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AMENDMENT 001

Amendment 001 is raised to:

1. Provide answers to questions received with regards to this Request for Proposal (RFP); and
 2. Extend the bid closing date.
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Note: Questions may have been modified and/or condensed.

Questions and Answers

Q1: I am writing in regard to solicitation 5A090-194755/A for Paramedic Services. Can a 3 day extension be granted to the closing date?

A1: The bid closing date is hereby extended to April 23, 2020 at 14:00 EDT.

Q2: Who is responsible for supplying Personal protective equipment (PPE) to our Paramedics? Where is this located and stored? What are measures to ensure PPE is properly secured and stored for our staff?

A2: ISC is responsible for supplying PPE to the First Nation nursing stations where the paramedic services will be delivered. There is an adequate supply for all health care workers and it is replenished as require.

Q3: Transportation to and from each location may be an issue. As we understand, some communities are remote and may need fixed wing aircraft to accommodate transportation. What are the expectations of transportation of staff?

A3: Charter flights will be arranged for the transportation of healthcare providers, including Paramedics, from various main airports on a set schedule to be determined according to regional staffing needs.

Q4: What are the expectations of transfer of sick and injured patients?

A4: Patients will present themselves at the community Nursing Station for assessment and treatment and Paramedics will work with the onsite ISC Nurses to deliver primary care. ISC has existing guidelines and protocols in place related to patient medevac. For the purpose of self-isolation and quarantine requirements, ISC will have designated shelters on site for patients presenting symptoms of COVID-19 or have been confirmed positive for COVID-19.

Q5: Infection protocol, do you have a COVID-19 protocol. Do you want us to develop our protocol for infection, transportation of infected patients, and all that encompasses COVID-19.

A5: Paramedics will be expected to follow provincial and national public health guidelines and directives related to COVID-19 and to follow the directions set out by the Nurse in Charge at the First Nations nursing stations.

Q6: **What are the measures in place to extend this timeline to present a proper RFP?**

A6: Due to the urgent nature in response to COVID-19, there is limited flexibility in extending this RFP process however, ISC is agreeable to a single extension until Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 14:00 EDT.

Q7: **Would it be acceptable to have staff work schedules of 2 weeks on 2 weeks which make it easier on the staff and limit burning them out if working 7 days a week?**

A7: The Task Authorizations will outline the specific period of service, as required at the time of issuance. Given that the current situation is evolving daily, we cannot predict what the actual needs may be at the time of request.

Q8: **What is the minimum number of staff you would need for each 2 week stretch if acceptable?**

A8: Please refer to the answer in the preceding question

Q9: **All staff are required to provide a background check for employment, but Rapid Response currently does not have any security clearance. Would PSPC still accept our bid or willing to expedite our clearance? If it helps background checks have already been completed for our company directors in Ontario as we also have our security licence from the Ontario Solicitor General's Office.**

A9: Yes, the Government of Canada is working to expedite security clearances as may be required, and ISC has received approval to allow contract workers (paramedics) to begin work under an awarded Contract prior to clearance being issued officially.

Changes

C1: The bid closing date is hereby extended to April 23, 2020 at 14:00 EDT.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED
