COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PURCHASING DIVISION

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November 14, 2023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: **RFP No. 24-0009**	Qualified firms are invited to submit proposals, subject to conditions and instructions as specified, for the furnishing of: **UNDERSERVED AND INMATE HEALTHCARE CONSULTANT**
GENERAL SCOPE	Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking a third-party advisory firm, with experience establishing community-funded networks of care for underserved and inmate populations. The firm shall assist the City with developing a fair, inclusive and equitable plan to service the target populations' medical needs.
DUE DATE	**DECEMBER 15, 2023 - 5:00 PM (EASTERN)**
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS	See Appendix A for information and instructions on how to register and submit a proposal through DemandStar.
ADDENDA	The Purchasing Division will post addenda (if any) for this project at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/Bid-Opportunities. Vendors are responsible for periodically visiting the web page for addenda, before the due date and prior to submitting a response.
NO PROPOSAL SUBMISSION	If you are not interested in this solicitation, please complete and return page 3.

Andrea J. McCorvey,
Purchasing Manager

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
E-Notification

The City uses the Georgia Procurement Registry e-notification system. You must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace to receive future procurement notifications at http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems while registering, please contact the Team Georgia Marketplace Procurement Helpdesk:

Telephone: **404-657-6000**

Fax: **404-657-8444**

Email: **procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov**

STATEMENT OF "NO PROPOSAL SUBMISSION"

Notify the Purchasing Division if you do not intend to submit a Proposal:

Email: **BidOpportunities@ColumbusGa.org**
Fax: 706-225-3033
Attn: Della Lewis, CPPB, GCPA
Columbus Consolidated Government
Purchasing Division
P. O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340

We, the undersigned decline to submit a proposal for **RFP No. 24-0009** for **Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant** for the following reason(s):

__Specifications are too "tight", i.e., geared towards one brand or manufacturer (explain below)
__There is insufficient time to respond.
__We do not offer this product and/or service.
__We are unable to meet specifications.
__We are unable to meet bond requirements.
__Specifications are unclear (explain below).
__We are unable to meet insurance requirements.
__Other (specify below)

Comments

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COMPANY NAME:_____

AGENT:_____

DATE:_____

TELEPHONE:_____

EMAIL:_____

PROPOSALS WILL BE EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED BELOW IN SECTION 3-110 OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE. ALL PROPOSALS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AWARD.

3-110. Competitive Sealed Proposals (Negotiations)

(1) Conditions for Use

When the Purchasing Manager determines that the use of competitive sealed bidding for any procurement is either not practicable or not advantageous to the City, a contract may be entered into using the competitive sealed proposals (negotiation) method. In addition, the competitive sealed proposal process shall be used for the procurement of professional services, specialized equipment or supplies.

The competitive sealed proposal process may be used for procurements with an estimated total cost less than $25,000.00, if deemed to be in the best interest of the City. If the total cost can be determined, the authority to approve such solicitations will be as prescribed by article 3-104, Purchasing Limits. If, due to the required services, a total cost cannot be determined then the award recommendation will be approved by Council.

I. Request for Proposals

Proposals shall be solicited through Request for Proposals. The Purchasing Division shall establish the specifications with the using agency and set the date and time to receive proposals. The request for proposal shall include a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the service or item to be procured.

II. Public Notice

The public will be given adequate notice of the request for proposals, provided that, adequate notice shall mean at least fifteen (15) business days before the due date, which is stated in the request. ***The City reserves the right to seek request for proposals in a shorter period, if necessary, as determined by the Purchasing Manager.***

Notice shall be published in a reasonable time before due date, contain a description of the procurement in general terms, as well as, the place and due date for proposals, and appear in a newspaper(s) of general circulation, specifically the City's legal organ. In addition to publication in newspapers, notice shall also be made by electronic means, including posting on the internet and on the City's government access television channel.

Public works construction projects shall be advertised in accordance with Georgia State Law.

The City reserves the right to mail or e-mail invitations directly to vendors under the following circumstances:

- Solicitations for specialized equipment/supplies.
- Solicitations for specialized services.
- Re-bid of solicitations where normal advertising procedures netted no responses.
- Whenever deemed necessary by the purchasing manager.

III. Receipt of Proposals

Proposals must be received by the deadline date established. No public opening will be held. No proposals shall be handled to permit disclosure of the identity of any offeror or the contents of any proposal to competing offerors during the process of discussion. A register of proposals shall be prepared as part of the contract file, and shall contain the name of each offeror, the number of modifications received (if any), and a description sufficient to identify the item offered. The register of proposals shall be open for public inspection only after contract award.

IV. Evaluation Factors

The request for proposals shall identify the relative importance of cost (when applicable) and other evaluation criteria.

V. Evaluation Process

An odd number of voting members of a Selection or Evaluation Committee shall evaluate all proposals received based upon the criteria stated in the request for proposals. Each voting committee member shall grade each submitted proposal based upon the evaluation criteria.

VI. Discussion with Responsible Offerors and Revisions to Proposals

As provided in the Request for Proposals, discussions (negotiations) may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, to assure full understanding of and conformance to the solicitation requirements. All qualified, responsible offerors shall be given fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals, and such revisions may be permitted after submissions and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of the identity of competing offerors or any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. If only one proposal response is received, then the award recommendation shall be to the single offeror, if the offeror meets all requirements.

