

New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

IFB 2022-06 Medical Waste Management Services

Questions and Answers Posted 2/11/2022

All responses are incorporated into IFB 2022-06.

Question #	Corresponding IFB Section	Bidder's Question	Answer
1	Section 2.2.2 Pricing, Page 11	Is it mandatory that vendors submit pricing for all services listed? May vendors submit pricing for just the services that they are able to provide?	Yes, per IFB Attachment B – Cost Sheet Instructions and 2.2.2 Pricing: Bidders must submit pricing for all correctional facilities and price lines within a Region for regulated medical waste and pharmaceutical waste/dental waste to be considered for contract award.
2	Section 4 Scope of Services, Pages 19-25	a) May vendors submit with their proposal any revisions or edits to this section for review? b) Will the NYSCCS be willing to negotiate these requirements?	a) No b) No
3	Section 4.1 Scope of Services, Page 19	a) Is it mandatory that vendors provide onsite training to each facility? b) Will biohazardous waste training and DOT training through an online customer portal accessible for each facility be an acceptable alternative?	a) Yes. See section 4.1 Scope of Services, Training. b) No.
4	Section 4.1 Scope of Services, Page 20	Is it mandatory that all unscheduled calls for removal and disposal of medical waste for all facilities be scheduled and completed within one (1) business day? Although we have been able to comply, we cannot guarantee that all unscheduled pickups will be completed within this time frame.	See Section 4.1 Scope of Services, Contract Management, part 2.
5	Section 4.1 Scope of Services, Page 21	Is it mandatory that scales be provided and containers weighed on site during scheduled pickups? Scales are located at our processing facilities where the waste is weighed prior to being treated.	Yes, it is mandatory that scales be provided and that containers are weighed as they are picked up.

6	Section 4.1 Scope of Services, Page 22	Will these facilities only be utilizing cardboard boxes or will they also be willing to utilize reusable rigid plastic tubs between sizes of 1-5 CF?	Rigid plastic tubs would be an acceptable alternative.
7	Section 4.1 Scope of Services, Pages 23-24	Will any of the facilities be disposing of any controlled substances?	No. Please see Addendum 1.
8	Section 4.2 Frequency, Waste Pick-Up Location(s) & Pick-Up Times, Page 24	If vendors are not able to provide the frequency of service or complete pickups within the hours requested, may vendors include alternate service frequencies and service hours with their proposal?	No. The current pick-up schedule was included in the IFB.
9	Section 5 Contract Clauses and Requirements, Pages 26-39	a) May vendors submit with their proposal any revisions or edits to this section for review? b) Will the NYSCCS be willing to negotiate these requirements?	a) No. b) No.
10	Attachment A, Appendix A – Standard Clauses for New York State Contracts, Pages 40-50	a) May vendors submit with their proposal any revisions or edits to this section for review? b) Will the NYSCCS be willing to negotiate these requirements?	a) Appendix A is NYS standard clauses and is nonnegotiable. b) No.
11	Attachment B, Bid Cost Form and Instructions, Page 51 and Excel Spreadsheet	a) Is it mandatory that pricing be provided at a per cubic foot disposal rate for RMW and at a per gallon disposal rate for Pharmaceutical and Dental Waste? b) For transactional RMW service, we typically provide pricing at a per container disposal rate. With regard to hazardous pharmaceutical waste, we currently subcontract these services which are only billed at a flat monthly fee based on the number of pickups and allotment of containers needed per year per facility.	a) Yes. b) Pricing must be consistent with the way the information appears on Attachment B – Bid Cost Sheet.
12	Attachment C, Legal Required Forms, Pages 52-60	a) May vendors submit with their proposal any revisions or edits to this section for review? b) Will the NYSCCS be willing to negotiate these requirements?	a) All forms required to be submitted with the bid are nonnegotiable.

			b) This question is unclear and therefore, the Department cannot provide a response.
13	Attachment D, Contractor Insurance Requirements, Pages 61-68	a) May vendors submit with their proposal any revisions or edits to this section for review? b) Will the NYSCCS be willing to negotiate these requirements?	a) No. b) No.
14	Attachment G, Frequency, Waste Pick-Up Location(s) & Pick-Up Times, Pages 74-79	a) Will drivers need to enter through the facility in order to service the waste? b) If drivers need to enter into and through the facility, will they be escorted to where the waste is located?	a) Yes b) Yes, these details would be worked out with each individual facility upon contract award.
15		Can you provide the name of the current service providers?	Safeguard Waste Solutions Approved Storage and Waste Hauling
16		Can you provide the current pricing paid for all waste disposal services?	You can FOIL current pricing information at: <a href="https://doccs.ny.gov/freedom-information-law-foil">https://doccs.ny.gov/freedom-information-law-foil</a>
17		What are the current services issues that the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) is experiencing?	This question is not relevant to the development of a proposal under this IFB.
18		What is the current process that correctional facilities use to dispose of Hazardous pharmaceuticals?	This question is not relevant to the development of a proposal under this IFB.
19		What is the current process that correctional facilities use to dispose of unwanted controlled medications?	This question is not relevant to the development of a proposal under this IFB.
20		What size containers (i.e. – containers = how many gallons) are currently being used for RMW disposal in Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5?	This question is not relevant to the development of a proposal under this IFB.
21		What is the current process the correctional facilities use to determine the correct classification of Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste	This question is not relevant to the development of a proposal under this IFB.
22		a) Does the current provider come on-site to package the Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste?	a) This question is not relevant to the development of a proposal under this IFB.

		<p>b) If yes, please explain the process the current service provider uses to package the Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste?</p> <p>c) If no, what is the current process the correctional facilities use to package the Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste?</p>	<p>b) See above response.</p> <p>c) See above response.</p>
23		What is the average amount of time the current service provider spends on site to pick -up waste?	It varies by facility and circumstances.
24		Can you provide how the check-in process works?	This question is unclear and therefore, the Department cannot provide a response.
25	Attachment B Cost Sheets	In attachment B Cost Sheets-Pharmaceutical Waste and Dental Waste are grouped together to be priced as one waste stream. The cost to dispose the Dental/Hazardous waste is far more expensive than the disposal of the Pharmaceutical waste. Has there been any thought given to pricing these two categories separately?	No. The Department notes that historically there has been very little dental waste.