

**National Dialysis Electronic Health Record (EHR) Solution Contract
Request for Proposal (RFP) Questions and Answers
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Note:

The answers provided below are for informational purposes, to assist potential offerors in preparing proposals, and such answers do not themselves constitute an amendment to the Solicitation. Where questions and answers necessitated such an amendment, such changes have been or will be incorporated into a formal amendment to the Solicitation. To the extent that any answers provided below conflict in any way with the Solicitation and any Amendments, the final solicitation takes precedence.

Q&A #	RFP Section	Title	Page Begin	Question	Answer
1.	-	General	-	Can companies from Outside USA apply for this (like, from India or Canada)?	Companies outside USA may submit proposals for this effort; however, tasks for this effort must be performed in the United States and companies are required to comply with numerous VA information, privacy and security policies, including (but not limited to) VA Handbook 6500 & 6500.6. See Section 6.2 of the PWS for additional guidance.
2.	-	General	-	Do we need to come over there for meetings?	Please see PWS Section 4.3, Travel - Travel shall be in accordance with individual TO requirements. The Government anticipates travel under this effort to perform the tasks required in the PWS and individual task orders. All estimated travel costs should be included in the firm-fixed price line items. Travel costs will not be directly reimbursed by the Government as a separately priced item.
3.	-	General	-	Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA (like, from India or Canada)?	No. Performance of tasks outside the US is prohibited due to privacy and security concerns.

4.	-	General	-	Can we submit the proposals via email?	Yes. See Section E.4 of the solicitation. The Offeror's proposal shall be submitted electronically by the date and time indicated in the solicitation via email to Contract Specialist, Jessica.Adamitis@va.gov.
5.	-	General	-	Will each hospital already have an enterprise backup solution in place?	No, hospitals/facilities do not have enterprise backup solutions in place.
6.	B.7.5.1.1	Performance Work Statement. Software and Hardware	RFP – 18 A00001 - 8	<p>The RFP states, "The Contractor shall ensure continued server compatibility with the dialysis EHR solution. The cost of the server and associated server licenses, applications, shipping, and operating systems shall be priced separately."</p> <p>The current spreadsheet only allows one number to be put in per facility. How should this be shown separately? With each hospital requiring their own server, this becomes a bigger number.</p>	Offerors are required to complete the pricing spreadsheet with the unit price of the server which is to include associated server licenses, applications, shipping, and operating systems per Dialysis facility size (1-12stations; 13-20 stations; 21-28 stations). This unit price will be incorporated into the contract. The quantities provided in the pricing spreadsheet are for estimating purposes only. It is estimated that not every facility will require the server.
7.				Regarding associated cables for the machine interface, does this imply that there needs to be cable runs in the walls? Or is it from the machine to the wall?	This refers to cables (if any) needed for the dialysis EHR solution to communicate with the dialysis machines, VistA, and network printers. Cables shall be run from machine to wall or between machines. Offerors shall not be required to run cables within walls and ceilings.