

1. **Page 4: 11. Sole or Multi-Vendor Arrangement**

Please clarify whether the State of Connecticut is leaning more toward a sole or a multi-vendor arrangement, or whether the evaluation criteria in this case is just referring to a proposer who can work both solely and in a multi-vendor arrangement to provide flu shot clinics to the State.

The State of CT wishes to know whether a vendor is amenable to working in a multi-vendor environment and, if so, whether the pricing of the service would be different for a sole vendor as opposed to a multi-vendor arrangement..

2. **Page 5: Section III(F)(15).**

Please explain in more detail the reporting requirements of the State of Connecticut for the flu program.

Reporting should include details on the number of participants served at each flu vaccination clinic site and providing feedback on any administrative issues or questions that arose during the flu vaccination clinic.

3. **Page 7: Affidavit for Certification of Subcontractors as Minority Business Enterprises**

Is it a requirement to subcontract with minority businesses for this particular flu clinic contract or is this just standard State of Connecticut terms and conditions language?

This is part of the standard terms and conditions; there is no need to subcontract with minority businesses.

4. **Contract, Section 11(e).**

This section requires the contractor to provide declaration pages of its insurance policy to the State of Connecticut. We respectfully request that the State remove this requirement. We prefer to provide certificates of insurance to our clients instead of declaration pages. Please advise.

The State would accept a certificate of insurance in lieu of a declaration page.

5. Due to the fact that this is a State contract for flu vaccine, we respectfully request that the following language be included in the Sample Contract. This is standard language for our flu contracts.

*“As applicable, the Parties agree that Contractor’s obligation under this Agreement to provide Services is expressly conditioned upon the availability of adequate vaccine and/or supplies. Should adequate vaccine and/or supplies become unavailable, Contractor will not be required to provide Services pursuant to this Agreement and shall have no liability whatsoever to State or any third Party as a result of its failure or inability to do so.”*

The state is unable to provide the request for the additional contract language. Should the vaccine and/or supplies become unavailable we would discuss alternative options at that time.

6. Please explain OSC's desired method for claims/payment. In Section 1 Roster Billing to health carriers is sited. However in section IV (8) Proposed Pricing is requested. This seems to be in conflict - Claims billed through health plans are typically paid at the rate determined by the carrier.

There is no desired method for claims payment. Vendors are asked to provide a price for the flu shot and any administrative cost. The State can either pay the vendor directly or will work with the vendor to see that payment of the agreed price is paid by the medical carriers.

Have separate billing arrangements outside of normal claims procedures been arranged with the carriers mentioned? Would OSC be open to a direct bill circumstance if this represented a substantial discount over the processing of claims through the insurance plans?

Yes, the State is amenable to working with the vendor that provides the best combination of price and ability to perform the desired services.

7. Please advise: What is the estimated award date for this contract?

The estimated award date for the Flu Vaccination Clinic is September 1, 2011.

8. Please verify that if the proposer claims some of our submitted information confidential and proprietary, that two cd copies are required: one full copy of the proposal and one redacted version?

The proposer should submit 2 CDs of the proposal and 2 CDs on which the proprietary information has been redacted.