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Questions and Answers

RFA 21-009

Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection, Bureau of Epidemiology, Immunization Section COVID-19 Vaccination, Outreach and Education

DATE: July 6, 2022

TO: Applicants

FROM: Florida Department of Health, through its Division of Disease Control and Health Protection.

SUBJECT: Questions and Answers: RFA21-009

1. Question #1. I would like to request information on this advertisement and what do I need to do to apply for it?

Department Response: Please read through the downloadable files for advertisement for directions on submitting an application in response to this request for applications. These files are available at this link: [MyFloridaMarket Place Vendor Information Portal](#).

2. Question #2. I'm inquiring about the ad GO-01483 - commodity code: 85111500. Is this for a request to bid for a government contract? Or an application for a grant to provide services?

Department Response: This is a Request for Applications.

3. Question #3. Based on the current statewide behavioral health managing entity needs assessment, 67-county HRSA vaccine hesitancy campaign, and State Health Improvement Plan focus group studies conducted by the eleven not-for-profit Local Health Councils, would FDOH be open to asking the recipient of RFA-A21-0009 to

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partner with the Health Councils to conduct data collection and assessment, partner identification, technical assistance, and/or performance evaluation for the lead agency on this grant?

Department Response: The Applicant may propose partnering with local health councils and other entities to conduct data collection and assessment, partner identification, technical assistance, performance evaluation and other activities as necessary to fulfill the deliverables.

4. Question #4. On page 10, the RFP states, “Allowable cost: Computer hardware and software, including electronic health record and billing system enhancements. “Would DOH please specify what billing system enhancements are anticipated as part of performance? Does DOH anticipate the award contractor would be responsible for monitoring and billing vaccines?”

Department Response: While these are technically allowable costs under the grant which will fund this contract, there is unlikely to be a need to use these funds for electronic health record and billing system enhancements. No, the Department does not anticipate the awarded provider to be responsible for monitoring and billing vaccines.

5. Question #5. On page 14, the RFP states, “Develop and implement outreach campaigns and approaches to include conducting pop-up, mobile and other vaccination clinics for communities of focus within each service area at places of worship, community-based organizations, recreation programs, food banks and pantries, schools and colleges and universities, grocery stores, salons, barbershops, beauticians, major employers, and other key community institutions” Would DOH please specify if the awarded contractor is expected to manage mobile and pop-up clinics and/or staff them for vaccination activities, or if they are only required to conduct associated outreach activities?”

Department Response: The awarded provider is expected to develop and implement the outreach campaigns and approaches and may enter into subcontracts with other entities and providers to assure the services are provided.

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6. Question #6. On page 14, the RFP states, “Describe their internal quality management plan, including the process for continuous improvement, handling of potential challenges, and monitoring of subcontracts.” Would DOH please specify if the awarded contractor will be responsible for the monitoring subcontractors working under vaccine providers?

Department Response: Yes, the awarded provider is responsible for monitoring and maintaining documentation for each subcontractor.

7. Question #7. On page 20, the RFP states, “Pursuant to section L.1. of the Department’s Standard Contract, the Provider must conduct background screenings or submit an attestation for persons accessing the Department’s Florida SHOTS system to input vaccination data.” It also states, “Pursuant to section L.2. of the Department’s Standard Contract, the Provider must conduct drug screenings or submit an attestation for all persons providing immunizations to clients.” Would DOH please specify if the awarded contractor will be responsible for conducting drug screenings of vaccine supplier staff?

Department Response: Yes, staff providing immunizations to clients, whether employed by the awarded provider or a subcontracted entity, have drug screenings or an attestation submitted.

8. Question #8. Would DOH please identify the current vaccine suppliers associated with this contract?

Department Response: There currently are not any vaccine suppliers associated with this contract, as there currently is not a contract for the services listed in this Request for Applications.

9. Question #9. Section 2.2 states, “Provider must use the information gathered to conduct a request for proposals among community-based organizations and community health clinics to fund community-based partnerships...” Does this mean the Provider must solicit funding from community partners or will the Provider utilize information submitted in RFPs to allocate funds provided by the State?

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Department Response: The awarded provider will use the information submitted in the request for proposals to allocate the funding received from the State.

10. Question #10. How many Providers are currently engaged in the current contract?

Department Response: None, there is not a current contract.

11. Question #11. Will the \$144,000,000 be awarded to one Provider?

Department Response: Yes, unless the Department determines that, based on the number and quality of applications received, it is better to award more than one contract or none at all if it is in the State's best interest. Additionally, the Department reserves the right to determine the final award amount for any subsequent contract(s) that may be awarded under this RFA.

12. Question #12. What is the expected vaccination activity associated to this proposal?

Department Response: As indicated Section 2.3, of the RFA, the awarded provider is expected to improve understanding of disproportionately affected populations and barriers to vaccination access and uptake, develop and fund community-based partnerships to reach disproportionately affected populations, improve access to COVID-19 vaccines and other recommended vaccines for disproportionately affected populations and improve education around COVID-19 vaccination and other recommended vaccines.

13. Question #13. Are there specific funds dedicated to vaccination clinics?

Department Response: No, this RFA does not specify funding for any particular vaccination clinic.

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