VII. Award

After negotiations, the award recommendation must be presented to Columbus City Council for final approval. Award will be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration total cost (if determined) and all other evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposals.

After Council approval, a contract based on the negotiations (if negotiations were necessary) will be drawn and signed by all necessary parties. If Council does not approve the award, it may direct that further negotiations may take place with the recommended offeror, or that negotiations begin with the next most qualified offeror. Council may also exercise the option to reject all offers and instruct the Purchasing Manager to begin the procurement process again. The contract file shall contain the basis on which the award is made.

After contract award, the contract file, will be made public. Unsuccessful offerors will be afforded the opportunity to make an appointment with the Purchasing Division for a debriefing. After the award, the contract file and the unsuccessful proposals will become subject to disclosure under the Georgia Open Records Act.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR NEED CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS SOLICITATION?

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ANY SOLICITATION CURRENTLY ADVERTISED MUST TAKE PLACE IN WRITTEN FORM AND ADDRESSED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER OR IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION.

ANY REQUEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM

Date: _____

To: Della Lewis, Buyer Specialist
Email BidOpportunities@ColumbusGA.org or
Fax (706) 225-3033

Re: **Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant – RFP No. 24-0009**

Questions and requests for clarification must be submitted at least five (5) business days before the due date:

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From:

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Company Name Website

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Representative Email Address

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Complete Address City State Zip

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Telephone Number Fax Number

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

UNDERSERVED AND INMATE HEALTHCARE CONSULTANT
RFP No. 24-0009

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from a third-party advisory firm ("Firm"), with experience establishing community-funded networks of care for underserved and inmate populations (the "Target Populations"). The Firm shall assist the City with developing a fair, inclusive and equitable plan (the "Program") to serve the target populations' medical needs, including, but not limited to, limited acute inpatient care, outpatient care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, and mental/behavioral health services (collectively, the "Medical Services") for the uninsured person and medically underserved and incarcerated persons in the Muscogee County Jail.

A. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DATE:

PROPOSALS ARE DUE: DECEMBER 15, 2023, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM (Eastern). ***Submit one electronic response via DemandStar.***

After award of contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide one identical hard copy of submitted proposal with original signatures. The awarded vendor will receive a digital copy of the executed contract.

The City shall not be held liable for any expenses incurred by the respondent in preparing and submitting the proposal and/or attendance at any interviews, final contract negotiations or applicable site visits. **The City reserves the right to award this project or to reject any and all proposals; whichever is in the best interest of the City.**

B. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS:

Unless otherwise stated in the technical specifications of the RFP, the City will accept one, and only one, proposal per Offeror. In the event a team of firms is entering into a joint venture to respond to the RFP, one firm shall be named the prime contractor and the proposal shall be submitted in the name of the prime contractor. All correspondence concerning the RFP will be between the City and prime contractor.

C. SUBCONTRACTING:

Should the offeror intend to subcontract all or any part of the work specified, names and address of subcontractors must be provided in proposal response. The offeror shall be responsible for subcontractors' full compliance with the requirements of the RFP specifications. If awarded the contract, payments will only be made to the offerors submitting the proposal. The Columbus Consolidated Government will not be responsible for payments to subcontractors.

D. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RFP:

Communication concerning any solicitation currently advertised must take place in writing and addressed to the Purchasing Division. See page titled "Do You Have Questions …" within this proposal package. **Questions and Requests for Clarification will be received until five business days prior to the proposal due date.**

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION:

All information and materials submitted will become the property of the Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Georgia; and shall be subject to the provisions of the Georgia public records law. If awarded the contract, the proposal submission, in its entirety, will be included as part of the contract documents and filed, as public record, with the Clerk of Council.

F. ADDENDA:

The proposer shall include acknowledgment of receipt of addenda (if any) in their sealed proposal. The proposer should include an initialed copy of each addendum in the proposal package. It is the proposer's responsibility to contact the City for copies of addenda if they receive the proposal document from any other source other than the City.

G. CONTRACT:

Each proposal is received with the understanding that an acceptance in writing by the City of the offer to furnish any or all of the services and materials described shall constitute a contract between the proposer and the City. This contract shall bind the proposers to furnish and deliver the services and materials quoted, at the prices stated and in accordance with the condition of said accepted proposal.

It is agreed that the successful respondent will not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without previous consent of the City and any sureties.

H. NON-COLLUSION:

Proposer declares that the proposal is not made in connection with any other proposer submitting a proposal for the same commodity or commodities, and that the proposal is bona fide and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

I. INDEMNITY:

The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City, and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents, and employees (collectively the "City") from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Contractor's intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent acts or omissions in performance or nonperformance of its work called for by the Contract Documents.

J. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CLAUSE:

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (minority or women owned businesses) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration for an award. It is the policy of the City that disadvantaged business enterprises and minority business enterprises have an opportunity to participate at all levels of contracting in the performance of City contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract.

K. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM - NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE:

The City has an Affirmative Action Program in connection with Equal Employment Opportunities. The successful vendor will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, and will not discriminate between or among them by reason of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or physical handicap.

L. SPECIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS:

The specifications detailed herein represent the quality of equipment, goods or services required by the City. Whenever in this invitation any particular process, service or equipment is indicated or specified by patent, proprietary or brand name of manufacturer/developer/inventor, such wording will be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating descriptions of the process, service or equipment desired by the City. It is not meant to eliminate offerors or restrict competition in any RFP process. Proposals that are equivalent or surpass stated specifications will be considered. Determination of equivalency shall rest solely with the City.

M. TAXES:

The City is exempt from State Retail Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Tax Exemption No. GA Code Sec. 48-8-3. Federal ID No. 58-1097948.

N. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:

Per Ordinance No. 93-55, in compliance with Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts, the Council of Columbus, Georgia adopted a drug free Workplace Policy. Consequently, any vendor providing goods or services to Columbus Consolidated Government must comply with all applicable Federal and State Drug Free Workplace Acts.

O. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL LAWS:

All respondents will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations relative to conducting business in Columbus, Georgia and performing the prescribed service. Ignorance on the part of the respondent shall not, in any way, relieve the respondent from responsibility for compliance with said laws and regulations or any of the provisions of these documents.

P. PROVISIONS OF THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE:

The provisions of the Procurement Ordinance for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia as adopted and amended by Council shall apply to all invitations to respond to Requests for Proposals and is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. The procurement ordinance is codified on Section 2-3.03 of the Columbus Code and can be accessed through the City's web-site at https://library.municode.com/ga/columbus/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Q. INSURANCE:

All respondents shall maintain, and if requested, show proof of insurance applicable for services described in these specifications.

R. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

The successful respondent hereby agrees to indemnify, hold free and harmless Columbus Consolidated Government (The City), its agents, servants, employees, officers, directors and elected officials or any other person(s) against any loss or expense including attorney fees, by reason of any liability imposed by law upon the City, except in cases of the City's sole negligence, sustained by any person(s) on account of bodily injury or property damage arising out of or in the consequence of this agreement.

S. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

1. **Default**: If the contractor refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this contract, the Purchasing Division Director may notify the contractor in writing of the delay or nonperformance and if not cured within **ten (10) days** or any longer time specified in writing by the Purchasing Division Director, such director may terminate the

contractor's right to proceed with the contract or such part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

In the event of termination in whole or in part the Purchasing Division Director may procure similar supplies or services, from other sources, in a manner and upon terms deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Division Director. The contractor will continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and will be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.

2. **Compensation:** Payment for completed supplies or services delivered and accepted by the City will be at the contract price. The City may withhold from amounts due the contractor such sums as the Purchasing Director deems to be necessary to protect the City against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the City for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.

3. **Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance**. Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, the contractor shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms (including any failure by the contractor to make progress in the prosecution of the work hereunder which endangers such performance) if the contractor has notified the Purchasing Division Director within 15 days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of public enemy; acts of the City and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather, If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the contractor shall not be deemed to be in default, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor was reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the contract requirements.

   Upon request of the contractor, the Purchasing Division Director shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such director determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by anyone or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly.

T. TIME FOR CONSIDERATION:

Due to the evaluation process, proposals must remain in effect for at least **180 days** after date of receipt.

U. CONTRACT AWARD:

Award of this contract will be made in the best interest of the City.

V. REQUEST FOR EVALUATION RESULTS:

Per the City's Procurement Ordinance, evaluation results cannot be divulged until after the award of the contract. After contract award, proponents desiring to review documents relevant to the RFP evaluation results will be afforded an opportunity by appointment only.

W. GOVERNING LAW:

The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Georgia, both as to interpretations and performance.

X. FINAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that the final contract shall include the following: **1)** The RFP; **2)** Addenda; **3)** Awarded Vendors(s) response; **4)** Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; **5)** Negotiated Components; and **6)** Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

Y. PAYMENT DEDUCTIONS:

The City reserves the right to deduct, from payments to awarded vendor(s), any amount owed to the City for various fees, to include, but not limited to: False Alarm fees, Ambulance fees, Occupation License Fees, Landfill fees, etc.

Z. PAYMENT TERMS:

The City's standard payment term is usually net 30 days, after successful receipt of goods or services. Payment may take longer if invoice is not properly documented or not easily identifiable, goods/services are not acceptable, or invoice is in dispute.

AA. RIGHT TO PROTEST:

(1) Right of Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder offeror, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Purchasing Manager initially. All protests shall be filed in the manner prescribed herein. Protests that do not comply with the following rules shall be deemed invalid and of no effect.

(2) The protest must be in writing, executed by a company officer that is authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the bidder or offeror or provided by an authorized legal representative of the protestor.

(3) A protest with respect to an invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing no less than five (5) business days prior to the opening of bids or the closing date of proposals or qualification statements.

(4) Stay of Procurement During Protests. If there is a timely protest submitted as described above, the Purchasing Manager shall not proceed further with the solicitation or award of the contract until all administrative remedies have been exhausted or until the City Council, Mayor, or City Manager makes a determination on the record that the award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the City.

