

**COUNTY OF FRESNO**  
**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION**  
**NUMBER: 964-5435**  
**EXPOSURE TO PATHOGENIC DISEASE -**  
**PRE/POST EXPOSURE CARE**

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Issue Date: February 2, 2016

Closing Date: FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Quotation will be considered LATE when the official Purchasing time clock reads 2:00 P.M.

Questions regarding this RFQ should be directed to: Carolyn Flores,  
e-mail [countypurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:countypurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us) or phone (559) 600-7110.

Check County of Fresno Purchasing's website at  
<https://www2.co.fresno.ca.us/0440/Bids/BidsHome.aspx>  
for any future addenda.

Please submit all Quotations to:  
**County of Fresno – Purchasing**  
**4525 E. Hamilton Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**Fresno, CA 93702-4599**

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**BIDDER TO COMPLETE**

Undersigned agrees to furnish the commodity or service stipulated in the attached response at the prices and terms stated, subject to the attached "County of Fresno Purchasing Standard Instructions And Conditions For Requests For Proposals (RFP's) And Requests For Quotations (RFQ's)".

Except as noted on individual items, the following will apply to all items in the Quotation Schedule:

- A cash discount of \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_ days will apply.

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

Purchasing Use: CF:hrs

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## COUNTY OF FRESNO PURCHASING

### STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) AND REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ'S)

Note: the reference to "bids" in the following paragraphs applies to RFP's and RFQ's

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

By submitting a bid the bidder agrees to the following conditions. These conditions will apply to all subsequent purchases based on this bid.

1. BID PREPARATION:

- A) All prices and notations must be typed or written in ink. No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out, initialed and corrections printed in ink by person signing bid.
- B) Brand Names: Brand names and numbers when given are for reference. Equal items will be considered, provided the offer clearly describes the article and how it differs from that specified. In the absence of such information it shall be understood the offering is exactly as specified.
- C) State brand or make of each item. If bidding on other than specified, state make, model and brand being bid and attach supporting literature/specifications to the bid.
- D) Bid on each item separately. Prices should be stated in units specified herein. All applicable charges must be quoted; charges on invoice not quoted herein will be disallowed.
- E) Time of delivery is a part of the consideration and must be stated in definite terms and must be adhered to. F.O.B. Point shall be destination or freight charges must be stated.
- F) All bids must be dated and signed with the firm's name and by an authorized officer or employee.
- G) Unless otherwise noted, prices shall be firm for one hundred eighty (180) days after closing date of bid.

2. SUBMITTING BIDS:

- A) Each bid must be submitted on forms provided in a sealed envelope/package with bid number and closing date and time on the outside of the envelope/package.
- B) Interpretation: Should any discrepancies or omissions be found in the bid specifications or doubt as to their meaning, the bidder shall notify the Buyer in writing at once. The County shall not be held responsible for verbal interpretations. Questions regarding the bid must be received by Purchasing stated within this document. All addenda issued shall be in writing, duly issued by Purchasing and incorporated into the contract.
- C) ISSUING AGENT/AUTHORIZED CONTACT: This RFP/RFQ has been issued by County of Fresno, Purchasing. Purchasing shall be the vendor's sole point of contact with regard to the RFP/RFQ, its content, and all issues concerning it.

All communication regarding this RFP/RFQ shall be directed to an authorized representative of County Purchasing. The specific buyer managing this RFP/RFQ is identified on the cover page, along with his or her telephone number, and he or she should be the primary point of

contact for discussions or information pertaining to the RFP/RFQ. Contact with any other County representative, including elected officials, for the purpose of discussing this RFP/RFQ, its content, or any other issue concerning it, is prohibited unless authorized by Purchasing. Violation of this clause, by the vendor having unauthorized contact (verbally or in writing) with such other County representatives, may constitute grounds for rejection by Purchasing of the vendor's quotation.

The above stated restriction on vendor contact with County representatives shall apply until the County has awarded a purchase order or contract to a vendor or vendors, except as follows. First, in the event that a vendor initiates a formal protest against the RFP/RFQ, such vendor may contact the appropriate individual, or individuals who are managing that protest as outlined in the County's established protest procedures. All such contact must be in accordance with the sequence set forth under the protest procedures. Second, in the event a public hearing is scheduled before the Board of Supervisors to hear testimony prior to its approval of a purchase order or contract, any vendor may address the Board.

- D) Bids received after the closing time will NOT be considered.
- E) Bidders are to bid what is specified or requested first. If unable to or unwilling to, bidder may bid alternative or option, indicating all advantages, disadvantages and their associated cost.

3. FAILURE TO BID:

- A) If not bidding, return bid sheet and state reason for no bid or your name may be removed from mailing list.

4. TAXES, CHARGES AND EXTRAS:

- A) County of Fresno is subject to California sales and/or use tax (8.225%). Please indicate as a separate line item if applicable.
- B) **DO NOT** include Federal Excise Tax. County is exempt under Registration No. 94-73-03401-K.
- C) County is exempt from Federal Transportation Tax. Exemption certificate is not required where shipping papers show consignee as County of Fresno.
- D) Charges for transportation, containers, packing, etc. will not be paid unless specified in bid.

5. W-9 – REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION & CALIFORNIA FORM 590 WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE:

Upon award of bid, the vendor shall submit to County Purchasing, a completed IRS Form W-9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and

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Certification and a California Form 590 Withholding Exemption Certificate if not currently a County of Fresno approved vendor.

### 6. AWARDS:

- A) Award(s) will be made to the most responsive responsible bidder; however, the Fresno County Local Vendor Preference and/or the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference shall take precedence when applicable. Said Preferences apply only to Request for Quotations for materials, equipment and/or supplies only (no services); the preference do not apply to Request for Proposals. RFQ evaluations will include such things as life-cycle cost, availability, delivery costs and whose product and/or service is deemed to be in the best interest of the County. The County shall be the sole judge in making such determination.
- B) Unless bidder gives notice of all-or-none award in bid, County may accept any item, group of items or on the basis of total bid.
- C) The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bids.
- D) Award Notices are tentative: Acceptance of an offer made in response to this RFP/RFQ shall occur only upon execution of an agreement by both parties or issuance of a valid written Purchase Order by Fresno County Purchasing.
- E) After award, all bids shall be open to public inspection. The County assumes no responsibility for the confidentiality of information offered in a bid.

### 7. TIE BIDS:

All other factors being equal, the contract shall be awarded to the Fresno County vendor or, if neither or both are Fresno County vendors, it may be awarded by the flip of a coin in the presence of witnesses or the entire bid may be rejected and re-bid. If the General Requirements of the RFQ state that they are applicable, the provisions of the Fresno County Local Vendor Preference shall take priority over this paragraph.

### 8. PATENT INDEMNITY:

The vendor shall hold the County, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for infringement or use of any copyrighted or un-copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in connection with this bid.

