

Request For Proposal #17-013 Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data Submission Vendor

May 2017

Emergence Health Network





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El Paso Center for Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities

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Notice to Interested Parties

Sealed Proposals will be received at Emergence Health Network, 9606 Carnegie Ave., El Paso, Texas 79925 **before 3:00 p.m., May 26, 2017.**

Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and marked:

**“Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data Submission Vendor RFP #17-013
due date May 26, 2017”**

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Do not contact the requesting department. Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be emailed to: bidquestions@ehnel Paso.org before **May 16, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. solicitation number and title must be on the “Subject Line” of the email. Attempts to circumvent this requirement may result in rejection of the proposal as non-compliant.**

Any changes in the specifications will be posted on the EHN website as an addendum. It shall be the proposer’s responsibility to check the website prior to the due date/opening to verify whether any addendums have been posted. Website: www.emergencehealthnetwork.org; Proposals and more.

In order to remain active on the Emergence Health Network Vendor list, each vendor receiving this proposal must respond in some form. Vendors submitting proposals must meet or exceed all requirements herein. Vendors not responding to the request must submit their reason in writing to the Emergence Health Network.

EHN SIGNATURE PAGE

Description –Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data Submission Vendor RFP #17-013

Vendor must meet specifications

Please do not include tax, as EHN is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items. Please submit one (1) original copy and submit the proposal to rfp@ehnel Paso.org in a PDF format. Electronic copies must reflect the original hard copy.
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I or we agree to furnish the following described equipment, supplies, or services for the prices shown in accordance with specifications listed below or attached. By execution of this proposal, I hereby represent and warrant to Emergence Health Network that I have read and understood the Proposal Documents and the Contract Documents and this proposal is made in accordance with the Proposal Documents.

Company

Mailing Address

Federal Tax Identification No.

City, State, Zip Code

DUNS Number

Representative Name & Title

Telephone Number include area code

Signature

Fax Number include area code

Date

Email Address

*****THIS MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE ON ALL PROPOSALS*****

**Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data
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Due Date
Friday, May 26, 2017

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Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data Submission Vendor
DUE DATE: May 26, 2017

Emergence Health Network (EHN) is seeking to award to one company(ies) to provide the services outlined in this Request for Proposal. Award will be granted for entire proposal.

Interested Proposers must initial each bullet item in agreement of the specifications. Please attach to proposal response.

- All items must be the same as specified _____
- Vendor must supply a sample on items noted and/or if requested by the end user/dept. _____
- Must have product available when needed _____
- Vendor must honor price for six months _____
- No substitutions will be accepted _____
- No minimum orders will be allowed. All items will be ordered as needed. _____
- No delivery fees may be added _____
- All purchases must be F.O.B Destination _____

*******THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH RFP RESPONSE*******

STATEMENT OF WORK/ SPECIFIC PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data Submission Vendor
RFP 17-013

El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network (EHN) is in need for comprehensive Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), Behavioral Health Clinical Quality Measures (BHCQM), and Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) reporting and data submission services. EHN is seeking proposals for an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) application that will assist in meeting the technical challenges of MACRA and other pay for performance programs.

Emergence Health Network (Local Authority) is the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) designated Mental Health Authority established to plan, coordinate, develop policy, develop and allocate resources, supervise, and ensure the provision of community based mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services for the residents of El Paso County, Texas.

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK

The MIPS track of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) has significant financial implications. Eligible Professionals can receive incentives or penalties of up to 4% of Medicare Part B fees in 2017 (applied to 2019 reimbursements) for achieving or failing to comply with MIPS performance requirements. The gap between top performing systems and bottom performing systems will be 8% in 2017 and increase to 18% in 2022. This creates a significant incentive for EHN to perform well.

The contractor will be required to establish a web-based single sign-on platform (application) from which EHN can effectively track and monitor three distinct data modules (MIPS, BHCQM, and HEDIS). The application will allow for ongoing tracking of performance with the ability to drill-down to the patient level by each clinic and eligible professional. The contractor will extract and format data from EHN's electronic health record and claims data.