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Sec. 2-3.05. - Submitting bids to Consolidated Government, etc.—By mayor or councilmembers.
Neither the mayor nor any member of the Columbus Council shall submit any bid to the consolidated government, nor shall the mayor or any member of the Columbus Council own or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government. (Ord. No. 92-60, 6-23-92)

Sec. 2-3.06. - Same—By members of boards, authorities, commissions.
No member of any board or authority or commission or other independent or subordinate entity of the consolidated government shall submit any bid to the consolidated government or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government if such bid pertains to the board or authority or commission on which such person holds such membership. (Ord. No. 92-61, 6-23-92)

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS
Inmate and Underserved Healthcare Consultant
RFP No. 24-0009

I. SCOPE

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from a third-party advisory firm ("Firm"), with experience establishing community-funded networks of care for underserved and inmate populations (the "Target Populations"). The Firm shall assist the City with developing a fair, inclusive and equitable plan (the "Program") to serve the target populations' medical needs, including, but not limited to, limited acute inpatient care, outpatient care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, and mental/behavioral health services (collectively, the "Medical Services") for the uninsured person and medically underserved and incarcerated persons in the Muscogee County Jail.

Medically underserved persons are defined as residents of Muscogee County who are not covered under a private or governmental insurance plan and meet the income requirements of the Underserved Care Program. The income requirements are defined as having a total yearly income below 125% of the poverty income line guidelines for family units in the United States set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. 2022 Poverty Guideline outlined below:

# in Household	Annual Income
1	$13,590
2	$18,310
3	$23,030
4	$27,750
5	$32,470
6	$37,190
7	$41,910
8	$46,630

**Add $4,720 for each person in the household over 8*

The funding for these services is provided by property taxes levied for this specific purpose to ensure that all residents of Columbus, GA have access to quality health care. Providing quality health care improves the quality of life for all residents.

Working with the selected Firm, the City desires to achieve the following objectives concerning the Program:

1. Identify a diverse and inclusive group of healthcare organizations located in or near the City of Columbus to serve as a network of providers (The "Network") for the provision of Medical Services.

2. Assess the impact of providing care to the Target Populations on local hospitals, health providers, and other key stakeholders. The Firm should consider the capacity of each provider within the Network to provide Medical Services in a high-quality manner, within the most appropriate care setting. Activities to complete this assessment may include, but not limited to:
    a. Conduct on-site interviews with local healthcare stakeholders and providers, including, but not limited to:

i. Local government officials; City Council and Consolidated Government, including the Finance Department;
ii. Hospital administrations (St. Francis-Emory and Piedmont Columbus Regional);
iii. Muscogee County Jail administration;
iv. Columbus Police Department;
v. Local mental health providers, and;
vi. Other relevant healthcare groups.

b. Demand and Supply projections – Based on historical information, current demographics, and projections, better understand the Medical Service needs for the Target Populations to assess the scope of the Network required to provide the Medical Services.
c. Determine innovative approaches to care delivery, i.e., telemedicine.
d. Determine and explore the scope of services – for example: mental health services, crisis management versus, screening, and therapeutic management.
e. Is there a restorative objective to help the "targeted population" to support moving out of the underserved status; What co-collaborators do the stake holders have?

3. Development of a contemporary reimbursement payment model to appropriately distribute funding to the Network, including:
   a. The appropriate payment mechanisms (fee-for-service, others) for the Target Population, and
   b. Mechanisms for contemporary claim adjudication and payment.
   c. Submit a request for data and information to support the analysis.

4. Tracking mechanisms and the development of key performance indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program.

5. Provide mechanisms for evaluating needs of the population and recommending a target tax levy for each year.

6. Provide a detailed scope of work for the consulting engagement along with an estimated timeline and range of professional fees.

7. Provide the methodology the City should use for selecting providers.

Technical Specifications begin on page 19.

II. RFP TIMELINE *(Subject to change)*

November 14, 2023	RFP Posting
December 18, 2023 – February 16, 2024	Evaluation Process
February 19, 2024	Presentations/Interview *(if necessary)*
March 12, 2024	Award Recommendation to Columbus Council
March 26, 2024	Contract Commences upon execution
May 26, 2024	Deliverables due

III. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

The Provider covenants to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City, and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents, and employees (collectively the "City") from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Provider's intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent acts or omissions in performance or nonperformance of its work called for by the Contract Documents.

Additionally, the Provider shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Columbus Consolidated Government, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees, from and against any claims, loss, injury, damages or other liability arising out of the Provider's performance or non-performance of its obligations hereunder specifically including, but not limited, to personal injury and death; provided that the Provider will not be responsible for any claim arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

IV. INSURANCE

The vendors shall be required, at their own expense, to furnish to the Columbus Consolidated Government Purchasing Division**,** evidence showing the insurance coverage to be in force throughout the term of the contract. Insurance requirements are listed on the attached **Insurance Checklist. The limits shown are minimum limits. Vendor shall indicate the actual limit they will provide for each insurance requirement. The bidder shall complete the Insurance Checklist and include with bid response**. **Certificate of Insurance is acceptable.** The Insurance Checklist will indicate to the City, the bidder's ability and agreement to provide the required insurance, in the event of contract award.

