



Emergence Health Network

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ADDENDUM

To: All Interested Proposers

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Subject: **Contracted Nursing Services RFP #16-004 Addendum I**

This addendum includes responses to all questions submitted.

Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be emailed to bidquestions@ehnel Paso.org . RFA number and title must be on the "Subject Line" of the email. Attempts to circumvent this requirement may result in rejection of the proposal.

1. Can you please provide the current incumbent vendors providing Contracted Nursing Services?

We currently do not have any vendors providing contracted nursing services.

2. Can you please provide the current incumbent hourly bill rates for RN, LPN, and CMA services?

We currently do not have any vendors providing contracted nursing services.

3. What was the total annual expenditure of the current contract in 2015 and YTD 2016? N/A

We currently do not have any vendors providing contracted nursing services.

4. Will the shifts be scheduled as "Block-booking" schedules or will this contract be Per Diem?

Per Diem

5. What is the historical usage of hours?

We currently do not have any vendors providing contracted nursing services.

6. Are the RNs and LPNs required to be employees of the agency, are can they be independent contractors?

RN/LVN are required to be employees of the agency

7. What is considered relevant for a satisfactory level of performance?

Relevant and satisfactory levels of performance falls in accordance with the Texas Nursing Practice Act (NPA) and the Board's Rules and Regulations define the legal scope of practice for RN's and LVN's.

The RN takes responsibility and accepts accountability for practicing within the legal scope of practice and is prepared to work in all health care settings, and may engage in independent nursing practice without supervision by another health care provider. The RN, with a focus on patient safety, is required to function within the parameters of the legal scope of practice and in accordance with the federal, state, and local laws; rules and regulations; and policies, procedures and guidelines of the employing health care institution or practice setting. The RN is responsible for providing safe, compassionate, and comprehensive nursing care to patients and their families with complex healthcare needs.

The Texas Nursing Practice Act (NPA) and the Board's Rules and Regulations define the legal scope of practice for licensed vocational nurses (LVNs). The LVN scope of practice is a directed scope of practice and requires appropriate supervision of a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, physician, dentist, or podiatrist. The LVN, with a focus on patient safety, is required to function within the parameters of the legal scope of practice and in accordance with the federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and policies, procedures, and guidelines of the employing health care institution or practice setting. The LVN is responsible for providing safe, compassionate, and focused nursing care to assigned patients with predictable health care needs.

8. If the nurses are independent contractors, will Workers Compensation Liability still be Mandatory for this RFP?

N/A. Nurses should not be independent contractors.

9. When is the contract up for renewal? What is the term of agreement?

We currently do not have any vendors providing contracted nursing services.

10. What Electronic Health Record system is used by the Emergence Health Network?

Emergence Health Network currently utilizes Cerner (Anasazi) for the Electronic Health Record System.

11. What are the current bill rates paid for the positions solicited under this RFP?

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12. Can you provide last year's usage for these services in either number of hours filled and/or total cost in dollar amount used for these services broken down by the positions solicited in this IFB? Can you provide this information for each facility under the Emergence Health Network?

We currently do not have any vendors providing contracted nursing services

13. Are vendors required to submit references from Texas clients only, or can we provide references from any of our clients throughout the United States?

References from other state clients may be submitted as long as they meet the criteria established under the RFP, "mid-sized corporate or governmental"

14. Section F, Licenses, Permits and Qualifications references New Employee Orientation. Can you define the # of hours required for new employee orientation? Is this orientation billable?

80 hours of NEO. Please provide details as to what you mean by billable.