### 9. SAMPLES:

Samples, when required, must be furnished and delivered free and, if not destroyed by tests, will upon written request (within thirty (30) days of bid closing date) be returned at the bidder's expense. In the absence of such notification, County shall have the right to dispose of the samples in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

### 10. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF COUNTY FOR DEFAULT:

- A) In case of default by vendor, the County may procure the articles or service from another source and may recover the cost difference and related expenses occasioned thereby from any unpaid balance due the vendor or by proceeding against performance bond of the vendor, if any, or by suit against the vendor. The prices paid by the County shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made.
- B) Articles or services, which upon delivery inspection do not meet specifications, will be rejected and the vendor will be considered in

default. Vendor shall reimburse County for expenses related to delivery of non-specified goods or services.

- C) Regardless of F.O.B. point, vendor agrees to bear all risks of loss, injury or destruction to goods and materials ordered herein which occur prior to delivery and such loss, injury or destruction shall not release vendor from any obligation hereunder.

### 11. DISCOUNTS:

Terms of less than fifteen (15) days for cash payment will be considered as net in evaluating this bid. A discount for payment within fifteen (15) days or more will be considered in determining the award of bid. Discount period will commence either the later of delivery or receipt of invoice by the County. Standard terms are Net forty-five (45) days.

### 12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN BID SCHEDULE SUPERSEDE GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The "General Conditions" provisions of this RFP/RFQ shall be superseded if in conflict with any other section of this bid, to the extent of any such conflict.

### 13. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

With the invoice or within twenty-five (25) days of delivery, the seller must provide to the County a Material Safety Data Sheet for each product, which contains any substance on "The List of 800 Hazardous Substances", published by the State Director of Industrial Relations. (See Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act, California State Labor Code Sections 6360 through 6399.7.)

### 14. RECYCLED PRODUCTS/MATERIALS:

Vendors are encouraged to provide and quote (with documentation) recycled or recyclable products/materials which meet stated specifications.

### 15. YEAR COMPLIANCE WARRANTY:

Vendor warrants that any product furnished pursuant to this Agreement/order shall support a four-digit year format and be able to accurately process date and time data from, into and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, as well as leap year calculations. "Product" shall include, without limitation, any piece or component of equipment, hardware, firmware, middleware, custom or commercial software, or internal components or subroutines therein. This warranty shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

In the event of any decrease in product functionality or accuracy related to time and/or date data related codes and/or internal subroutines that impede the product from operating correctly using dates beyond December 31, 1999, vendor shall restore or repair the product to the same level of functionality as warranted herein, so as to minimize interruption to County's ongoing business process, time being of the essence. In the event that such warranty compliance requires the acquisition of additional programs, the expense for any such associated or additional acquisitions, which may be required, including, without limitation, data conversion tools, shall be borne exclusively by vendor. Nothing in this warranty shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies the County may otherwise have under this Agreement with respect to defects other than year performance.

### 16. PARTICIPATION:

Bidder may agree to extend the terms of the resulting contract to other political subdivision, municipalities and tax-supported agencies.

Such participating Governmental bodies shall make purchases in their own name, make payment directly to bidder, and be liable directly to the bidder, holding the County of Fresno harmless.

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### 17. CONFIDENTIALITY:

All services performed by vendor shall be in strict conformance with all applicable Federal, State of California and/or local laws and regulations relating to confidentiality, including but not limited to, California Civil Code, California Welfare and Institutions Code, Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations, Code of Federal Regulations.

Vendor shall submit to County's monitoring of said compliance.

Vendor may be a business associate of County, as that term is defined in the "Privacy Rule" enacted by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). As a HIPAA Business Associate, vendor may use or disclose protected health information ("PHI") to perform functions, activities or services for or on behalf of County as specified by the County, provided that such use or disclosure shall not violate HIPAA and its implementing regulations. The uses and disclosures of PHI may not be more expansive than those applicable to County, as the "Covered Entity" under HIPAA's Privacy Rule, except as authorized for management, administrative or legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.

Vendor shall not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the County, or as required by law without written notice to the County.

Vendor shall ensure that any agent, including any subcontractor, to which vendor provides PHI received from, or created or received by the vendor on behalf of County, shall comply with the same restrictions and conditions with respect to such information.

### 18. APPEALS:

Appeals must be submitted in writing within seven (7) working days after notification of proposed recommendations for award. A "Notice of Award" is not an indication of County's acceptance of an offer made in response to this RFP/RFQ. Appeals should be submitted to County of Fresno Purchasing, 4525 E. Hamilton Avenue, Fresno, California 93702-4599 **and** in Word format to [gcornuelle@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:gcornuelle@co.fresno.ca.us). Appeals should address only areas regarding RFP/RFQ contradictions, procurement errors, quotation rating discrepancies, legality of procurement context, conflict of interest, and inappropriate or unfair competitive procurement grievance regarding the RFP/RFQ process.

Purchasing will provide a written response to the complainant within seven (7) working days unless the complainant is notified more time is required.

If the protesting bidder is not satisfied with the decision of Purchasing, he/she shall have the right to appeal to the Purchasing Agent/CAO within seven (7) working days after Purchasing's notification; except if, notified to appeal directly to the Board of Supervisors at the scheduled date and time.

If the protesting bidder is not satisfied with Purchasing Agent/CAO's decision, the final appeal is with the Board of Supervisors.

### 19. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR:

A) CONTRACTOR shall perform as required by the ensuing contract. CONTRACTOR also warrants on behalf of itself and all subcontractors engaged for the performance of the ensuing contract that only persons authorized to work in the United States pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and other applicable laws shall be employed in the performance of the work hereunder.

B) CONTRACTOR shall obey all Federal, State, local and special district laws, ordinances and regulations.

### 20. AUDITS & RETENTION:

The Contractor shall maintain in good and legible condition all books, documents, papers, data files and other records related to its performance under this contract. Such records shall be complete and available to Fresno County, the State of California, the federal government or their duly authorized representatives for the purpose of audit, examination, or copying during the term of the contract and for a period of at least three (3) years following the County's final payment under the contract or until conclusion of any pending matter (e.g., litigation or audit), whichever is later. Such records must be retained in the manner described above until all pending matters are closed.

### 21. DISCLOSURE – CRIMINAL HISTORY & CIVIL ACTIONS:

Applies to Request for Proposal (RFP); does not apply to Request for Quotation (RFQ) unless specifically stated elsewhere in the RFQ document.

In their proposal, the bidder is required to disclose if any of the following conditions apply to them, their owners, officers, corporate managers and partners (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Bidder"):

- Within the three-year period preceding the proposal, they have been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
  - fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction;
  - violation of a federal or state antitrust statute;
  - embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records; or
  - false statements or receipt of stolen property

Within a three-year period preceding their proposal, they have had a public transaction (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 22. DATA SECURITY:

Individuals and/or agencies that enter into a contractual relationship with the COUNTY for the purpose of providing services must employ adequate controls and data security measures, both internally and externally to ensure and protect the confidential information and/or data provided to contractor by the COUNTY, preventing the potential loss, misappropriation or inadvertent access, viewing, use or disclosure of COUNTY data including sensitive or personal client information; abuse of COUNTY resources; and/or disruption to COUNTY operations.