The successful candidate shall provide the required Certificates of Insurance within **10 business days** after award notification. The Certificates of Insurance will name Columbus Consolidated Government as an additional insured, **as well as list the applicable project or annual contract name, and/or Solicitation name and number.** The Certificate of Insurance will be included with the contract documents prior to signing.

V. E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, a public employer shall not enter into a contract for the performance of services unless the provider registers and participates in the federal work authorization program. If a supplier is providing services under a contract with a total compensation amount of $2,500 or greater, (even if such services will be performed outside of the State of Georgia), Columbus Consolidated Government requires a notarized affidavit from the supplier attesting to the following:

(A) The affiant has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program;
(B) The user identification number and date of authorization for the affiant;
(C) The affiant will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period; and,
(D) The affiant will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subproviders who present an affidavit to the provider with the same information required by subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of this paragraph.

Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: https://www.audits2.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/13-10-91.pdf. **A completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's or individual's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for award consideration.**

VI. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

See Appendix A for information and instructions on how to register and submit proposals through DemandStar.

Firms should submit proposals that address each of the sections specified below. ***With the exception of the E-Verify Affidavit (Form 1), the form titled "Conflict of Interest Affidavit" (Form 2), the form titled "Communication Concerning This Solicitation" (Form 3), and the proposed cost, fees, rates, revenue, etc.,*** **the City reserves the right to request any omitted information. Firms shall be notified, in writing, and shall have two days, after notification, to submit the omitted information. If the omitted information is not received within two days, the firm shall be deemed non-responsive, and the proposal will not receive further consideration.**

Section 1: Transmittal Letter

The transmittal letter shall:

A. Introduce the business; describe the ownership; include complete address, phone, and fax numbers (if applicable), and include the name and email address(es) of contact person(s) during this proposal process.

B. List the complete address, telephone number and fax number for the corporate office as well as for the office/branch that will administer the contract.

C. Include a statement to the effect that the proposal is binding for at least 120 days from the proposal date. An authorized agent of the business must sign the transmittal letter.

Section 2: E-Verify Affidavit *(Form 1)*

A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal**; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration.** Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: Additional information regarding the State's E-Verify requirements can be found at: https://www.audits2.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/13-10-91.pdf.

Section 3: Conflict of Interest Affidavit *(Form 2)*

Form 5 must be signed and returned with the vendor's proposal. Failure to include the form will automatically render vendor's response non-responsive.

Section 4: Communication Concerning This Solicitation *(Form 3)*

Complete the form titled *Communication Concerning This Solicitation.*

Section 5: Federal Compliance

Complete the form titled *Federal Compliance* ***(Form 4)***

Section 6: Addenda Acknowledgement *(Form 5)*

Use **Form 3** to acknowledge receipt for all addenda (if any). Addenda will be posted at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/Bid-Opportunities. It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda before the due date and before submitting a proposal.

Section 7: Exceptions to RFP

A. List **ANY AND ALL** exceptions to the RFP specifications in this section of proposal submission. Exceptions listed in other areas of the vendor's submission will not be considered. All exceptions will be vetted during the RFP process, and if found

unacceptable, the vendor's proposal will be rejected and no longer considered for award. Exceptions shall be considered by the Evaluation Committee. The vendor's proposal may not receive further consideration if exceptions are not acceptable and/or cannot be clarified to the Committee's satisfaction. Vendors shall be notified in writing if exceptions are not acceptable. **PLEASE NOTE: EXCEPTIONS TO THE RFP GENERAL PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, AND IF SUBMITTED WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER THE RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.**

B. VENDOR AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FORM: Exceptions also include the terms of any contract or other agreements which the vendor or any subcontractors will require to be executed by the City.

C. If there are no exceptions, vendor must include a statement for this Section stating the following: No Exceptions.

Section 8: Client Work History

Describe how your company is currently providing the same or similar services.

Section 9: Experience and Qualifications

A. Summarize your company's strong points and how its experience, particularly with similar responsibilities, will benefit the company.
B. Include the date your company was organized to provide consulting services, your company's experience, and the number of employees.
C. Indicate if your company is registered and authorized to perform business in the state of Georgia.
D. Describe how your company meets the specified minimum abilities and qualifications.

Section 10: Management Summary

Provide a brief summary for management, which includes:

A. State in succinct terms your understanding of the major objectives of this RFP.
B. Briefly describe your company's qualifications, intended processes and responsibilities to address these objectives.
C. Identify important steps that will be taken to meet the Columbus Consolidated Government's expectations.

Section 11: Recommendation

Working with the selected Firm, the City desires to achieve the following objectives concerning the Program:

A. Identify a diverse and inclusive group of healthcare organizations located in or near the City of Columbus to serve as a network of providers (The "Network") for the provision of Medical Services.
B. Assess the impact of providing care to the Target Populations on local hospitals, health providers, and other key stakeholders. The Firm should consider the capacity of each provider within the Network to provide Medical Services in a high-quality manner, within the most appropriate care setting. Activities to complete this assessment may include, but not limited to:
    a. Conduct on-site interviews with local healthcare stakeholders and providers, including, but not limited to:
        i. Local government officials; City Council and Consolidated Government, including the Finance Department;

ii. Hospital administrations (St. Francis-Emory and Piedmont Columbus Regional);
iii. Muscogee County Jail administration;
iv. Columbus Police Department;
v. Local mental health providers, and;
vi. Other relevant healthcare groups.

b. Demand and Supply projections – Based on historical information, current demographics, and projections, better understand the Medical Service needs for the Target Populations to assess the scope of the Network required to provide the Medical Services.
c. Determine innovative approaches to care delivery, i.e., telemedicine.
d. Determine and explore the scope of services – for example: mental health services, crisis management versus, screening, and therapeutic management.
e. Is there a restorative objective to help the "targeted population" to support moving out of the underserved status; What co-collaborators do the stake holders have?

