

FY2013 RFP Questions and Answers:

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Question:

Would you please provide the current providers rates for Substance Abuse/Co-occurring treatment services in the Larimer County catchment area?

Answer:

Below are the current rates we pay for substance abuse treatment in Larimer County. FY2013 is the first year that we are adding the co-occurring codes, so no rates are available for these services.

Code	Description		Cost
1010	Collection of Urine Specimens & Report Results	Specimen	\$6.00
1504	Breathalyzer	Test	\$2.00
2011	Intake Assessment and Report	Client	\$50.00
2021	Clinical Group	Session	\$10.00
2022	Manualized Group	Session	\$10.00
2010	Individual Counseling	Session	\$25.00
2020	Group Counseling	Session	\$10.00
2030	Family Counseling	Session	\$25.00

Question:

The following questions were asked about contract 1082-2013-0125 Metro Denver Area Residential Placement RFP.

1. If awarded a contract, on what date will services begin?

Answer: The contract begins on October 1, 2012.

2. I assume the current contract with the current vendor in “public record”. How can we obtain a copy of the current contract?

Answer: All terms and conditions for our current contract are very similar to the RFP being solicited right now. Generally all that changes are updates to clauses.

3. This solicitation contains three required services: Therapeutic Community Treatment, Short-Term Residential Treatment and Short Term Residential for Co-Occurring Disorders. Is it required that the selected vendor perform all three services or can an agency submit a response to this RFP for only one or two service areas?

Answer: In order for a vendor to be considered technically acceptable, they must be able to provide all services requested on and RFP. If you cannot provide all services you can attempt to subcontract with another vendor (see section I).

4) Will the selected vendor(s) be required to serve the total estimated monthly quantity or can a vendor services a portion of the estimated monthly quantity?

Answer: The quantity indicated in section B is an estimate only. Our actual referral could be larger or smaller. If we were to place an individual into treatment with the vendor awarded this contract, the amount of time the individual is in treatment will depend upon the officer referring the client and the counselor.

5) We currently have one facility dedicated to males and one facility dedicated to females. Can the total estimated monthly quantity be served at more than one facility?

Answer: As long as your facilities are in the catchment area and each facility meets the mandatory requirements set forth in the RFP then yes.

6) Is it a requirement or will it be favorable for the facility to be located in Denver County?

Answer: The facility needs to be located in the Denver Metro Area in order to be technically acceptable. Please see question 7 below for examples of what is considered the Denver Metro Area.

7) Is Greeley/Weld County considered part of this RFP?

Answer: Greeley/Weld County is not considered part of the Denver Metro Area. Examples of areas within the Denver Metro area are, Denver, Westminster, Boulder, Broomfield, Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, Englewood, Centennial, and Aurora.

8) What agency(s) currently provide the services described in this RFP?

Answer: We currently contract with Arapahoe House for our residential services.

9) What is the current per diem for Therapeutic Community Treatment, Short-Term Residential Treatment and Short Term Residential for Co-Occurring Disorders?

Answer: We are not sure what you are asking here. Vendors are required to provide the Government with their best possible price, we do not set the rate. If this does not answer your question, please let me know.

10) What is the current administrative fee charged by the current vendor?

Answer: Per the RFP the administrative fee, code 1501, is 5% of fees collected by the vendor.

11) Do you have a breakdown of the per diem for each programmatic component: i.e. Room/Board, meals, treatment, etc.

Answer: Please see the answer to question number 9 above.

12) Of the offenders (pre-trial/probation/parole), what is the current percentage of males and females?

Answer: We currently do not have anyone in our residential facility in order to answer this question.

13) Of the offenders (pre-trial/probation/parole), what is the current percentage receiving medication?

Answer: We currently do not have anyone in our residential facility in order to answer this questions.

14) If an offender must immediately be removed from a facility, what is the process for this to occur?

Answer: Please see section F of the RFP. Additionally, each cases is handled in a case by case basis. Typically the court would be involved to provide the officer with guidance. The officer would contact the therapist to discuss the exit process.

15) Do federal offenders need to be segregated from other residential clients - physically, separate treatment, meals, rooms, etc.?

Answer: No.

16) Can non-invasive drug testing technology in lieu of urinalysis be considered as part of this contract?

Answer: No

Question:

What laboratory do you contract with for the urinalysis testing/confirmation?

Answer:

Our district works with the District of New Mexico. The U.S. Probation Office in the District of New Mexico operates their own urinalysis testing lab. Testing results are sent to our district and to the vendor who sent the sample.