Current operating state

- 15 Eligible Professionals
- 1 Federal Tax Identification Number
- 2 Electronic Health Record Systems (Cerner Community Behavioral Health and Medisoft)

EHN requires the following:

- Secure 256 bit encrypted web-based portal
- Secure file transfer process (SFTP) or Virtual Private Network (VPN)
- Ability to monitor clinical performance throughout the reporting year
- Ability to manage patient populations and disease outcomes
- Ability to share data with clinics using industry standard file formats
- Ability to share data with eligible professionals using industry standard file formats
- Ability to use clinical outcomes to qualify for incentive payments
- Ability to edit performance outcomes in the application
- Flexibility – EHN is anticipating the transition to a new EHR in 2018

- GPRO (Group) submission of data to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Audit reports for correct Quality Data Code (QDC) reporting
- Account manager to coordinate and oversee all deliverables
- Full implementation within 60 days of contract execution
- Anticipated quality measure tracking to be included but not limited to:
 - o NQF 0421, NQF 0024, NQF 0028, NQF 1365
 - o NQF 0104, NQF 2152, NQF 0418, NQF 0710
 - o Custom Measure (BHCQM – Time to Evaluation)
 - o Other Measures to be determined as needed

B. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Basic Requirements

Vendors need to organize their proposals as defined below to ensure consistency and to facilitate the evaluation of all responses. All the sections listed below must be included in the proposal, in the order presented, with the Section Number listed. The responses shall be submitted in the following format:

- Section 1 – Executive Summary
 - a. Brief History of the Company
 - b. Team Background
 - c. Legal Proceedings
- Section 2 – Vendor Profile
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Telephone & Fax Numbers
 - d. Email and website address
- Section 3 – Specifications
- Section 4 – Implementation Plan
 - a. Project approach
- Section 5 – Cost Estimate
 - a. Provide the applicable itemized fees and any commissions included in the proposal for the services for each element in the scope of work
 - b. Please identify your standard plan and rates
 - c. Explain assumptions or constraints in a price proposal to perform the services
 - d. Explain any additional charges or fees in the proposal

Qualifications

The proposal must outline the credentials and experience of the members of the team likely to provide services to EHN. Should the respondent have a very large team, the credentials and experience of a representative sample of team members would be acceptable, but must include both first line and senior engineers.

**Vendor should preferably be on the 2017 CMS-Approved Qualified Registries but it is not a requirement.*

Term

The proposal must include pricing for a three-year term.

References

The proposal must include 3-5 companies to act as references for the services being solicited within this RFP.

C. REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA:

This RFP is not intended to favor any vendor. It is solely designed to provide the best value to EHN in meeting organizational needs. The evaluation team will make a recommendation to the Chief Information Officer (CIO), who will, in turn present the recommendation to the CEO, CFO, and the Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees. The evaluation team will review each proposal based on the following criteria. The 2-3 selected finalists will be asked to complete demos (preferred is on-site but not required) in which the second criteria will be utilized to evaluate and determine best value.

Abilities (ability to monitor and report all quality measures, ability to improve quality measures within the application, ability to identify point-of-care gaps and initiate corrective actions)

Category Weight 25%

Monitoring (MIPS, HEDIS, BHCQM Monitoring)

Category Weight 25%

Application (easy to understand, user friendly, user roles, customizability)

Category Weight 20%

Staff Qualifications

Category Weight 5%

Cost

Category Weight 25%

Second Evaluation Scoring Criteria:

Organizational Fit: Flexible, Professional, Customizable Services

Category Weight 25%

Price: Pricing for service

Category Weight 25%

Experience: Successful submission of data for other agencies, Reference feedback

Category Weight 25%

Planning and Implementation: Time frames to implement services

Category Weight 25%

General Provisions

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These General Provisions are considered standard language for all EHN proposals and RFP documents. If any “specific proposal requirements” differ from the General Provisions listed here, the “specific proposal requirements” shall prevail.