Individuals and/or agencies may not connect to or use COUNTY networks/systems via personally owned mobile, wireless or handheld devices unless authorized by COUNTY for telecommuting purposes and provide a secure connection; up to date virus protection and mobile devices must have the remote wipe feature enabled. Computers or computer peripherals including mobile storage devices may not be used (COUNTY or Contractor device) or brought in for use into the COUNTY's system(s) without prior authorization from COUNTY's Chief Information Officer and/or designee(s).

No storage of COUNTY's private, confidential or sensitive data on any hard-disk drive, portable storage device or remote storage installation unless encrypted according to advance encryption standards (AES of 128 bit or higher).

The COUNTY will immediately be notified of any violations, breaches or potential breaches of security related to COUNTY's confidential information,

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data and/or data processing equipment which stores or processes COUNTY data, internally or externally.

COUNTY shall provide oversight to Contractor's response to all incidents arising from a possible breach of security related to COUNTY's confidential client information. Contractor will be responsible to issue any notification to affected individuals as required by law or as deemed necessary by COUNTY in its sole discretion. Contractor will be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of providing the required notification.

### 23. PURCHASING LOCATION & HOURS:

Fresno County Purchasing is located at 4525 E. Hamilton Avenue (**second floor**), Fresno, CA 93702. Non-holiday hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. PST; Purchasing is closed daily from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 P.M. The following holiday office closure schedule is observed:

January 1*	New Year's Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Third Monday in February	Washington - Lincoln Day
March 31*	Cesar Chavez' Birthday
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
July 4*	Independence Day
First Monday in September	Labor Day
November 11*	Veteran's Day
Fourth Thursday in November	Thanksgiving Day
Friday following Thanksgiving	
December 25*	Christmas

\* When this date falls on a Saturday, the holiday is observed the preceding Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed the following Monday.

### 24. FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES:

#### ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NUMBER 5

##### Contract Salary Limitation Fresno

County Administrative Policy No. 5 provides that in contracts with non-profit organizations that primarily serve Fresno County and professional service contracts where Fresno County is the sole client, the contractors must agree to the following contract language: "The contractor agrees to limit administrative cost to a maximum of 15% of the total program budget and to limit employee benefits to a maximum of 20% of total salaries for those employees working under this agreement during the term of the agreement. Failure to conform to this provision will be grounds for contract termination at the option of the County of Fresno." Any bidder that wishes an exemption from this contract requirements must set forth the request for exemption, as well as a complete explanation of why the exemption should be granted, in the bidder's response to the RFP. Only the Board of Supervisors can approve such exemption.

**Policy Statement:** Contractors shall be limited to a maximum 15% administrative cost as compared to the total program budget and employee benefits shall be limited to a maximum of 20% of salaries.

The following language will be included in each applicable contract:

"The contractor agrees to limit administrative cost to a maximum of 15% of the total program budget and to limit employee benefits to a maximum of 20% of total salaries for those employees working under this agreement during the term of this agreement. Failure to conform to this provision will be grounds for contract termination at the option of the County of Fresno."

The above provision shall be applied to renewal or multi-year contracts with non-profit organizations which primarily serve Fresno County and professional services contracts where

Fresno County is the sole client, such as:

- Community based organization service contracts related to social services, health services, or probation services.
- Cultural art program contracts.
- Professional services contracts.

This policy will not apply to contracts between the County and the Federal or State governments; or one-time contracts. The Board of Supervisors will consider exemptions to this policy only upon the recommendation of the County Administrative Office.

**Management Responsibility:** It shall be the responsibility of any County official authorized by the Board of Supervisors to execute contracts or enter into agreements on behalf of the County to review all applicable contracts to insure that this policy is fully enforced.

It shall be the responsibility of the County Administrative Officer to review requests for exemptions to this policy and to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on such requests for exemption.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NUMBER 34

##### Competitive Bids and Requests for Proposals

Fresno County Administrative Policy No. 34 provides that no person, firm or subsidiary thereof who has been awarded a consulting services contract by the County, may submit a bid for, or be awarded a contract for, the provision of services, procurement of goods or supplies, or any other related action which is required, suggested, or otherwise deemed appropriate in the end product of the consulting services contract. Any bidder that wishes an exemption from this contract limitation must set forth the request for exemption, as well as a complete explanation of why the exemption should be granted, in the bidder's response to the RFP. Only the Board of Supervisors, on a four-fifths (4/5) vote finding that such waiver is in the best interests of the County, can waive this policy.

**Definitions:** Purchasing Authority and Responsibility – In accordance with the State of California Government Code Section 25500 et seq., and the Fresno County Ordinance Code Chapter 2.56, the Board of Supervisors has established a County Purchasing Agent. The Board has designated the County Administrative Officer as the Purchasing Agent. Unless otherwise restricted, all necessary authority and responsibility has been delegated to the Purchasing Agent to satisfy the acquisition requirements of the County. The Purchasing Agent may defer day-to-day acquisition management to the Purchasing Manager as appropriate.

**Policy Statement:** Competitive bids or requests for proposals shall be secured for all contracts for goods or services which are proposed to be acquired by the County except when in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, a department head, requests an exception to competitive bidding. All such requests must be documented by the department head including a detailed description of the facts justifying the exception. The

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request must receive concurrence of the procurement authority who will sign that particular contract i.e. the Board of Supervisors or Purchasing Agent/Purchasing Manager. The following circumstances are examples which constitute "Suspension of Competition":

- In an emergency when goods or services are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, welfare, or safety, or for the protection of County property.
- When the contract is with a federal, state, or local governmental agency.
- When the department head, with the concurrence of the Purchasing Agent, finds that the cost of preparing and administering a competitive bidding process in a particular case will equal or exceed the estimated contract amount or \$1,000 whichever is more.
- When a contract provides only for payment of per diem and travel expenses and there is to be no payment for services rendered.
- When obtaining the services of expert witnesses for litigation or special counsel to assist the County.
- When in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Supervisors or the Purchasing Agent/Purchasing Manager determines that the best interests of the County would be served by not securing competitive bids or issuing a request for proposal.

Contracts for services should not usually cover a period of more than one year although a longer period may be approved in unusual circumstances. Multiple year contracts must include provisions for early termination and must be contingent on available funding. Unless exempted as provided for above, no contract for service shall extend, either by original contract or by extension, beyond three years unless competitive bids have been sought or a Request for Proposal has been processed.

During any competitive bidding procedure, all bids shall be opened publicly and the dollar amount of each bid shall be read aloud. Under no circumstance shall a bid which is received at the designated place of opening after the closing time be opened or considered.

Contracts for goods or services shall not be effective until approved by the Board of Supervisors or, if appropriate, the Purchasing Agent/Purchasing Manager. Contractors and vendors shall be advised by the responsible department head that performance under the contract may not commence prior to such approval.

### Medical Professional Contracts

The competitive recruitment process, annual performance evaluation, and periodic salary surveys are equivalent to competitive bids for independent physicians contracting with the County on a fee for service basis.

A salary survey for physician services shall be conducted every two years.

Contracts for physician services shall not extend, either by original contract or by extension, beyond five years unless competitive bids have been sought or unless exempted as provided above.

### Contracts for Legal Services

The competitive recruitment process, annual performance evaluation, and periodic salary surveys are equivalent to competitive bids for independent law firms and attorneys contracting with the County on a fee for service basis.