Question:

Can you provide the current pricing schedule for all contracts performing services in the catchment areas of Arapahoe County, Douglas County and city of Aurora?

Answer:

Below is the pricing for the current contract that will be replaced by 1082-2013-0002

1010	Collection of Urine Specimens & Report Results	Specimen	\$7.00
1504	Breathalyzer	Test	\$5.00
2011	Intake Assessment and Report	Client	\$169.00
2021	Clinical Group	Session	\$21.00
2022	Manualized Group	Session	\$21.00
2010	Individual Counseling	Session	\$32.00
2020	Group Counseling	Session	\$16.00
2030	Family Counseling	Session	\$28.00
2090	Treatment Readiness Group	Session	\$22.00
6015	Individual Counseling	Session	\$32.00
6026	Group Counseling	Session	\$21.00
6027	Treatment Readiness Group	Session	\$21.00
6036	Family Counseling	Session	\$27.00
4010	Physical Examination and Report	Report	\$270.00
4020	Laboratory Studies and Report	Test	\$53.00
5011	Mental Health Intake Assessment and Report	Report	\$169.00
5030	Psychiatric Evaluation and Report	Report	\$270.00
6000	Case Management Services	Session	\$25.00
6051	Medication Monitoring	Visit	\$86.00
7020	Medication - Antabuse	Visit	\$4.00
7021	Medication - Antabuse - Take Home	Visit	No Charge

Question:

Can you provide the current pricing schedule for all contracts performing services in the catchment areas of Adams, Boulder and Weld county?

Answer:

Below is the pricing for the current contract that will be replaced by 1082-2013-0021

1010	Collection of Urine Specimens & Report Results	Specimen	\$7.50
1504	Breathalyzer	Test	\$2.50
2011	Intake Assessment and Report	Client	\$63.00
2021	Clinical Group	Session	\$12.50
2022	Manualized Group	Session	\$9.00
2010	Individual Counseling	Session	\$30.00
2020	Group Counseling	Session	\$12.50
2030	Family Counseling	Session	\$30.00
2090	Treatment Readiness Group	Session	\$12.50
6015	Individual Counseling	Session	\$46.50
6026	Group Counseling	Session	\$12.50
6027	Treatment Readiness Group	Session	\$12.50
6036	Family Counseling	Session	\$46.50
6011	Mental Health Intake Assessment and Report	Report	\$75.00
6020	Psychological Testing and Report	Report	NTE \$742.63
6030	Psychiatric Evaluation and Report	Report	\$205.00
6000	Case Management Services	Session	\$27.00
6051	Medication Monitoring	Visit	\$71.00
7020	Medication - Antabuse	Visit	\$3.00

Question:

Can you provide the estimated number of offenders needing substance abuse services in Adams, Boulder and Weld county?

Answer:

The number of offenders needing treatment fluctuates. We recommend you referred to the estimate monthly quantities in section B. Please note these are estimates.

Question:

Are questions/answers published on the web site considered an amendment?

Answer:

Question and answers are not considered amendments. Examples of amendments would be changing the due date, or adding/deleting services.

Question:

The following question is in regards to attachment C, Offeror's Staff Qualifications: Please advise if this attachment is to list treatment staff only, or all staff of facilities providing services, i.e., UA's? Also, will a job description suffice as documentation for duties?

Answer:

Attachment C states that qualifications should be provided for "...all staff performing services under any resultant contract." So yes, anyone who will come in contact (UA staff and treatment staff) with federal clients should be included in this section. Attachment C also indicates that "...name, title, duties, education, experience, and credentials..." should be provided for all staff who will interact with our clients. A job description will suffice for documentation of duties.

Question:

Section A, #9, what is this section for? Is this for me to offer a discount? Regarding the Background statement in Attachment B: What sort of monitoring reports are being requested? I have only been in this business for 6 months and do not have documentation for the previous 18 months, what can I provide instead?

Answer:

Section A, #9 is for a prompt pay discount. Whether or not a vendor provides/offers a prompt pay discount has no bearing on the award of the contract. As for the background statement and the monitoring reports, if you have no monitoring reports to provide, please just state so in your background statement.

Question:

Why is the code 4020, Laboratory Studies and Reports, not included in the RFP's that have 4010, Physical Examination and Report.

Answer:

Our district currently contracts with Quest Diagnostics for all 4020 services.