1. **RFP PACKAGE**

- a. The PROPOSAL, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents and the proposal sheet are all considered part of the proposal package. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided by EHN, including the proposal sheet completed in its entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the proposal sheet/contract page (s) may disqualify the proposal from being considered by EHN. Any individual signing on behalf of the proposal expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this proposal and to sign the proposal sheet/contract under the terms and conditions in this proposal. Proposer further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless subsequently awarded and the contract properly executed by the CEO. All figures must be written in ink or typed. Figures written in pencil or with erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted, and initialed in ink by the individual signing the proposal. Changes must also be made to any electronic copies submitted. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. Each proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire proposal packet to familiarize themselves with the proposal procedures, the plans and specifications for the requested work as well as the terms, and conditions of the contract the successful proposer will execute with EHN.
- b. **Proposal must be received at 9609 Carnegie Ave. BEFORE the hour and date specified. Faxed or e-mailed proposals (without an original paper copy submitted) will not be accepted. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.**
- c. Any proposal sent via express mail or overnight delivery must have the Proposal number and title clearly marked on the outside of the envelope or package. Failure to clearly identify your proposal may be cause for disqualification.

2. **COMPETITIVENESS AND INTEGRITY**

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of such acquisition efforts, proposers are to direct all communications regarding this proposal to the bidquestions@ehnel Paso.org or assigned designee, unless otherwise specifically noted.

An authorized person from the submitting firm must sign all proposals. The signature acknowledges that the proposer has read the proposal documents thoroughly before submitting a proposal and will fulfill the obligations in accordance to the terms, conditions, and specifications.

Please carefully review this Proposal. It provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response.

3. **PROPOSER’S RESPONSIBILITY**

The proposer must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. The proposal must also meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have been in business of providing services for a minimum of 5 years;
- Have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- Be able to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders regarding this proposal;
- Have satisfactory record of performance;

- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

4. REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

EHN reserves the right to: (1) reject any or all proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this proposal and may discontinue its efforts under this Proposal for any reason or no reason or solely for EHN's convenience at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by EHN. EHN reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the proposal, waive minor technicalities, or to award by item or by total proposal; (2) Proposers may be disqualified and rejection of proposals may be recommended for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- A. Failure to use the proposal form(s) furnished by EHN, if applicable.
- B. Lack of signature by an authorized representative that can legally bind the company on the proposal form.
- C. Failure to properly complete the proposal.
- D. Proposals that do not meet the mandatory requirements.
- E. Evidence of collusion among proposers.

5. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to review the entire invitation to proposal packet and to notify the EHN if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would restrict competition or appear ambiguous. Any such protest or question(s) regarding the specifications or proposal procedures must be received by EHN no less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for proposal opening. Vendors are to propose as specified herein or propose an approved equal.

6. SUBSTITUTES

It is not EHN's intent to discriminate against any material of equal merit to those specified however, should the proposer desire to use any substitutions, prior written approval shall be obtained from EHN sufficiently in advance in order that an addendum might be issued.

7. EXCEPTIONS TO PROPOSAL

The proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of the proposal. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Proposal Conditions", and will be attached to the proposal. If no exceptions are stated, it will be understood that all general and specific conditions will be complied with, without exception.

The Proposer must specify in its proposal any alternatives it wishes to propose for consideration by EHN. Each alternative should be sufficiently described and labeled within the proposal and should indicate its possible or actual advantage to the program being offered.

EHN reserved the right to offer these alternatives to other proposers.

8. PRICING

Proposals for equipment shall offer new (unused) equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified. Quotes F.O.B. destination. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver (merchandise only). Proposal will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the proposal sheet. The net price will be delivered to the EHN, including all freight or shipping charges. In case of error in extension, unit prices shall govern. Proposal subject to unlimited price increases will not be accepted. EHN is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in your proposal. Price should be itemized.

Unless prices and all information requested are complete, proposal may be disregarded and given no consideration.

In case of default by the Proposer, EHN may procure the articles or services from other sources

and may deduct from any monies due, or that may thereafter become due to the contractor, the difference between the price named in the contract of purchase order and the actual cost thereof to EHN. Prices paid by EHN shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. Periods of performance may be extended if the facts as to the cause of delay justify such extension in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent.

