

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
SOLICITATION NUMBER 1000195072
Occupational Health Professional Services

Question 18

If I am a contractor and have won the standing offer contract and have it in place, can I, later, add new resources, such as an occupational health physician under Stream 1? If the answer is yes, can I use a physician resource who independently has also won their own standing offer contract?

Answer 18

To be clear a Standing Offer Agreement is not a contract. Call Ups issued off of the SOA are contracts. Please refer to SACC clause 2007 (2016-04-04). Yes, you may add additional resources. Additional resources can be added to Standing Offer Agreements that are not issued under an individual's name. The Supplier must present upon request a written or electronic consent obtained from the additional resource being proposed by the Supplier for each Standing Offer Agreement. The consent must include the SOA reference number, category and Stream. Resources being added to a Standing Offer Agreement must be compliant under the mandatory criteria under the category and Stream that they are being proposed under. The Standing Offer Holder must ensure that the requested additional resource does not provide their service until a signed formal amendment has been put in place by the Contracting Authority. Health Canada reserves the right to request price support from all suppliers.

Question 19

I am a physician who will be submitting my own response to the RFSO. However, I have also been asked by a contractor if they could use me as one of their resources on their own submission. Is this allowed, and if so, will it have any negative impact on my own submission?

Answer 19

Yes, you can submit a bid yourself and also be a resource for another contractor providing it isn't under the contractors' personal name as this is a non-competitive RFSO. Health Canada may request written consent from the resource being proposed under the Contractors bid (please refer to question 18). It is not known what impact this will have on your own submission.

Question 20

In regards to your RFSO on page 3 under Table "A" Regions of Required Services Laboratory services is listed only for BC. We currently provide services in both provinces (ON and BC) and wanted to confirm if we should be submitting National pricing ?

Answer 20

The Laboratory Services in Ontario are managed through another contractual mechanism; however you may submit separate pricing for each province as part of this RFSO.

Question 21

Can you also provide the estimated number of patients the Labs can expect to see in BC and ON (if applicable) on an annual basis?

Answer 21

The estimate number of patients per month in BC is 28 patients. This estimate is given in good faith and is not to be taken as a guaranteed number of patients.

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Question 22

Kindly clarify 3.1 Offer Preparation Instructions on p. 5. Are you asking bidders to create a separate document for each of the three sections noted? Alternatively is a single combined document housing section I, II, and III acceptable.

Answer 22

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separate sections (1 electronic copy as an email attachment for each section); ie Technical Bid, Financial Bid and Certifications however a single combined document housing the three sections indicated under the Offer Preparation Instructions is acceptable. If the bidder is submitting a bid for different streams the documents for each stream must be submitted in separate document attachments.

Question 23

Would the Crown be able to provide an estimated annual number of call-ups against the Standing Offer for each of the medical specialties (General Practitioners, Psychologists, Neuropsychologists, Psychiatrists) listed in Stream 1?

Answer 23

It is difficult to estimate the number of call-ups per year, per region or per stream.

Question 24

In Annex D, MT3, regarding insurance medical errors of the professional order in which doctors are affiliated, is a civil assurance and professional our company covering all of our physicians, specialists and other stakeholders related directly or indirectly to the services required in this invitation to tender can be produced in the place to produce a personal insurance for each of the resources?

Answer 24

A company civil assurance and professional covering all specialists, physicians and other stakeholders is acceptable, however the bidder must ensure and be able to prove that the names of the proposed resources are on the assurance of the company.

Question 25

We require some clarification on requirements. Our interest is in the hearing testing services. We provide hearing screening services for industries in Manitoba. Our clinic has 2 Audiometric Technicians working with the ability to refer to an audiologist for further assessments. Would the requirement in stream #2 be filled by one of our technicians? If so, I will begin a submission.

Answer 25

Yes, stream 2 is for bidders who propose hearing technicians.