A salary survey for legal services shall be conducted every two years.

The selection of and contracting with firms to provide legal services shall be

coordinated through the County Counsel's Office. The County Counsel shall assist in securing a law firm with the requisite legal expertise and price structure that would provide the best service to the County. County Counsel shall be involved throughout the process of selecting a firm, developing a contract, and monitoring the billing and services provided throughout the contract period.

### Prohibited Bids Concerning End Product of Consulting Contracts

No person, firm, or subsidiary thereof who has been awarded a consulting services contract by the County, shall be awarded a contract for the provision of services, procurement of goods or supplies, or any other related action which is required, suggested, or otherwise deemed appropriate in the end product of the consulting services contract. This policy may be waived by the Board of Supervisors on a four-fifths (4/5) vote finding that such waiver is in the best interests of the County.

**Management Responsibility:** The County Administrative Officer is responsible for preparing and issuing written procedures to assure compliance with this policy by all County officials and departments.

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NUMBER 71

### Prohibiting the Use of Public Funds for Political Advocacy

Fresno County Administrative Policy No. 71 provides that no County assets, including money, shall be used for political campaigns of any type. Political campaigns are defined as political advocacy for or opposition to a matter or person that has qualified for the ballot. No contract entered into by the County shall provide for use of County monies for political campaigns.

**Policy Statement:** Government assets, including money, grant funds, paid staff time, equipment and supplies, facilities or any other government asset shall not be used for political campaigns of any type. Political campaigns are defined as political advocacy for or opposition to a matter or person that has qualified for the ballot.

**Management Responsibility:** Department Heads shall be held responsible for ensuring that government assets within their control are not used to advocate for or against any matter or person that has qualified for the ballot.

This section does not prohibit the expenditure of government assets to create and provide informational or educational materials regarding a matter that has qualified for the ballot. Such information or educational materials shall provide a fair, accurate and impartial presentation of relevant information relating to the matter that has qualified for the ballot. However, government assets shall not be expended to create and provide such informational or educational materials in the 90 days prior to the election unless specifically authorized by the Board of Supervisors or required by the Public Records Act or other law.

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## KEY DATES

**RFQ Issue Date:** **February 2, 2016**

**Deadline for Written Requests for Interpretations or Corrections of RFQ:** **February 11, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.**  
E-Mail: [CountyPurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:CountyPurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us)

**RFQ Closing Date:** **February 25, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.**  
County of Fresno Purchasing  
4525 E. Hamilton Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Fresno, CA 93702

## OVERVIEW

The County of Fresno, on behalf of Personnel Services, is requesting quotations from qualified medical facilities to provide preventive services such as Hepatitis A/B vaccinations and Tuberculosis screening for those County employees who are reasonably anticipated to come into contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.

For the purpose of continuity, the County also desires to have the successful bidder provide post exposure care and follow-up under the appropriate California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections and the Workers' Compensation statutory construct. **This will require that the bidder be a current member of the County's Medical Provider Network (MPN).** The successful bidder must be able to demonstrate an understanding of the various statutory constructs involved in providing the requested services and a demonstrated ability to comply with these standards for each service.

## SCOPE OF WORK

### PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The following items shall be required for all preventive services requested in this quotation:

1. **Authorization/Scheduling/Follow-Up:** The successful bidder will be required to work closely with the departments for scheduling and follow-up. The departments will be required to arrange visits for their employees and the bidder will need to follow-up with the departments when employees miss their scheduled appointment(s). The bidder shall provide proof (such as immunization cards), that the employee received services.
2. **Payment for Services:** Each County department having employees meeting the criteria will be required to cover the cost of the preventive services. This includes all vaccinations/tests, follow-ups, and visits. The successful bidder shall work directly with the department for authorization and billing.

To ensure that only appropriate employees receive vaccinations/screening, an authorization protocol will need to be established between the bidder and the County.

3. **Timeframe Requirements for Services:** The bidder shall begin the initial vaccination series/screening/tests within 10 days after notification by a department that services are needed. If it is contemplated that employees will present for immunization/testing services on a walk-in basis, they should be seen within a reasonable amount of time not to exceed 2 hours from the time of arriving to receive services. If it is contemplated that employees will present for immunization/testing services by appointment, they should be seen within a reasonable amount of time not to exceed 30 minutes from the time of the scheduled appointment. Quarterly reports will be provided to County Risk Management summarizing all services provided.

### Hepatitis B Vaccinations

The successful bidder should be knowledgeable of CCR, Title 8, Section 5193, Bloodborne Pathogens and adhere to the following:

1. **Qualifications/Vaccination Requirements:** Hepatitis B vaccinations and vaccination series shall be:
  - A. Performed by or under the supervision of a licensed physician or by or under the supervision of another licensed healthcare professional.
  - B. Provided according to the recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Services current at the time the evaluations and procedures take place (CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HBV, HCV, and HIV for Post exposure Prophylaxis). This would also apply toward any booster doses that may be required.
  - C. Laboratory tests shall be conducted by an accredited laboratory.
2. **Recordkeeping:** The successful bidder must be able to maintain accurate records for the services provided to County employees. Records must include the following:
  - A. The name and social security number of the employee.
  - B. A copy of the employee's Hepatitis B vaccination status to include all dates of all the hepatitis B vaccinations and any medical records relative to the employee's ability to receive vaccinations.
  - C. Employee medical records need to be kept confidential and not disclosed without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by this section or as may be required by law.

- D. The County is required to maintain records for the duration of employment plus 30 years. The successful bidder shall maintain records for as long as they have an agreement with the County. These records shall remain the property of the County. The successful bidder shall transfer all pre-exposure treatment records to the County upon termination of the agreement or upon cessation of business operations by the successful bidder.

### **Hepatitis A Vaccinations**

Only a small number of County employees will need to have Hepatitis A vaccinations. The successful bidder shall adhere to the following:

1. **Qualifications/Vaccination Requirements:** Hepatitis A vaccinations shall be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed physician or by or under the supervision of another licensed healthcare professional.
  - A. Provided according to applicable public health guidelines.
  - B. Laboratory tests shall be conducted by an accredited laboratory.
2. **Recordkeeping:** Shall be according to the record keeping requirements for Hepatitis B vaccinations identified above.

### **Tuberculosis Testing**

The successful bidder should be knowledgeable with CCR, Title 8, Section 5199, Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and adhere to the following with respect to Tuberculosis screening.

1. **Qualifications/Testing Requirements:** Tuberculosis screening shall be:
  - A. Performed by or under the supervision of a physician or other licensed health care professional.
  - B. Provided according to applicable public health guidelines (i.e., CDC's Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of M. Tuberculosis in Health Care Settings, 2005).
  - C. Processed by an accredited laboratory when applicable.
  - D. Provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of employees and patients.
  - E. Employees meeting the criteria for TB testing shall be provided with annual testing, and more frequently if applicable public health guidelines or the local health officer recommends more frequent testing.
  - F. An assessment for latent TB infection shall be available to all employees with occupational exposure. These assessments shall be in accordance with applicable public health guidelines.