C. Development of a contemporary reimbursement payment model to appropriately distribute funding to the Network, including:
   a. The appropriate payment mechanisms (fee-for-service, others) for the Target Population, and
   b. Mechanisms for contemporary claim adjudication and payment.
   c. Submit a request for data and information to support the analysis
D. Tracking mechanisms and the development of key performance indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program.
E. Assess the need for establishing minimum actuarial reserves for the fund to be maintained year to year.
F. Provide a detailed scope of work for the consulting engagement along with an estimated timeline and range of professional fees.
G. Provide the methodology the City should use for selecting providers.

Section 12: Cost Proposal *(subject to negotiations)*

Delineate all associated costs to provide the required services described in these specifications.

Section 13: Contract Signature Page *(Form 6)*

Provide all the information requested. City officials will sign the copies after Columbus Council approves the contract award with the successful firm *(see note below)*. Per the General Provisions, Page 12, Item X, the final contract shall include the following: 1) The RFP; 2) Addenda; 3) Awarded Vendor(s) response; 4) Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; 5) Negotiated Components; and 6) Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

Please note: After award of contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide one identical hard copy of submitted proposal with original signatures. The awarded vendor will receive a digital copy of the executed contract.

Section 14: Proof of Insurance

Provide Insurance Checklist **(Form 7)** or Certificate of Insurance.

Section 15: Business License (Occupation License)

A. Include a statement to the effect that you understand that:

1) A Columbus, Georgia business license is required for the services.

2) If you do not currently possess a Columbus, Georgia business license, you have familiarized yourself with the requirements of obtaining a business license, prior to submitting a proposal, without alluding to the fact that you intended to submit a proposal in response to this RFP. Business license information is available at https://www.columbusga.gov/Finance/revenue.htm and by contacting Ms. Yvonne Ivey, Revenue Division Manager, at telephone 706-225-3091. **Please note: you are not required to possess a Columbus, Georgia business license in order to submit a proposal.**

3) If you do not currently possess a Columbus, Georgia business license, you are expected to promptly begin the process of obtaining a Columbus, Georgia business license after the Purchasing Division provides a notification of award.

B. Provide a current copy of the Business License (Occupation License) that is required to conduct business at your location.

Section 17: Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
Complete and return **Page 1** of the Form W-9, which is available at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf

VII. EVALUATION

Criteria for Evaluation	Weight
A. Capable of meeting the requirements of the RFP	40%
B. Pricing within reason *(subject to negotiations)*	20%
C. Resources capable of completing	20%
D. Meets time frame	20%

Each of the above criteria (A – D) will be given a rating, of 1 through 100, by each member of the Evaluation Committee. The ratings are as follows:

Description	Value
Poor = Is not qualified.	**20 Points**
Marginal = Is minimally qualified but one or more area is lacking in some essential aspect.	**40 Points**
Adequate = Is qualified and is generally capable of achieving the objectives of this RFP.	**60 Points**
Good = Is more than qualified and exceeds in some areas.	**80 Points**
Excellent = Is fully qualified and exceeds in several or more areas.	**100 Points**

After the review and rating of proposal(s) by the evaluation committee, individual scores will be averaged and ranked. Offerors will be ranked in descending order of numerical predominance.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant
RFP No. 24-0009

I. OBJECTIVE

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from a third-party advisory firm ("Firm"), with experience establishing community-funded networks of care for underserved and inmate populations (the "Target Populations"). The Firm shall assist the City with developing a fair, inclusive and equitable plan (the "Program") to serve the target populations' medical needs, including, but not limited to, limited acute inpatient care, outpatient care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, and mental/behavioral health services (collectively, the "Medical Services") for the uninsured person and medically underserved and incarcerated persons in Muscogee County Jail.

II. MINIMUM ABILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

A. To be considered for the award of this contract, the Respondent shall demonstrate the following minimum qualifications:

1. The Respondent must be organized to provide healthcare consultation services and must have at least five years of Georgia experience with proven effectiveness in administering healthcare programs.

2. The Respondent must demonstrate expertise in providing technical and medical advice to clients in the healthcare industry.