9. TAX EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Section 151.309 of the Texas Tax Code, EHN qualifies for exemption from sales, excise and use taxes imposed under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act, which is codified at Chapter 151 of the Texas Tax Code. In accordance with Section 151.309, a taxable item sold, leased, or rented to, or stored, used, or consumed by EHN is exempt from the taxes imposed under Chapter 151.

10. MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

A proposer may modify a proposal by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of proposals. Modification requests must be received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by proposer guaranteeing authenticity. Proposals may not be amended or altered after the official opening with the single exception that any product literature and/or supporting data required by the actual specifications, if any, will be accepted at any time prior to the consideration of same. No substitutions or cancellations for merchandise will be permitted without written approval of EHN.

11. SIGNATURE OF PROPOSALS

Each proposal shall give the complete mailing address of the Proposer and be signed by an authorized representative by original signature with the authorized representative's name and legal title typed below the signature line. Each proposal shall include the Proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Failure to sign the Contract page(s) and proposal response sheet will disqualify the proposer from being considered by EHN. The person signing on behalf of the Proposer expressly affirms that the person is duly authorized to render the proposal and to sign the proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this Proposal and to bind the Proposer thereto and further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect until it is fully executed by both parties.

12. AWARD OF BID/PROPOSALS-EVALUTATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS

Proposals shall be awarded to the responsible proposer that submits the best proposal.

Proposals will be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer demonstrating the best ability to fulfill the requirements set forth in a Request for Proposal. The prices proposed will be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline. **The proposed cost to EHN will be considered firm, unless EHN invokes its right to request a best and final offer and cannot be altered after the submission deadline.**

A Proposer whose proposal does not meet the mandatory requirements set forth in this Proposal will be considered noncompliant.

Each Proposer, by submitting a proposal, agrees that if its proposal is accepted by EHN, such Proposer will furnish all items and services upon the terms and conditions in this Proposal and contract.

Proposer shall submit to EHN, for approval, within ten (10) days from notice of contract award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described under Insurance in the schedule of the Proposal.

13. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

The parties agree that EHN is a governmental body for purposes of the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA), codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act. Proposer acknowledges that information submitted to EHN is subject to disclosure to third parties as per the requirements of the TPIA.

14. RESULTANT CONTRACT

ANY RESULTANT CONTRACT SHALL BE EXECUTED BY BOTH PARTIES BEFORE TAKING EFFECT. The resultant contract shall become effective upon the execution of the same. The contract documents shall consist of the contract, the general and special provisions, the drawings, proposal package, any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work.

The contracts to be entered into between EHN and those whose proposals are accepted shall include, in addition to additional terms as agreed to by the parties, the following provisions:

Governing Law and Venue

Proposer acknowledges that EHN is a governmental agency established under the laws of the State of Texas. The choice of law for any resultant contract shall be the laws of the State of Texas with venue proper in the federal or state courts in El Paso County, Texas.

General Conditions and Stipulations

- A. **Indemnification and Worker's Compensation.** The contractor agrees, if the contract is awarded to their organization, the organization shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless EHN, its officials, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from the contractor's acts or omission in the performance of the duties required under contract. Proposer acknowledges that EHN, as a governmental agency cannot indemnify third parties as per the requirements of Texas law.
- B. **Independent Contractor.** It is agreed nothing herein contained is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties hereto or as constitution in the contractor as the agent, representative or employee of EHN for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. The service pro is to be and shall remain an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under this contract. The contractor represents it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing services under this contract. Any and all personnel of the contractor or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims whatsoever on behalf of any such person or personnel arising out of employment or alleged employment including, without limitation, claims of discrimination against the service provider, its officers, agents, contracts or employees shall in no way be the responsibility of EHN; and the service provider shall defend, indemnify and hold EHN, its officers, agents and employees harmless for any and all such claims regardless of any determination of any pertinent tribunal, agency, board, commission or court. Such personnel of other persons shall not require nor be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits of any kind whatsoever for EHN, including, without lamination, tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, disability severance pay.

C. **Miscellaneous.** The proposer agrees to at all times observe and comply with relevant laws, ordinances, regulation, and codes of the federal, state, and local government which may in any manner affect the preparation of the proposals or the performance of the contract.

