

Request for Information
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1. On page 10 of the SOW, the contract states that the contractor must have a minimum of five years of experience in blood/bodily fluid transportation and handling reusable medical equipment. Does our medical experience specifically have to include blood and bodily fluid transportation? As a company, we have 35 years of experience in shipping medical products as well as medical courier experience. Thank you for your help.

Response: Yes, blood/bodily fluid transportation experience is required. The courier services (i.e. courier) must be able to handle possible exposure and spills to biohazard materials.

2. Who is the contractor currently performing the work?

Response: FCX, LLC. of Orlando, Florida.

3. What was the cost of the final full option year of the previous contract?

Response: Please use WWW.USASpending.gov to track contract cost.

4. How many drivers/vehicles are currently used to service the current contract?

Response: The number of drivers for this requirement should be determined by the quoter; and should be outlined in their Technical Quote.

5. What are the vehicle sizes required?

Response: The size of vehicles for this requirement should be determined by the quoter; and may be outlined in their Technical Quote.

6. The solicitation identifies no more than 4 unscheduled pickups/deliveries to facilities not identified in the solicitation. What is the maximum distance radius expected for each delivery? Also, for unscheduled pickups/deliveries to those facilities which are identified in the solicitation, what is the yearly or monthly volume ?

Response: Naples is the maximum distance to Bay Pines (CWBY). St. Petersburg is the shortest. Volume of delivery various. Example Laboratory totes (3 – 6). Boxes 2 – 3. Unscheduled pickups/deliveries are listed as not to exceed 4 per calendar year.

7. Will this contract be SCA enforced? After reviewing the solicitation on FBO, it contains language and dollar values regarding the Service Contract Act. This solicitation stipulates \$13.12, \$14.92, \$11.93, \$13.41, and \$13.09 minimum wage for courier drivers, \$4.27 minimum H&W, Sick Time/Vacation. Do you verify now that those are the minimum required rates to be performed on this contract upon award?

Response: Wage Determinations have been attached to this solicitation for the counties to which courier service will apply. It is suggested you review wage determinations at www.dol.gov for further details regarding the personnel and wages you anticipate using for this service according to the requirements of the SOW.

8. A new SBA Final Rule regarding FAR Clause 52.219-14 Limitations on Subcontracting, dated June 30, 2016, reclassifies Independent Contractor drivers as Subcontractors — 13 CFR 125.6 “Work performed by an independent contractor shall be considered a subcontract.” Please inform us how the VA would like us to proceed upon award regarding this rule change given that it will affect our offer regarding pricing and performance.

Response: Each offeror is responsible for adherence to all applicable government laws and regulations.

9. Can pick up time for Naples or Cape Coral be adjusted so that they can be routed together? Currently there is 30 minute window for pickup but it will take a hour to driver from Naples to Cape Coral

Response: Deviation from the SOW time pick-up schedule may cause the inability to analyze the sample and affect clinic closing.

10. Can the Southern Clinics run be completed with the daily pickups or will it need to be run separately?

Response: Timely pick-up and delivery of laboratory is vital due to stability of the samples. Deviation from what is listed in the SOW may also affect closing times of the clinics.

11. If the Southern Clinics route can be run with the daily route, I see that Sebring does not have a morning pickup so it would not meet the cutoff time of 1630. Can the Sebring cutoff time be adjusted or would Sebring Southern Clinics need to be run by itself?

Response: Schedule of courier pick-up time is based on the facility need and specimen stability. Adhering to the needed times are necessary.

12. What is the term of the current contract?

Response: The requirement is being solicited for a Base Year with 4 one (1) year options.

13. Is there an SF Form 1449 available to complete specific to this solicitation? Also, what version or year for Certifications and Representations should we complete?

Response: No, this is a Combined Synopsis. Reps & Certs shall be updated at www.sam.gov.