3. The Respondent must demonstrate the ability to begin providing services as outlined.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Working with the selected Firm, the City desires to achieve the following objectives concerning the Program:

1. Identify a diverse and inclusive group of healthcare organizations located in or near the City of Columbus to serve as a network of providers (The "Network") for the provision of Medical Services.
2. Assess the impact of providing care to the Target Populations on local hospitals, health providers, and other key stakeholders. The Firm should consider the capacity of each provider within the Network to provide Medical Services in a high-quality manner, within the most appropriate care setting. Activities to complete this assessment may include, but not limited to:
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c. Recommend innovative approaches to care delivery, i.e., telemedicine.
d. Recommend and explore the scope of services – for example: mental health services, crisis management versus, screening, and therapeutic management.
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   a. The appropriate payment mechanisms (fee-for-service, others) for the Target Population, and
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   c. Submit a request for data and information to support the analysis.
4. Tracking mechanisms and the development of key performance indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program.
5. Provide a detailed scope of work for the consulting engagement along with an estimated timeline and range of professional fees.
6. Provide the methodology the City should use for selecting providers.

IV. STAFFING AND PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

A. The Provider is responsible for hiring adequate personnel to complete the project.

FORM 1

E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of ***Columbus Consolidated Government*** has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

_____

Company ID Number ***(numerical, 4-7 digits)*** Date of Authorization

****See https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp/vislogin.aspx?JS=YES to access your E-Verify Company Identification Number.**

_____

Name of Contractor

Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant – RFP No. 24-0009

Name of Project

Columbus Consolidated Government

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20 ___ in _____ (city), _____ (state).

_____

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

_____

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the ___ day of _____, 20___.

_____

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

_____

A properly completed, notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration.

FORM 2

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT:

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE VENDOR'S BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER VENDOR'S RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.

Pursuant to Columbus Georgia Code Part I – Charter, Appendix Two Code of Ethics and Prohibited Practices:

I hereby declare that any person(s) employed by the City of Columbus, who has direct or indirect personal or financial interest in this solicitation, has been identified and the interest disclosed below. (Please include in your disclosure any interest which you know of).

An example of a direct interest would be a City of Columbus employee, City of Columbus City Council Member, who would be paid to perform services if awarded the contract.

An example of indirect interest would be a City of Columbus employee who is related to any officers, employees, principal, or shareholders of your firm or to you. (If in doubt as to status or interest, please disclose to the extent known).

Disclosed Conflict of Interests:

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I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate. If necessary, I will provide the information required to verify this data (e.g., pay stubs, bank account statements, etc.). I, therefore, authorize such verification, and I will provide the supporting documentation, if necessary.

Vendor Name: _____

Print Name of Authorized Agent:_____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20 ___ in _____ (city), _____ (state).

_____

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

_____

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20___.

_____

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

_____

FORM 3

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE VENDOR'S BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER VENDOR'S RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING NON-CCG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTED PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT (I.E. ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS), OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION. **QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FIVE (5) *BUSINESS* DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE.**

ANY REQUEST/CONCERN/PROTEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD, MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

I agree to forward all communication about this solicitation, in writing, to the Purchasing Division. I understand that communication with other persons, other than the Purchasing Division, will render my Bid/Proposal response non-responsive and I will no longer be considered in the solicitation process.

Vendor Name: _____

Print Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

FORM 4

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

In the event a procurement under this contract is federally funded, the Contractor agrees to comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environmental compliance. The Contractor will be notified if the procurement is federally funded.

With regards to **"Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement,"** If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Contractor agrees to be wholly compliant with the provisions of **2 CFR 200, Appendix II**. Additionally, for work to be performed under the Agreement or subcontract thereof, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment.

Contractor shall comply and shall notify each potential subcontractor or supplier of the Contractor's federal compliance obligations. These may include, but are not limited to:
(a) **Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352)** which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin;
(b) **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;
(c) the **Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 USC 676 et. seq.**),
(d) **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794)**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
(e) the **Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 USC 621 et. seq.)** and the Age Discrimination Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
(f) the **Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255)**, as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;
(g) the **Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616)**, as amended, relating to the nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
(h) **§§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3)**, as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
(i) **Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.)**, as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing;
(j) any other nondiscrimination provisions in any specific statute(s) applicable to any Federal funding for this Agreement;
(k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to this Agreement;
(l) Applicable provisions of the **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.)**, the **Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.)**, **Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738**, and the **Environmental Protection Agency regulations at 40 CPR Part 15**;
(m) applicable provisions of the **Davis- Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a - 276a-7**), the **Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c)**, and the **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-332)**, as set forth in Department of Labor Regulations at 20 CPR 5.5a;
(n) the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the **Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163).**

To demonstrate acknowledgement and understanding of the above listed Federal Requirements, vendor is required to sign below and return with bid response:

Vendor Name:_____

Signature of Authorized Agent:_____ **Date:**_____

Print Name and Title of above Agent: _____

FORM 5

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant
RFP No. 24-0009

The Purchasing Division will post addenda (if any) on the Bid Opportunities page: https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/Bid-Opportunities. It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the page to check for addenda, ***both before the due date and prior to submitting a response in DemandStar.***

IF ADDENDA WERE ISSUED:
By signing below, I acknowledge 1) I have received the addenda (if any) as indicated below, 2) my submittal reflects the changes to the specifications, and 3) my submittal includes the most recently revised forms:

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Addendum No. ____ dated _____

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Addendum No. ____ dated _____

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Addendum No. ____ dated _____

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Addendum No. ____ dated _____

Addendum No. ____ dated _____ Addendum No. ____ dated _____

IF NO ADDENDA WERE ISSUED:
By signing below, I acknowledge that I reviewed the Bid Opportunities page referenced above on _____ and did not see any addenda listed for this solicitation.

