



The Center for Health Care Services

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Biohazard and Sharps Containers and Disposal Services, **RFP 2024-010**, Scheduled to Open: **May 20, 2024** Date of Issue: **April 19, 2024**

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DATE: May 10, 2024

THIS NOTICE SHALL SERVE AS ADDENDUM NO. I – TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

EDIT: RFP 2024-010, Section 004 – Scope of Services, C. Sharps Waste, #1, sentence 1, page 6, is hereby amended to read, “RESPONDENT shall provide and install medical sharps disposal receptacles and the appropriate hanger/holder equipment that meet all federal, state, OSHA and DOT standards for collection, storage, and transport of medical waste/sharps.”

DELETE AND REPLACE: RFP 2024-010, Attachment B – Price Schedule, page 23, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment B – Price Schedule, Revised 05/10/2024.

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 010, RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNICATION:

Question 1: Does the Center have a volume report for what has been picked up?

Response: This information is not available.

Question 2: For sharps containers, the size looks close to a two (2) gallon, is that correct?

Response: Yes.

Question 3: Are your current sharps containers disposable or reuseable?

Response: Current containers are disposable that fit into a locked container.

Question 4: Does the vendor exchange the sharps container out to the locked cabinet or does Center staff?

Response: Center staff.

Question 5: Are there any additional services that may be beneficial such as labeling or volume reports?

Response: Please refer to RFP Attachment A, Part Three – Proposed Plan.

Question 6: Currently you have a locking cabinet with disposable sharps containers, could you have a staff available to exchange for permanent reusable containers?

Response: Please refer to RFP Section 004 – Scope of Services.

Question 7: What is the Center's Contracting and Procurement website?

Response: The Center's Contracting and Procurement website can be located at:
<https://chcsbc.org/contracting-opportunities>

Question 8: The last RFP issued contained pharmaceutical waste, can you confirm that services is not included in this solicitation?

Response: Correct, pharmaceutical waste is not included in this solicitation.

Question 9: Who is the current vendor providing services?

Response: Marshall Shredding Company d.b.a. Medsharps is the current vendor.

Question 10: What is the annual spend with the current contract?

Response: In Fiscal Year 2023 (September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023) the Center expended \$33,394. Fiscal Year 2024 Year to Date expense is \$13,152.

Question: Is it mandatory to provide a firm quote for the entire contract term?

Response: Please refer to RFP Attachment B – Price Schedule.

Question 11: Who is the current vendor providing services?

Response: Please refer to the response to Question No. 9.

Question 12: What are the current rates?

Response: The Center currently pays for sharps (packaged in a biohazard waste container) and biohazard pickup at an average rate of \$127.00 for the first container, and \$18.00 per additional container.

Question 14: Will the Center be willing to negotiate their terms and conditions? If so, should vendors include any requested edits with their submitted proposals for review?

Response: Please refer to RFP Section 012 – Award of Contract and Reservation of Rights.

Question 15: With regard to biohazard (biomedical) waste, will any of the locations be disposing of

waste that will require treatment via incineration such as chemotherapy, pathological or pharmaceutical? If so, which type of waste will be generated, which sites will generate this type of waste, and what is the estimated number of containers of this type of waste that the sites will generate per pickup per year?

Response: The Center will not be disposing of these types of waste.

Question 16: With regard to sharps waste, are the sharps containers that are currently being utilized disposable or reusable?

Response: Please refer to the response to Question No 3.

Question 17: Are the number of bins listed for each location for sharps disposal the amount of sharps containers that the location estimates they will dispose of per pickup?

Response: Yes.

Question 18: Is it mandatory that the awarded vendor install wall mounts at each location for their sharps containers?

Response: Please see response to Question No. 6.

Question 19: Is it mandatory that the awarded vendor replace sharps containers from any of the locations?

Response: Please refer to the response to Question No. 4.

Question 20: Is it mandatory that the awarded vendor service each location as listed in the RFP or may vendors recommend a different service frequency base on the volume of biomedical and sharps waste that each location estimates they will generate per pick-ups/per year?

Response: Please refer to RFP Section 004 – Scope of Services.

Question 21: Is the Center able to provide the number of pickups and volume of waste that each location has had over the past twelve (12) months or provide the average number of pick-ups and volume of waste for each facility over the past three (3) to five (5) years?

Response: This information is not available. Please refer to RFP Section 004 – Scope of Services for estimated quantities and pickup frequency.

Question 22: Are vendors able to propose a minimum pickup fee or no waste fee?

Response: Please refer to RFP Attachment B – Price Schedule.

All other RFP conditions remain unchanged.

RFP documents may be downloaded from <http://www.chcsbc.org/contracting-opportunities/>