Right to Terminate

EHN reserves the right to terminate this Agreement subject to thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor. Contractor may submit a written request to terminate this Agreement only if EHN should substantially fail to perform its responsibilities as provided herein.

Additionally, EHN reserves the right to terminate-this-Agreement subject to thirty-(30)-calendar-days-written notice to the Contractor should it be later identified as a service which can be consolidated into a statewide/regionalized Agreement. EHN may exercise its option to cancel the remaining years of this Agreement, should it be decided that with additional institutions and/or sites, EHN would receive a better rate for the same service.

However, EHN can immediately terminate this Agreement for cause. The term "for cause" shall mean that the Contractor fails to meet the terms, conditions, and/or responsibilities of the Agreement. In this instance, the Agreement termination shall be effective as of the date indicated on the EHN's notification to the Contractor.

This Agreement may be suspended or cancelled without notice, at the option of the Contractor, if the Contractor or EHN's premises or equipment are destroyed by fire or other catastrophe, or so substantially damaged that it is impractical to continue service, or in the event the Contractor is unable to render service as a result of any action by any governmental authority.

Liability for Loss and Damages

Any damages by the Contractor to an EHN facility including equipment, furniture, materials or other EHN property, will be repaired or replaced by the Contractor to the satisfaction of EHN at no cost to EHN. EHN may, at its option, repair any such damage and deduct the cost thereof from any sum due Contractor under this Agreement.

Computer Software Management Memo

Contractor certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that EHN funds will not be used in the performance of this Agreement for the acquisition, operation or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.

Accounting Principles

The Contractor will adhere to generally accepted accounting principles as outlined by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Dual compensation is not allowed; a Contractor cannot receive simultaneous compensation from two or more funding sources for the same services performed even though both funding sources could benefit.

Liability for Nonconforming Work

All work provided by the Contractor shall conform to the latest requirement of federal, state, and local regulations. Contractor is responsible for compliance with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations in connection with work performed under this agreement.

The Contractor will be fully responsible for ensuring that the completed work conforms to the agreed upon terms. If nonconformity is discovered prior to the Contractor's deadline, the Contractor will be given a reasonable opportunity to cure the nonconformity. If the nonconformity is discovered after the deadline for the completion of the project, EHN, in its sole discretion, may use any reasonable means to cure the nonconformity. The Contractor shall be responsible for reimbursing EHN for any additional expenses incurred to cure such defects.

Subcontractor/Consultant Information

Contractor is required to identify all subcontractors and consultants who will perform labor or render services in the performance of this Agreement. Additionally, the Contractor shall notify the EHN liaison in writing within ten (10) working days of any changes to the subcontractor and/or consultant information.

Temporary Nonperformance

If, because of mechanical failure or for any other reason, the Contractor shall be temporarily unable to perform the work as required, EHN, during the period of the Contractor's inability to perform, reserves the right to accomplish the work by other means and shall be reimbursed by the Contractor for any additional costs above the Agreement price.

Extension of Term

If it is determined to be in the best interest of EHN, this Agreement may be amended to extend the term. Upon signing the amendment, the Contractor hereby agrees to provide services for the extended period at the rates specified in the original Agreement. Agreement shall not be set for auto renewal.

15. PROPOSER INVESTIGATION

Before submitting a proposal, each Proposer shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain all site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by EHN upon which the Proposer will rely. If the Proposer receives an award as a result of its proposal submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the Proposer from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the Proposer for additional compensation.

16. NO COMMITMENT BY EHN

This Proposal does not commit EHN to award any costs or pay any costs, or to award any contract, or to pay any costs associated with or incurred in the preparation of a proposal to this proposal, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

17. SINGLE PROPOSAL RESPONSE

If only one proposal is received in response to the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals, a detailed cost proposal may be requested of the single contractor. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost proposal in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

18. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this proposal, a written notice of such revision will be posted on EHN Purchasing website. EHN is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by EHN's employees, unless such clarification or change is posted on EHN Purchasing website. It shall be the Proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the proposal opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted.

19. PROPOSAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS

EHN reserves the right to adopt or use for its benefits, any concept, plan, or idea contained in any proposal.

