



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Medical Services

Solicitation No.: B-20-002-SM

Addendum 2 | July 29, 2020

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. On-site Vaccinations
 2. The Respondent shall provide the Vaccination Consent Form along with documentation that shall enable the System to verify individual vaccinations.

Question: Is the System requesting that the medical vendor manage the immunization records for all SAWS employees, and advise on what immunizations the employees need?

Response: Yes, medical vendor must manage the immunization records for all SAWS employees, and advise on what immunizations the employees needs.

2. Occupational Health Services & Support
 1. Some System employees work in environments with potential occupational exposures to gaseous or liquid chlorine, sulfur dioxide, and/or hydrogen sulfide. The Respondent shall provide cost-effective, consultation services and medical surveillance using qualified medical personnel knowledgeable in occupational health. These personnel shall be knowledgeable of federal (OSHA) and state occupational health examination requirements. The Respondent shall provide HAZMAT physical components.
 5. Provide medical consultation service for occupational health examinations identified by the System, to include meeting with System personnel on an as needed basis to discuss requirements, scheduling, and Invoicing procedures.

Question: For 1. and 5 under Occupational Health Services & Support, above, the underlined portion refers to medical oversight by the vendor; can the System please identify how many hours monthly would be required of the medical provider for these services?

Response: Services under this section are on an "as needed" basis. The number of man-hours cannot be calculated at this time.

3. b) Wearing respiration protective equipment to included up to full-face respirators (reference 29 CFR 1910.134, Subpart I). Respondent will perform respirator fit testing, either at System location or at a clinic, to properly size System employees for the correct respirator;

Question: For 2. b. Can the System please give an estimate of the total full -face mask respirators that are needed annually?

Response: Approximately 200 Respiratory Fit Test are needed annually. Not the actual respirators.

4. Worker's Compensation Program
 1. The Respondent shall have the capability to provide medical service coverage on a 24-hour / 7 days a week basis either through its own resources or in conjunction with other medical service providers through mutual agreements.
 2. The Respondent shall describe how they will provide non-exclusive access to 24/7 medical treatment of the System's employees who are injured on the job and are eligible to be treated under the State of Texas Workers' Compensation regulations.

Question: For 1. And 2. To fulfill the requests above, will treating worker's compensation injuries via Telemedicine be an acceptable to fulfill the needs above?

Response: Telemedicine is acceptable as an option only for non-serious injuries that only require a consultation or to close a medical only claim. They must have physical capability.

5. Job Task Analysis – Pre- employment and Return-to-Work Physical Examinations
The Respondent shall be able to work with the System to review, analyze, and validate the physical demands of various positions at the System that require Job Task Analysis and Functional Job Descriptions and create job task simulations for those positions identified, to be used for Return-to-Work and Pre-employment examinations.

Question: Is the above request the same as the current product that the System is using called Work Steps?

Response: WorkSteps is a proprietary program that is being utilized through the current vendor. Respondent must either have license to administer WorkSteps or have the capability of developing equivalent or better job simulations.

6. Pre-employment physicals for prospective System employees shall include a functional capacity examination based on the specific job requirements for the position to ensure that the employee is able to meet the physical demands of the position.

Question: Are the functional capacity examinations mentioned in requirement 3. A product of what the vendor would be creating for the System in number 1? Are functional capacity exams the same as Work Steps?

Response: See response to question #5.

END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

No other items, dates, or deadlines for this RFP are changed.

END ADDENDUM 2