

1. Section 2.2.1.b. – Indicates a specific brand of Vaporized Hydrogen peroxide equipment. **Is this required or is a VHP low temp unit that is comparable and meets the same sterility requirements acceptable.**

**Response: Equivalent satisfactory.**

2. Section 3. – “The contractor must be Joint Commission credentialed or retain equivalent national accreditation for reprocessing critical and semi-critical reusable medical equipment (RME).” – **is this a requirement for submission with the RFP? For bidders that intend to standup an dedicated offsite location which will take some time this will not be achieved as the site has not been constructed.**

**Response: Must exist and be documented in RFP**

3. Section 3.1 – States “Contractor shall submit documentation of experience, training, certification and competency of all personnel involved in re-processing government RME with technical quote. Failure to submit documentation of experience, training, certification and competency of all personnel involved in re-processing government RME with technical quote shall deem technical quote Technical Unacceptable.” – **is it acceptable to submit after award as our intent is to standup a dedicated offsite reprocessing center after award?**

**Response: Must exist and be documented in RFP**

4. Section 6. Period and place of performance. – states “tentative” - **is it acceptable to suggest a different start date as our solution requires standing up a dedicated offsite location to accomplish the requirements that will be dedicated for VA Conroe instruments.**

**Response: Award to startup time is critical to Government.**

5. Section 7.1 Task one (same as Factor 1 section d) – “The contractor shall submit certification of DI or RO quality with technical quote. Failure to submit certification of DI or RO quality with technical quote shall deem technical quote Technical Unacceptable.” - **is it acceptable to submit after award as our intent is to standup the center after award to validate the facility is within compliance?**

**Response: Must exist and be documented in RFP**

6. Section 7.3 Task three (same as Factor 1 section D.a) – “Contractor shall submit documentation of training and certification of all transportation personnel with technical quote. Failure to submit documentation of training and certification of all transportation personnel with technical quote shall deem technical quote Technical Unacceptable.” - **is it acceptable to submit after award as our intent is to standup the center that includes hiring the staff after award to validate the facility is within compliance?**

**Response: Must exist and be documented in RFP**

7. Section Factor 1 Section B - “Contractor shall submit process of cleaning with technical quote. Failure to submit process of cleaning with technical quote shall deem technical quote Technical Unacceptable.” – In section 9 it states, “The government will be responsible for providing training, count sheets, facility approved materials: sterilization wrap, sterilization containers, peel packages, sterilization tape, chemical integrators, all standard operating procedures, competencies, and IFU for each device.” **If the government is responsible for the IFU’s for each device how can bidder provide the process of**

cleaning when the process is based on the specific IFU's? Is the government seeking a generic typical process to be described?

**Response: Gov't require current reprocessing processes for like instrumentation.**

8. General – There is no indication in the RFP that only VA Conroe's instruments are to be processed at the winning bidder's location to limit cross contamination from other hospitals. **Can this be clarified if it will be allowed to process other facilities dirty instruments along with VA Conroe's instrumentation or if preference will be given to bidders who dedicate a site for only VA Conroe's instrumentation to limit contamination issues?**

**Response: Gov't does not expect the facility to ONLY reprocess our instruments. Gov't requires systems be in place to prevent cross-contamination from other instruments.**

9. General – There is no indication in the RFP for a digital instrument tracking and scanning system for proper tracking from pickup to drop off. **Is there a digital system requirement or will a paper-based system be acceptable?**

**Response: Digital system required by Gov't.**