20. BID/PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES

Results of proposals for the purchase of goods, materials, general services and construction are considered public information at the time of the proposal opening. All information contained in the proposal response is available for public review.

21. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

Proposer may request withdrawal of a sealed proposal prior to the scheduled proposal opening time provided the request for withdrawal is submitted to EHN in writing. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening of the proposals.

22. INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Proposer shall agree to assume all risks and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, EHN, its elected and appointed officials and department heads, and its agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, and costs and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees for the defense thereof in connection therewith on account of the loss of life property or injury or damage to the person which shall arise from Proposer's operations under this contract, its use of EHN facilities and/or equipment or from any other breach on the part of the Proposer, its employees, agents or any person(s) in or about EHN's facilities with the expressed or implied consent of EHN. Proposer shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against EHN resulting from Proposer's operations under this contract.

Proposer agrees to indemnify and hold EHN harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers incurred in the performance of this contract. Proposer shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of this nature herein above designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If Proposer fails to do so, then EHN reserves the right to pay unpaid bills of which EHN has written notice direct and withhold from Proposer's unpaid compensations a sum of money reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims.

B. Any successful proposer who is awarded any contract in excess of \$50,000 may be required to execute a performance bond to EHN. Said bond shall be in the full amount of the contract and must be furnished within 30 days after the date a purchase order is issued or the contract is signed and prior to commencement of the actual work. A performance bond required pursuant to this section shall be noted in the attached detailed proposal specifications or scope of work.

23. PROOF OF INSURANCE

Successful proposer agrees to keep in full force and effect, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners' of the State of Texas, with coverage provision insuring the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services limits of not less than the following sums:

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO EHN

GENERAL LIABILITY:

- \$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence
 - \$1,000,000 – General Aggregate
 - \$1,000,000 – Personal & Advertising Injury
 - \$1,000,000 – Products/Completed Operations – Aggregate
 - \$5,000 – Premises Medical Expense
 - \$500,000 – Fire Legal Damage Liability
- Emergence Health Network named as
"Additional Insured" Waiver of Subrogation

AUTOMOBILE:

\$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence
Emergence Health Network named as
“Additional Insured” Waiver of Subrogation

WORKERS COMPENSATION:

\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Accident
\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Employee
\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Disease – Policy Limit
Statutory Limits
Waiver of Subrogation

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS additional requirements:

Builders Risk Policy for total amount of completed project
Bid Bond
Performance & Payment Bond

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES additional requirements:

Limit of \$1,000,000 for E&O/Professional Insurance.

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

In the remarks section should include job description or project name and/or number.

Successful proposer shall carry in full force Workers’ Compensation Insurance Policy(ies), if there is more than one employee, for all employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the successful proposer. Current insurance Certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by successful proposer to EHN.

Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a best rating of no less than A. The Proposer shall furnish EHN with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses within ten (10) business days of execution of this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Proposer shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of this contract prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, EHN has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity. EHN agrees to provide Proposer with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against EHN arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Proposer shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. EHN agrees not to compromise or settle any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the Proposer.

In no event shall EHN be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Proposer.

Emergence Health Network shall be listed as the additional insured on policy certificates and shall be notified of changes to the policy during the contractual period.

24. Mental Health Friendly Workplace

The Proposer shall submit a narrative demonstrating its commitment as a mental-health friendly workplace, however this may not be a determining factor in the proposal process.

25. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The Proposer declares, by signing and submitting a proposal, that the proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the Proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited another proposer to put in a false or sham proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any proposer or anyone else to put in a sham proposal, of that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the Proposer has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications, or conference with anyone to fix the proposal price of the Proposer of any other proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the proposal price, or of that of any other proposer, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract, that all statements contained in the proposal are true; and further, that the Proposer has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any cooperation, partnership, company association, organization, proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham proposal.

Non negotiations, decisions, or cautions shall be initiated by any company as a result of any result of any verbal discussion with any EHN employee prior to the opening of responses to this Proposal.

No officer or employee of EHN, and no other public or elected official, or employee, who may exercise any function or responsibilities in the review or approval of this undertaking, shall have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or negotiation process thereof. The above compliance request will be part of all EHN contracts for this service.

26. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

EHN specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

27. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS

The Proposer shall be required to notify EHN of any potential for merger or acquisition of which there is knowledge at the time that a proposal is submitted.

If subsequent to the award of any contact resulting from this Proposal the Proposer shall merge or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to EHN.

1. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded Proposer and the new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices;
2. New Proposer's Federal Identification Number (FEIN); and
3. New Proposer's proposed operating plans.

Moreover, Proposer is required to provide EHN with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as Proposer has actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The new Proposer's proposed plan of operation must be submitted prior to merger to allow time for submission of such plan for its approval.

31. DELAYS

EHN reserves the right to delay the scheduled commencement date of the contract if it is to the advantage of EHN. There shall be no additional costs attributed to these delays should any occur. Proposer agrees it will make no claim for damages, for damages for lost revenues, for damages caused by breach of contract with third parties, or any other claim by Proposer attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, Proposer agrees that any contract it enters into with any third party in anticipation of the commencement of the contract will contain a statement that the third party will similarly make no claim for damages based on delay of the scheduled

commencement date of the contract.

32. ACCURCY OF DATA

Information and data provided through this Proposal are believed to be reasonably accurate.

33. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT

Proposer shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its contract in whole or in part without prior written permission. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Proposer of any of its responsibilities under this contract.

34. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Proposer expressly acknowledges that it is an independent contractor. Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer/employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or any other relationship allowing EHN to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which Proposer or its subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the Proposal.

35. MONITORING PERFORMANCE

EHN shall have the unfettered right to monitor and audit the Proposer's work in every respect. In this regard, the Proposer shall provide its full cooperation and insure the cooperation of its employees, agents, assigns, and subcontractors. Further, the Proposer shall make available for inspection and/or copying when requested, original data, records, and accounts relating to the Proposer's work and performance under this contract. In the event any such material is not held by the Proposer in its original form, a true copy shall be provided.

36. ASSURANCES

Proposer, in responding, represents the following:

- a. Proposer has made no attempt nor will make any attempt to induce any person or firm to submit or not submit a proposal; and
- b. Proposer has arrived at the proposal independently without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition; and
- c. All cost and pricing information is reflected in the RFP response documents only; and
- d. Proposer and if applicable, its officers or employees, have no relationship now or will have no relationship during the contract period that interferes with fair competition or that is a financial or other conflict of interest, real or apparent; and
- e. If applicable, no member of the Proposer's staff or governing authority has participated in the development of specific criteria for award of this prospective contract, nor will participate in the selection of the successful Proposer to be awarded this prospective contract; and
- f. Proposer has not retained or promised to retain an entity or used or promised to use a consultant that has participated in the development of the specific criteria for award of this prospective contract or will participate in the selection of the successful Proposer awarded this prospective contract; and
- g. Proposer, if currently providing services to EHN on a contractual or employment basis, shall not obtain and use, or attempt to obtain, confidential information regarding EHN operations that provides an undue advantage in the selection process; and
- h. Proposer has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to any public servant (including, but not limited

to any member of the Board of Trustees or staff) or any public employee (including, but not limited to, any employee of EHN) in connection with its submitted proposal; and

