



BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Request for Information

PrEP/PEP Medication 340b Pharmacy Contracting

Date of Issue: 1/28/20

Submission Deadline: 02/21/2020

At 3:00PM ET

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY. This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes – it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future. This request for information does not commit the Government to contract for any supply or service whatsoever.

Buncombe County Health and Human Services (BCHHS) is soliciting information from pharmacies interested in contracting for provision of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) medications under the 340B drug pricing program to clients of BCHHS Clinical Services. BCHHS provides PrEP and PEP to eligible clients and receives discounted pricing for PrEP/PEP medications as a 340B covered entity. BCHHS may elect to dispense 340B drugs to clients through contract pharmacy services, an arrangement in which the 340B covered entity signs a written contract with a pharmacy to provide pharmacy services.

2.0 RFI PROCEDURES

A. Schedule

Event	Responsibility	Date and Time
Issue RFI	County	01/28/2020
Submit Written Questions	Vendor	02/03/2020 5:00pm EST
Provide Response to Questions	County	02/07/2020 5:00pm EST
Submit Proposals	Vendor	02/21/2020 3:00pm EST

B. Clarification Questions

Clarification questions will be accepted until 02/03/2020, 5:00pm as specified in the schedule above. All questions must be emailed to ron.venturella@buncombecounty.org by the date and time specified above. An addendum containing any general clarification questions and their answers will be issued as an addendum to this RFI.

C. Response

The County recognizes that considerable effort will be required in preparing a response to this RFI. **However, please note this is a request for information only, and not a request for services.** The Vendor shall bear all costs for preparing this RFI.

1. Content and Format

The County expects concise, detailed, point-by-point responses to each of the RFI response items identified in Sections 3.0 of this RFI. The County is not interested in brochures or “boilerplate” responses. Instead, responses should clearly define how the vendor’s proposed solution(s) would meet the County’s business requirements. Any issues or exceptions to the County’s requirements should also be identified and explained.

The response should define all services that would be required by the proposed solution. The response should also include:

- The vendor’s understanding of the project and services by addressing the County’s business requirements;
- An estimated total cost of ownership for the solution including continued compliance with emerging industry standards.

- The proposed solution's ability to expand and evolve to meet all of the service and performance requirements identified in this RFI.

2. Multiple Responses

Multiple responses will be accepted from a single vendor provided that each response is comprehensive, meets all of the County's requirements, and is truly unique. Please clearly mark responses as "Response #1, Response #2, etc.

3. Submittal

Responses will be received until 3:00pm, 02/21/2020 and should be electronically submitted via email and properly identified with the RFI Title.

Responses should be emailed to:

Email: ron.venturella@buncombecounty.org

3.0 REQUESTED INFORMATION

Responses should address the following:

1. Pharmacy name; address of dispensing site(s); name, phone number and email address of staff member serving as point of contact for this response
2. Level of experience with the 340B drug pricing program and a list of entities for whom you provide similar services
3. Expected administrative fees you would charge for such services and an estimated per client per month payment that would be made to BCHHS
4. Explanation on how your pharmacy maintains 340B compliance with existing clients or how you propose you would maintain 340B compliance for this service
5. Unique benefits that you can offer to our clients
6. General description of inventory management (e.g.; ordering, receiving, dispensing, billing and reporting)

Parties submitting information may be contacted after the response date to provide additional information. Responses may be up to 5 pages in length.