is stated that the total value of the contract will not exceed \$1,400,000, but the estimated volume over 5 years will far exceed that amount, by even the lowest of bidders. How was the figure of \$1,400,000 determined? Or, is the no to exceed figure based on a single year contract? **\$1,400,000 is the maximum total value of the Contract (base and all option years).**
15. If the sleep studies are to be performed at 2 separate locations it seems that 2 beds of full polysomnography equipment would be required at each location for a total of 4. Is that correct? **No. One site is fully attended with two beds. The other site is unattended with one bed.**
16. Also I am not clear on if an overnight Polysomnography Technician is required for collection of the data, or if the VA provides this staff locally. I do see the specific need listed for analysis and interpretation of the data, but nothing specific about collection. **VA will provide local staff to collect the data.**
17. Does the Combined Synopsis/Solicitation under solicitation number VA26315R0857 contain requirements similar to a current contract? **Yes.**
18. If possible, please provide the current contract number. **VA263-P-1172**
Or, is this a new requirement for the government? **This is not a new requirement for the Government.**
19. Section 1.2.2 of the PWS states, "Off-site: Services and Technical Component (scoring and interpretation), will be performed at the contracted polysomnography place of business that is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM)." Will the government allow the offeror to provide off-site services at secure place of businesses, not accredited by AASM. (i.e. physician office) **Yes. See answer to question # 4.**

20. Please confirm that the requirement is for the offeror to only provide scoring and interpretation services? If so, please indicate who will be performing the sleep studies.

Employees with the VA Black Hills Health Care System will be performing the sleep studies. Currently, there is one RPSGT and VA BHHCS is in the process of hiring another.