- i. Proposer accepts the terms, conditions, criteria and requirements set forth in the above procurement package; and
- j. Proposer accepts EHN sole right to award any proposal (including negotiating with or issuing a contract to more than one Proposer when doing so would be in the best interests of EHN) or reject any or all proposals submitted at any time; and
- k. Proposer accepts EHN sole right to cancel the proposal at any time EHN so desires; and
- l. Proposer is not entitled to and will make no claim for payment to cover costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of its proposal or any other associated costs, even in situations where EHN cancels the proposal or rejects all proposals submitted in response to the proposal; and
- m. Proposer certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from any completed contract that may result from its proposal; and
- n. Proposer, if it is a corporation, is either not delinquent in its franchise tax payments to the State of Texas or is not otherwise subject to payment of franchise taxes to the State of Texas; and
- o. Proposer owes no funds to the State of Texas for unresolved audit exceptions. An unresolved audit exception is an exception for which the Proposer has exhausted all administrative and/or judicial remedies and has failed to comply with any resulting demand for payment; and
- p. Proposer agrees that information about individuals served by the EHN will be kept confidential; and
- q. Proposer shall comply with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and Immigration Act of 1990 regarding employment verification and retention of verification forms for any individual(s) hired on or after November 6, 1986, described in this proposal who will perform any labor or services; and
- r. Proposer shall comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, pregnancy, religion, and national origin; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended [20 U.S.C. §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112)], which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disabilities; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Chapter 21 of the Texas Labor Code, which is informally referred to as the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act; and all amendments to each, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these acts, especially 45 CFR Part 80 (relating to race, color, and national origin), 45 CFR Part 84 (relating to handicap), 45 CFR Part 86 (relating to sex), and 45 CFR Part 91 (relating to age); and
- s. Proposer warrants that, to the extent it has exposure, access or control of patient information, it will protect the privacy and provide for the security of Protected Health Information ("PHI") that is in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law I 04-191 ("HIP-AA") and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "HIPAA Regulations") and other applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to the requirements of Texas Health and Human Services as stated within their Data Use Agreement.

- t. Proposer shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 81 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; and
- u. As provided by the Texas Family Code, §231.006, a child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least twenty-five percent (25%) is not eligible to receive payments from state funds under a contract to provide property, materials, or services or receive a state-funded grant or loan. Proposer certifies that it is not ineligible to receive any payments under any contract resulting from its proposal and acknowledges that any contract that is executed as a result of its proposal may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate; and
- v. Proposer agrees to provide EHN with any information necessary to validate any statements made in its proposal, as requested by EHN. Such requests may include, but not necessarily be limited to, allowing access for on-site observation, granting permission for EHN to verify information with third parties, and allowing inspection of Proposer's records. Proposer understands that failure to substantiate any statements made in Proposer's proposal shall result in disqualification of the proposal.

NOTICE: EHN will not be liable for any fees or charges not specifically detailed in your proposal.

EHN is an equal opportunity employer.



Emergence Health Network

El Paso Center for Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

PART A. PREAMBLE

Federal legislation, Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 generally prohibits entities from using federally appropriated funds to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the federal government. Section 319 specifically requires disclosure of certain lobbying activities. A federal government-wide rule, “New Restrictions on Lobbying”, published in the Federal Register, February 26, 1990, requires certification and disclosure in specific instances.

PART B. CERTIFICATION

This certification applies only to the instant federal action for which the certification is being obtained and is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with these federally funded contract, subcontract, subgrant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all covered subrecipients will certify and disclose accordingly.

Do you have or do you anticipate having covered subawards under this transaction?

- Yes
- No

Name of Provider	Vendor ID No. or Social Security No.	Program No.
Name of Authorized Representative	Title	

Signature – Authorized Representative

Date



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RE: RFP #17-013 Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data Submission Vendor

Dear Vendor:

All vendors and potential vendors who contract or seek to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with any local government entity to complete and submit a Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire.

Attached is a copy of the questionnaire.

In filing out the Questionnaire, the following are EHN Officers that will award the proposal and the employees which will make a recommendation:

EHN Officers:

Robert Jacob Cintron, Chair
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David Baquera- CO of Addiction Services
Juan Gonzalez- CIO
Carol Thornburg, DO- CMO Substance Abuse
Diana Billingsley, Purchasing Manager

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2

Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3

Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

EMERGENCY HEALTH NETWORK
Solicitation Check List
Qualified Clinical Data Registry and Data Submission Vendor
RFP #17-013

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- _____ Responses should be delivered to EHN by 3:00 p.m., Friday,
May 26, 2017.
- _____ Did you visit our website (www.emergencehealthnetwork.org) for
any addendums?
- _____ Did you sign the proposal?
- _____ Did you sign the “Certifications Regarding Lobbying” document?
- _____ Did you sign the “Conflict of Interest Questionnaire” document?
- _____ Did you provide one original and an electronic copy submitted to
rfp@ehnel Paso.org of your response? Electronic copies must
reflect the original hard copy in a PDF format.