### **POST EXPOSURE CARE**

After all potential exposures, the County will initiate the process of completing an Exposure Report form that will be sent immediately to the successful bidder outlining the circumstances of the exposure. This will be in addition to completing the appropriate Workers' Compensation paper work. The bidder shall adhere to the following as it relates to post exposure care.

**Hepatitis B**

1. **Medical Evaluation/Follow-Up:** Immediately upon an employee being exposed, a collection and testing of the employee's blood for HBV, HBC, and HIV serological status shall take place per the following guidelines:
  - A. The exposed employee's blood shall be collected as soon as feasible and tested after consent is obtained.
  - B. If the employee consents to baseline blood collection, but does not give consent at that time for HIV serologic testing, the sample shall be preserved for at least 90 days. If, within 90 days of the exposure incident, the employee elects to have the baseline sample tested, such testing shall be done as soon as feasible.
  - C. Additional collection, testing and post-exposure prophylaxis as medically indicated, shall be made available as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.
  - D. The successful bidder shall provide for counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses.

**NOTE:** If the nature and circumstances involving the exposure requires the employee to seek treatment at a hospital, the successful bidder shall be required to contact that facility to obtain necessary medical information to provide follow-up care for the employee.

2. **Healthcare Professional's Written Opinion:** Per CCR, Title 8 section 5193 (f) (5), the successful bidder is required to provide a written opinion concerning the exposure. The successful bidder will be required to do the following:
  - A. Provide, on the County's form, to the County's Third Party Administrator, County Risk Management, the affected department, and to the employee, a copy of the evaluating healthcare professional's written opinion within 15 days of the completion of the evaluation for Title 8 compliance. Appropriate workers' compensation aftercare and reporting requirements will also be in compliance with the specified reporting time frames contained in the Labor Code for workers' compensation reporting.
  - B. The healthcare professional's written opinion for Hepatitis B vaccination shall be limited to whether hepatitis B vaccination is indicated for an employee, and if the employee has received such vaccination.
  - C. The healthcare professional's written opinion for post- exposure evaluation and follow-up provided to the employer (County Risk Management) and employee shall be limited to the following information:
    1. That the employee has been informed of the results of the evaluation; and
    2. That the employee has been told about any medical conditions resulting from exposure to blood or OPIM which require further evaluation or treatment.
    3. All other findings or diagnosis shall remain confidential and shall not be included in the written report.

The post exposure evaluation and follow-up report provided to the County's Third Party Administrator must provide all necessary information per California Labor Code.

3. **Recordkeeping:** In addition to the record keeping required for the Hepatitis B vaccinations ("Hepatitis A Vaccinations" Item 2), the following shall also be retained by the successful bidder:
  - A. A copy of all results of examinations, medical testing, and follow-up procedures.
  - B. A copy of the healthcare professional's written opinion.

C. The Exposure Report form submitted by the County.

### Hepatitis A

1. **Medical Evaluation/ Follow-Up:** Immediately upon exposure, the employee shall be treated according to applicable public health guidelines. The employee shall also be provided with counseling and evaluation of the reported illness.
2. **Healthcare Professional's Written Opinion:** The requirements outlined under Item 2 for post exposure care for Hepatitis B shall be followed for Hepatitis A exposure.
3. **Recordkeeping:** Shall be according to the requirements outlined in item 3 for Hepatitis B post exposure care.

### Tuberculosis

1. **Exposure Determination:** Upon a suspected exposure, the County's Exposure Report form will be completed and submitted to the Public Health's TB Program to determine whether there is information on file for the source individual.
2. **Medical Evaluation/Follow-Up:** If it is determined that treatment is recommended for the employee, the successful bidder will need to adhere to the following:
  - A. With the employee's consent, provide any necessary diagnostic tests performed by or under the supervision of a licensed health care provider and inform the employee of appropriate treatment options.
  - B. Treatment needs to be provided according to applicable public health guidelines and in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of employees and patients.
  - C. The successful bidder will need to determine if the employee is a TB case or suspected case and shall be required to do the following if the employee is a case or suspected case:
    1. Inform the employee and the local Health Officer in accordance with CCR Title 17.
    2. Consult with the local Health Officer and inform the County department of any infection control recommendations related to the employee's activity in the workplace.
    3. Make a recommendation to the department regarding precautionary removal due to suspect active disease and provide the department with a written opinion.
  - D. If it is presumed an employee was exposed to TB while employed with the County based on a baseline positive TB test, they shall have annual symptom screening.
  - E. Laboratory tests shall be processed by an accredited laboratory.
3. **Precautionary Removal:** When the bidder provides post exposure evaluation or an evaluation of an employee's TB conversion, an opinion whether precautionary removal from the employee's regular assignment to prevent spread of the disease agent by the employee and what type of alternative work assignment may be provided. The bidder shall also convey to the County any recommendations for precautionary removal immediately via phone or fax and the recommendation is documented in the written opinion as outlined below.
4. **Healthcare Professional's Written Opinion:** For TB conversion or any recordable exposure incidents; the written opinion shall be:
  - A. Provided, on the County's form, to the County's Third Party Administrator, County Risk Management, the affected department, and to the employee, a copy of the evaluating healthcare professional's written opinion within 15 days of the completion of the evaluation for Title 8

compliance. Appropriate workers' compensation aftercare and reporting requirements will also be in compliance with the specified reporting time frames contained in the Labor Code for workers' compensation reporting.

- B. The information provided shall be limited to the employee's TB status for the exposure of concern;
- C. The employee's infectivity status;
- D. A statement that the employee has been informed of the results of the medical evaluation and has been offered applicable prophylaxis or treatment;
- E. A statement that the employee has been told about medical conditions which may result from exposure to TB that require further evaluation or treatment and that the employee has been informed of treatment options; and
- F. Recommendations for precautionary removal from the employee's regular assignment.
- G. All other findings or diagnosis shall remain confidential and shall not be included in the written report.

The post exposure evaluation and follow-up report provided to the County's Third Party Administrator must provide all necessary information per California Labor Code.

## Training

In addition to the services provided above, the County desires that the successful bidder have the ability to provide training as it relates to Bloodborne Pathogens and Tuberculosis and be able to deliver the training at various County department locations. Each department will be responsible for the coordination and payment for training services scheduled through the successful bidder. Departments will be required to train employees at the time of assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may occur and at least annually thereafter. The person(s) that the bidder designates to conduct the training shall be knowledgeable in the subject matter identified below.

### 1. Bloodborne Pathogens

In accordance with Title 8, section 5193 (g) (2), the following elements shall be discussed in the training:

- A. Epidemiology and Symptoms – A general explanation of the epidemiology and symptoms of bloodborne diseases;
- B. Modes of Transmission – An explanation of the modes of transmission of bloodborne pathogens.
- C. Hepatitis B Vaccination – Information on Hepatitis B vaccine, including information on efficacy, safety, method of administration, and the benefits of being vaccinated.
- D. Emergency – Information on the appropriate actions to take and persons to contact in an emergency involving blood or OPIM.
- E. Exposure Incident – An explanation of the procedures to follow if an exposure incident occurs, including the method of reporting the incident, the medical follow-up that will be made available and the procedure for recording the incident.
- F. Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-Up – Information on the post-exposure evaluation and follow-up that the employer is required to provide for the employee following an exposure incident; and
- G. Interactive Questions and Answers – An opportunity for interactive questions and answers with the person conducting the training session.