Question:

The following questions were asked in reference to solicitation 1082-2012-0630

1. What laboratory is utilized for the testing/confirmation of UA samples? Is it an option to utilize the laboratory we currently contract with?

Answer: Our district works with the District of New Mexico. The U.S. Probation Office in the District of New Mexico operates their own urinalysis testing lab. Testing results are sent to our district and to the vendor who sent the sample. It is not an option to utilize your own lab.

2. Are supplies (cups, Chains of Custody, bagging/shipping materials, etc.) provided to the vendor and is there a cost to the vendor for the supplies?

Answer: Our office covers the cost of supplies.

3. Who pays the cost of shipping to the laboratory?

Answer: Our office covers the cost of shipping to the laboratory.

4. Are there specific drug panels that are utilized (7 panel, 3 panel, etc.) and specific drugs tested for in those panels or does the USPO request specific drugs to be tested for?

Answer: This contract only encompass urine collection. The lab will determine the testing.

5. Who pays for the cost of testing/confirmation?

Answer: Our office covers the cost

6. How are results made available to the vendor, i.e. hard copy fax, electronic transmission, etc.?

Answer: Positive results are faxed to the vendor with in 10 business days.

7. From the date of shipping, how long does it take to obtain results?

Answer: Please see answer above.

8. Are Sweat Patches a requirement of this RFP and if so, how are they acquired and paid for?

Answer: Sweat Patches are not a requirement.

9. Are evening and weekend collections a requirement of this RFP?

Answer: Please see page C-22 of the solicitation.

10. Are we expected to maintain our own “call-in” system for clients to call each day to determine whether they report for a UA?

Answer: Yes, vendors who contract for UA services (1010) need some sort of call in system.

11. What is your policy for those individuals who cannot produce in a reasonable amount of time? What is your “reasonable amount of time” to produce?

Answer: At this point we do not have a policy for those who cannot produce in a reasonable time. We would rely on the vendor to determine a “reasonable” time. If there is a specific issue, the assigned officer and the vendor would work together to determine an agreed upon time.

Question: This question pertains to contract 1082-2013-0310 (El Paso County): Section B says, "only those services marked by an "X" under the Required Services column are being solicited." Then it says, "an asterisk * indicates a requirement line item which has been modified under "Local Services." Are we proposing for items marked by an "X", for items marked by an asterisk, or both?

Answer: You should enter prices for all services that you can provide. You will notice that all services have an X by them. In order for a vendor to be technically acceptable, they must be able to provide all service (please note you can subcontract with other vendors to provide services). Some services have an asterisk * by them. The asterisk indicates that our district has added additional “requirements” onto these services. You can find these additional requirements on the page C36 through C39 of this proposal.

Question: This question pertains to contract 1082-2013-0310 (El Paso County): Would you please provide the current provider's rates for substance abuse and/or mental health treatment services in the El Paso County catchment area?

Answer: Please see below for our current prices for substance abuse/mental health in El Paso County.

Question: This question pertains to contract 1082-2013-0310 (El Paso County): Would you please provide the current provider's rates for substance abuse and/or mental health treatment services in the El Paso County catchment area?

Answer: Please see below for our current prices for substance abuse/mental health in El Paso County.

Code	Description		Cost
1010	Collection of Urine Specimens & Report Results	Specimen	\$7.00
1504	Breathalyzer	Test	\$2.25
2011	Intake Assessment and Report	Client	\$85.00
2021	Clinical Group	Session	\$16.00
2022	Manualized Group	Session	\$16.00
2010	Individual Counseling	Session	\$30.00
2020	Group Counseling	Session	\$16.00
2030	Family Counseling	Session	\$30.00
2090	Treatment Readiness Group	Session	\$16.00
6015	Individual Counseling	Session	\$30.00
6026	Group Counseling	Session	\$16.00
6027	Treatment Readiness Group	Session	\$16.00
6036	Family Counseling	Session	\$30.00
4010	Physical Examination and Report	Report	\$100.00
4020	Laboratory Studies and Report	Test	actual
5010	Psychological Evaluation and Report	Report	\$500.00
5011	Mental Health Intake Assessment and Report	Report	\$85.00
5020	Psychological Testing and Report	Report	NT E \$1,200.00
5030	Psychiatric Evaluation and Report	Report	\$200.00
6000	Case Management Services	Session	\$25.00
6051	Medication Monitoring	Visit	\$60.00
7020	Medication - Antabuse	Visit	\$2.00