## **2. Tuberculosis**

In accordance with Title 8, section 5199 (i) (4) (5), the following elements shall be discussed in the Tuberculosis training. This training component should be included with the Bloodborne Pathogen training.

- A. A general explanation of Tuberculosis including the signs and symptoms that require further medical evaluation;
- B. An explanation of modes of transmission of Tuberculosis and applicable source control procedures;
- C. Information about Tuberculosis testing, including information on the efficacy, safety, method of administration, and the benefits of the testing;
- D. An explanation of the procedures to follow if an exposure incident occurs, including the method of reporting the incident, the medical follow-up that will be made available, and post-exposure evaluation; and
- E. An opportunity for interactive questions and answers.

## BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

**LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE BID**

**PREFERENCE:** The Local Vendor Preference and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference **do not** apply to this Request for Quotation.

**DEFINITIONS:** The terms Bidder, Proposer, Contractor and Vendor are all used interchangeably and refer to that person, partnership, corporation, organization, agency, etc. which is offering the quotation and is identified on page one of this Request For Quotation (RFQ).

**ISSUING AGENT:** This RFQ has been issued by County of Fresno, Purchasing. Purchasing shall be the vendor's sole point of contact with regard to the RFQ, its content, and all issues concerning it.

**INTERPRETATION OF RFQ:** Vendors must make careful examination of the requirements, specifications and conditions expressed in the RFQ and fully inform themselves as to the quality and character of services required. If any person planning to submit a quotation finds discrepancies in or omissions from the RFQ or has any doubt as to the true meaning or interpretation, correction thereof may be requested in writing from Purchasing by February 11, 2016, 9:00 A.M. cut-off.

Questions shall be delivered to County of Fresno Purchasing, 4525 E. Hamilton Avenue, Fresno, California 93702 or email: [CountyPurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:CountyPurchasing@co.fresno.ca.us).

NOTE: Time constraints will prevent County from responding to questions submitted after the cut-off date.

Any change in the Request for Quotation will be made by written addendum issued by the County. The County will not be responsible for any other explanations or interpretations.

**AWARD:** Award will be made to the vendor(s) offering the services, products, and prices deemed to be to the best advantage of the County. The County shall be the sole judge in making such determination. Award Notices are tentative: Acceptance of an offer made in response to this RFQ shall occur only upon execution of an agreement by both parties.

**RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS:** The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bids.

**AUTHORIZED CONTACT:** All communication regarding this RFQ shall be directed to an authorized representative of County Purchasing. The specific buyer managing this RFQ is identified on the cover page, along with his or her telephone number, and he or she should be the primary point of contact for discussions or information pertaining to the RFQ. Contact with any other County representative, including elected officials, for the purpose of discussing this RFQ, its content, or any other issue concerning it, is prohibited unless authorized by Purchasing. Violation of this clause, by the vendor having unauthorized contact (verbally or in writing) with such other County representatives, may constitute grounds for rejection by Purchasing of the vendor's quotation.

The above stated restriction on vendor contact with County representatives shall apply until the County has awarded a purchase order or contract to a vendor or vendors, except as follows. First, in the event that a vendor initiates a formal protest against the RFQ, such vendor may contact the appropriate individual, or individuals who are managing that protest as outlined in the County's established protest procedures. All such contact must be in accordance with the sequence set forth under the protest procedures. Second, in the event a public hearing is scheduled before the Board of Supervisors to hear testimony prior to its approval of a purchase order or contract, any vendor may address the Board.

**NUMBER OF COPIES:** Submit **one (1) original and two (2) copies** of your quotation no later than the quotation closing date and time as stated on the front of this document to County of Fresno Purchasing. Each copy to be identical to the original, include all supporting documentation (e.g. literature, brochures, reports, schedules etc.). The cover page of each quotation is to be appropriately marked "Original" or "Copy".

**FIRM QUOTATION:** All quotations shall remain firm for at least ninety (90) days.

**TAXES:** The quoted amount must include all applicable taxes. If taxes are not specifically identified in the quotation it will be assumed that they are included in the total quoted.

**SALES TAX:** Fresno County pays California State Sales Tax in the amount of 8.225% regardless of vendor's place of doing business.

**TAXES, PERMITS & FEES:** The successful bidder shall pay for and include all federal, state and local taxes direct or indirect upon all materials; pay all fees for, and obtain all necessary permits and licenses, unless otherwise specified herein.

**VENDOR ASSISTANCE:** Successful bidder shall furnish, at no cost to the County, a representative to assist County departments in determining their product requirements.

**MINOR DEVIATIONS:** The County reserves the right to negotiate minor deviations from the prescribed terms, conditions and requirements with the selected vendor.

**QUOTATION REJECTION:** Failure to respond to all questions or not to supply the requested information could result in rejection of your quotation.

**BIDDERS' LIABILITIES:** County of Fresno will not be held liable for any cost incurred by vendors in responding to the RFQ.

**PRICE RESPONSIBILITY:** The selected vendor will be required to assume full responsibility for all services and activities offered in the quotation, whether or not they are provided directly. Further, the County of Fresno will consider the selected vendor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract. The contractor may not subcontract or transfer the contract, or any right or obligation arising out of the contract, without first having obtained the express written consent of the County.

**PRICES:** Bidder agrees that prices quoted are a maximum for the contract period, and in the event of a price decline such lower prices shall be extended to the County of Fresno. Prices shall be quoted F.O.B. destination.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** Bidders shall not disclose information about the County's business or business practices and safeguard confidential data which vendor staff may have access to in the course of system implementation.

**NEWS RELEASE:** Vendors shall not issue any news releases or otherwise release information to any third party about this RFQ or the vendor's quotation without prior written approval from the County of Fresno.

**BACKGROUND REVIEW:** The County reserves the right to conduct a background inquiry of each proposer/bidder which may include collection of appropriate criminal history information, contractual and business associations and practices, employment histories and reputation in the business community. By submitting a quotation/bid to the County, the vendor consents to such an inquiry and agrees to make available to the County such books and records the County deems necessary to conduct the inquiry.

**EXCEPTIONS:** Identify with explanation, any terms, conditions, specifications or stipulations of the RFQ with which you CAN NOT or WILL NOT comply.

**ADDENDA:** In the event that it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFQ, addenda will be provided to all agencies and organizations that receive the basic RFQ.

**SUBCONTRACTORS:** If a subcontractor is proposed, complete identification of the subcontractor and his tasks shall be provided. The primary contractor is not relieved of any responsibility by virtue of using a subcontractor.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The County shall not contract with, and shall reject any bid or quotation submitted by the persons or entities specified below, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract:

1. Employees of the County or public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in Subsection (1) serve as officers, principals, partners or major shareholders.
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding twelve (12) months, came within the provisions of Subsection (1), and who were employees in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the contract, or participated in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications.
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees described in Subsection (3) serve as officers, principals, partners or major shareholders.
5. No County employee whose position in the County enables him to influence the selection of a contractor for this RFQ, or any competing RFQ, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employees in any capacity by a bidder, or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selection of a contractor.

**INVOICING:** All invoices are to be delivered in duplicate to County of Fresno, Personnel Services, 2220 Tulare St., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fresno, CA 93721. Reference shall be made to the purchase order/contract number and equipment number if applicable on the invoice.

**PAYMENT:** County will make partial payments for all purchases made under the contract and accumulated during the month.

**CONTRACT TERM:** It is County's intent to contract with the successful bidder for a term of three (3) years.

**RENEWAL:** Agreement may be renewed for a potential of two (2) one (1) year periods, based on the mutual written consent of all parties.

**QUANTITIES:** Quantities shown in the bid schedule are approximate and the County guarantees no minimum amount. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities.

**ORDERING:** Orders will be placed as required by County of Fresno Personnel Services.

**TERMINATION:** The County reserves the right to terminate any resulting contract upon written notice.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** In performance of the work, duties, and obligations assumed by Contractor under any ensuing Agreement, it is mutually understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR, including any and all of Contractor's officers, agents, and employees will at all times be acting and performing as an independent contractor, and shall act in an independent capacity and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of the COUNTY. Furthermore, County shall have no right to control or supervise or direct the manner or method by which Contractor shall perform its work and function. However, County shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that Contractor is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. Contractor and County shall comply with all applicable provisions of law and the rules and regulations, if any, of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over matters the subject thereof.

Because of its status as an independent contractor, Contractor shall have absolutely no right to employment rights and benefits available to County employees. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, Contractor shall be solely responsible and save County harmless from all matters relating to payment of Contractor's employees, including compliance with Social Security, withholding, and all other regulations governing such

matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of the Agreement, Contractor may be providing services to others unrelated to the County or to the Agreement.

**SELF-DEALING TRANSACTION DISCLOSURE:** Contractor agrees that when operating as a corporation (a for-profit or non-profit corporation), or if during the term of the agreement the Contractor changes its status to operate as a corporation, members of the Contractor's Board of Directors shall disclose any self-dealing transactions that they are a party to while Contractor is providing goods or performing services under the agreement with the County. A self-dealing transaction shall mean a transaction to which the Contractor is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest. Members of the Board of Directors shall disclose any self-dealing transactions that they are a party to by completing and signing a Fresno County Self-Dealing Transaction Disclosure Form and submitting it to the County prior to commencing with the self-dealing transaction or immediately thereafter.

**HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE:** Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, hold harmless and at County's request, defend the County, its officers, agents and employees, from any and all costs and expenses, damages, liabilities, claims and losses occurring or resulting to County in connection with the performance, or failure to perform, by Contractor, its officers, agents or employees under this Agreement and from any and all costs and expenses, damages, liabilities, claims and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the performance, or failure to perform, of Contractor, its officers, agents or employees under this Agreement.

**SAFEGUARDS:** The contractor shall provide safeguards, in conformity with all local codes and ordinances as may be required.

**INSURANCE:** Without limiting the COUNTY's right to obtain indemnification from CONTRACTOR or any third parties, CONTRACTOR, at its sole expense, shall maintain in full force and effect, the following insurance policies or a program of self-insurance, including but not limited to, an insurance pooling arrangement or Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) throughout the term of the Agreement:

A. Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and an annual aggregate of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). This policy shall be issued on a per occurrence basis. COUNTY may require specific coverages including completed operations, products liability, contractual liability, Explosion-Collapse-Underground, fire legal liability or any other liability insurance deemed necessary because of the nature of this contract.

B. Automobile Liability

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with limits for bodily injury of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) per person, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per accident and for property damages of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or such coverage with a combined single limit of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). Coverage should include owned and non-owned vehicles used in connection with this Agreement.

C. Professional Liability

If CONTRACTOR employs licensed professional staff, (e.g., Ph.D., R.N., L.C.S.W., M.F.C.C.) in providing services, Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) annual aggregate.

D. Worker's Compensation

A policy of Worker's Compensation insurance as may be required by the California Labor Code.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain endorsements to the Commercial General Liability insurance naming the County of Fresno, its officers, agents, and employees, individually and collectively, as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. Such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by COUNTY, its officers, agents and employees shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under

CONTRACTOR's policies herein. This insurance shall not be cancelled or changed without a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice given to COUNTY.

Within thirty (30) days from the date CONTRACTOR executes this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide certificates of insurance and endorsement as stated above for all of the foregoing policies, as required herein, to the **County of Fresno, Personnel Services, 2220 Tulare St., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fresno, CA 93721**, stating that such insurance coverage have been obtained and are in full force; that the County of Fresno, its officers, agents and employees will not be responsible for any premiums on the policies; that such Commercial General Liability insurance names the County of Fresno, its officers, agents and employees, individually and collectively, as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned; that such coverage for additional insured shall apply as primary insurance and any other insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by COUNTY, its officers, agents and employees, shall be excess only and not contributing with insurance provided under CONTRACTOR's policies herein; and that this insurance shall not be cancelled or changed without a minimum of thirty (30) days advance, written notice given to COUNTY.

In the event CONTRACTOR fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, the COUNTY may, in addition to other remedies it may have, suspend or terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.

All policies shall be with admitted insurers licensed to do business in the State of California. Insurance purchased shall be purchased from companies possessing a current A.M. Best, Inc. rating of A FSC VII or better.

**EPAYMENT OPTION:** The County of Fresno provides an Epay Program which involves payment of invoices by a secure Visa account number assigned to the supplier after award of contract. Notification of payments and required invoice information are issued to the supplier's designated Accounts Receivable contact by e-mail remittance advice at time of payment. To learn more about the benefits of an Epay Program, how it works, and obtain answers to frequently asked questions, click or copy and paste the following URL into your browser: [www.bankofamerica.com/epayablesvendors](http://www.bankofamerica.com/epayablesvendors) or call Fresno County Accounts Payable, 559-600-3609.

#### **BONDS:**

**PERFORMANCE BOND:** The successful bidders may be required to furnish a faithful performance bond.

**BONDING COMPANY:** The company issuing bonds shall be a corporate surety admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in the State of California with an A.M Best rating of B++ VIII or better.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** The ensuing contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of California. Any claim which cannot be amicably settled without court action will be litigated in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California in Fresno, CA or in a state court for Fresno County.

**DEFAULT:** In case of default by the selected bidder, the County may procure the services from another source and may recover the loss occasioned thereby from any unpaid balance due the selected bidder, or by any other legal means available to the County.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** The ensuing proposed contract will provide that the vendor may not assign any payment or portions of payments without prior written consent of the County of Fresno.

**ASSURANCES:** Any contract awarded under this RFQ must be carried out in full compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, their subsequent amendments, and any and all other laws protecting the rights of individuals and agencies. The County of Fresno has a zero tolerance for discrimination, implied or expressed, and wants to ensure that policy continues under this RFQ. The contractor must also guarantee that services, or workmanship, provided will be performed in compliance with all applicable local, state, or federal laws and regulations pertinent to the types of services, or project, of the nature required under this RFQ. In addition, the contractor may be required to provide evidence substantiating that their employees have the necessary skills and training to perform the required services or work.

**AUDITS AND RETENTION:** The Contractor shall maintain in good and legible condition all books, documents, papers, data files and other records related to its performance under this contract. Such records shall be complete and available to Fresno County, the State of California, the federal government or their duly authorized representatives for the purpose of audit, examination, or copying during the term of the contract and for a period of at least three years following the County's final payment under the contract or until conclusion of any pending matter (e.g., litigation or audit), whichever is later. Such records must be retained in the manner described above until all pending matters are closed.

**BIDDER TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:****PARTICIPATION**

The County of Fresno is a member of the Central Valley Purchasing Group. This group consists of Fresno, Kern, Kings, and Tulare Counties and all governmental, tax supported agencies within these counties.

Whenever possible, these and other tax supported agencies co-op (piggyback) on contracts put in place by one of the other agencies.

Any agency choosing to avail itself of this opportunity, will make purchases in their own name, make payment directly to the contractor, be liable to the contractor and vice versa, per the terms of the original contract, all the while holding the County of Fresno harmless. If awarded this contract, please indicate whether you would extend the same terms and conditions to all tax supported agencies within this group as you are proposing to extend to Fresno County.

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Yes, we will extend contract terms and conditions to all qualified agencies within the Central Valley Purchasing Group and other tax supported agencies.

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No, we will not extend contract terms to any agency other than the County of Fresno.

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(Authorized Signature in Blue Ink)

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Title

**VENDOR MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH REQUEST FOR QUOTATION.**

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE LIST**

Provide a list of at least five (5) customers for whom you have recently provided similar products/services. Be sure to include all requested information.

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No.: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Service Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No.: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

***Failure to provide a list of at least five (5) customers may be cause for rejection of this RFQ.***

## QUOTATION SCHEDULE

The prices provided for the services below shall include all visits, supplies, laboratory testing, taxes, recordkeeping costs, and follow-up with departments. The County does not guarantee a minimum. See **Attachment A** for service levels.

### **Pre-exposure Care and Treatment**

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|---|----------|
| 1. Hepatitis A Vaccine  |          |
| a. First Dose   | \$ _____ |
| b. Second Dose  | \$ _____ |
| 2. Hepatitis B Vaccine  |          |
| a. Baseline Titre Test (as needed)  | \$ _____ |
| b. First Dose   | \$ _____ |
| c. Second Dose  | \$ _____ |
| d. Third Dose   | \$ _____ |
| e. Cost of evaluation to determine if recipient is HBsAg Positive         | \$ _____ |
| f. Booster Dose   | \$ _____ |
| 3. Tuberculosis Screening   |          |
| a. Baseline TB screening with reading                                     | \$ _____ |
| b. Annual TB screening with reading                                       | \$ _____ |
| c. Chest X-Ray (for previous TB reading) that includes Radiologist Report | \$ _____ |

### **Post-Exposure Care and Treatment**

If it is determined that exposure occurred as a result of an employee's work duties, the successful bidder must provide post-exposure care and treatment according to the Official Medical Fee Schedule promulgated under the workers' compensation statutory construct.

### **Training**

- |                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Hourly Training Rate           | \$ _____ |
| a. Minimum number of participants | _____    |
| b. Maximum number of participants | _____    |

## CHECK LIST

This Checklist is provided to assist the vendors in the preparation of their bid response. Included in this list, are important requirements and is the responsibility of the bidder to submit with the bid package in order to make the bid compliant. Because this checklist is just a guideline, the bidder must read and comply with the bid in its entirety.

*Check off each of the following:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ All signatures must be in **blue ink**.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The Request for Quotation (RFQ) has been signed and completed.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **One (1) original and two (2) copies** of the RFQ have been provided.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Addenda, if any, have been completed, signed and included in the bid package.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The completed *Reference List* as provided with this RFQ.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The *Quotation Schedule* as provided with this RFQ has been completed, price reviewed for accuracy and any corrections initialed in ink.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate all of bidder exceptions to the County's requirements, conditions and specifications as stated within this RFQ.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The *Participation* page as provided within this RFQ has been signed and included
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Lastly, on the **LOWER LEFT HAND CORNER** of the sealed envelope, box, etc. transmitting your bid include the following information:

County of Fresno RFQ No.	<b>964-5435</b>
Closing Date:	<b>February 25, 2016</b>
Closing Time:	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>
Commodity or Service:	<b>Exposure to Pathogenic Disease - Pre/Post Exposure Care</b>

**Return Checklist with your RFQ response.**

## ATTACHMENT A

**Service levels for the past four (4) years.**

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County OF Fresno Public Health				
Hepatitis A	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	0	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	5	0	1	0
2nd Dose	5	0	1	0
3rd Dose	4	1	0	0
Boosters	0	0	0	0
Titers	0	0	0	0
TB Screens	0	0	0	0
Training				
# of sessions conducted	0	0	0	0
# of employees trained	0	0	0	0

County OF Fresno Public Health Laboratory				
Hepatitis A	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	0	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	6	0	1	0
2nd Dose	5	0	1	0
3rd Dose	4	1	0	0
Boosters	0	0	0	0
Titers	0	0	0	0
TB Screens	0	0	0	0
Training				
# of sessions conducted	0	0	0	0
# of employees trained	0	0	0	0

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County OF Fresno Public Health Probation				
Hepatitis A	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	0	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	9	6	1	6
2nd Dose	6	6	1	5
3rd Dose	0	10	0	0
Boosters	0	0	0	0
Titers	0	0	0	0
TB Screens	0	0	0	0
Training				
# of sessions conducted	0	0	0	0
# of employees trained	0	0	0	0

County OF Fresno Public Health Internal Services				
Hepatitis A	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	0	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	4	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
3rd Dose	0	0	0	0
Boosters	0	0	0	0
Titers	0	0	0	0
TB Screens	0	0	3	0
Training				
# of sessions conducted	0	0	0	0
# of employees trained	0	0	0	0

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County OF Fresno Public Health Enviornmental				
Hepatitis A	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	0	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	12	2	1	0
2nd Dose	9	0	2	0
3rd Dose	6	0	0	0
Boosters	0	0	0	0
Titers	1	7	0	0
TB Screens	0	0	0	0
Training				
# of sessions conducted	0	0	0	0
# of employees trained	0	0	0	0

County OF Fresno Public Health Sheriff				
Hepatitis A	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	0	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	2012	2013	2014	2015
1st Dose	0	0	0	2
2nd Dose	0	0	0	3
3rd Dose	0	0	0	1
Boosters	0	0	0	0
Titers	0	0	0	0
TB Screens	0	0	0	2
Training				
# of sessions conducted	0	0	0	0
# of employees trained	0	0	0	0

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<b>County OF Fresno Public Health -Facility Service</b>				
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
1st Dose	0	0	0	0
2nd Dose	0	0	0	0
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
1st Dose	0	9	7	0
2nd Dose	0	8	4	0
3rd Dose	0	0	6	1
Boosters	0	0	0	0
Titers	0	0	0	0
TB Screens	0	16	1	1
<b>Training</b>				
# of sessions conducted	0	0	0	0
# of employees trained	0	0	0	0