(date)

Business Name **Date**

Authorized Signature **Print Name**

FORM 6

CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE
Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant
RFP No. 24-0009

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES THAT HE HAS/THEY HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN REFERRED TO AND WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT, TERMS AND SERVICES TO THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

_____ _____

Company Name Signature of Authorized Representative Date

_____ _____

Title of Authorized Representative Print Name of Authorized Signatory

(Corporate seal, if applicable)

Company Street Address

_____

_____

_____

Contact:_____

Email:_____

Telephone:_____

Company Payment Address

_____

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_____

Contact:_____

Email:_____

Telephone:_____

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Accepted this___ day of _____20____

_____

Isaiah Hugley, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

_____

Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

ATTEST:

_____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

FORM 7

INSURANCE CHECKLIST

Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant
RFP No. 24-0009

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MUST SHOW ALL COVERAGE AND ENDORSEMENTS INDICATED BY "X"

CSL = Combined Single Limit; BI = Bodily Injury; PD=Property Damage

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
X	1. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability	**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**	
	Comprehensive General Liability		
X	2. General Liability Premises/Operations	$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate	
X	3. Independent Contractors and Sub - Contractors	$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate	
	4. Products Liability	$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate	
	5. Completed Operations	$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate	
	6. Contractual Liability (Must be shown on Certificate)	$ 1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, $1 Million annual aggregate	
	Automobile Liability		
X	7. *Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles/ Employer non ownership	$1 Million BI/PD each Accident, Uninsured Motorist	
	Others		
X	8. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions	$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	9. Umbrella/Excess Liability	$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury	
	10. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability	$1 Million each offense, $1 Million annual aggregate	
X	11. Professional Liability	$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	12. Architects and Engineers	$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	13. Asbestos Removal Liability	$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	14. Medical Malpractice	$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	15. Medical Professional Liability	$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	16. Dishonesty Bond		

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
	17. Builder's Risk	Provide Coverage in the full amount of contract	
	18. XCU (Explosive, Collapse, Underground) Coverage		
	19. USL&H (Long Shore Harbor Worker's Compensation Act)		
	20. Contractor Pollution Liability	$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	21. Environmental Impairment Liability	$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	22. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of A-VII or its equivalents		
X	23. Notice of Cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to City at least 30 days prior to action.		
X	24. The City shall be named Additional Insured on all policies		
X	25. Certificate of Insurance shall show Bid Number and Bid Title		
	26. Pollution:	$2 Million per occurrence/claim	

*****If offeror's employees will be using their privately owned vehicles while working on this contract and are privately insured, please state that fact in the **Bidders Limits/Response** column of the insurance checklist.

VENDOR'S STATEMENT:

If awarded the contract, I will comply with contract insurance requirements and provide the required certificate(s).

Company Name	Signature of Authorized Agent Date
Title of Authorized Agent	Print Name of Authorized Agent

APPENDIX A

DEMANDSTAR SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices B, C & D for Submission Requirements Checklist, Registering for DemandStar and Responding to an Electronic Bid in DemandStar.

There is no cost to submit responses electronically through DemandStar; you will only incur a fee if you opt to receive e-notifications directly from DemandStar. You must select "Columbus Consolidated Government" as your free agency (see registration instructions). Solicitations may be accessed thru the DemandStar link that is posted at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/Bid-Opportunities.

Per Georgia HB489, the Purchasing Division will continue to post solicitations on the Georgia Procurement Registry. To receive future procurement notifications, you must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace at http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier.

Excluding responses to Requests for Proposals (RFP), a tabulation of responses will be available on DemandStar shortly after the solicitation closes. The Purchasing Division will also continue to post tabulations at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance-2/Bid-Tabulations.

Failure to submit electronic responses, via DemandStar, will result in the rejection of your response. Submittals received via U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc., will be returned unopened at the expense of the sender. The Purchasing Division will not accept hand-delivered submittals and will immediately discard any submittal left in the reception area of the Finance Department.

The Purchasing Division sincerely appreciates your cooperation.

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant
RFP No. 24-0009

Submit your electronic response as instructed below:

1. Vendors shall submit **only** the required documents listed using the **"Bidder Response ALL Documents"** function.
2. **Zip files with multiple files are not acceptable; vendors shall submit one PDF file of their submittal.**
3. **Due to file size limitations, please do not resend the City's full specifications as this information is already on file.**
4. **In the event DemandStar requires a dollar value for your submittal, enter "0".**

- ☐ Section 1. Transmittal Letter
- ☐ Section 2. E-Verify Affidavit *(Form 1)*
- ☐ Section 3. Conflict of Interest Affidavit *(Form 2)*
- ☐ Section 4. Communication Concerning this Solicitation *(Form 3)*
- ☐ Section 5. Federal Compliance *(Form 4)*
- ☐ Section 6. Addenda Acknowledgement *(Form 5)*
- ☐ Section 7. Exceptions to RFP
- ☐ Section 8. Client Work History
- ☐ Section 9. Experience and Qualifications
- ☐ Section 10. Management Summary
- ☐ Section 11. Recommendation
- ☐ Section 12. Cost Proposal
- ☐ Section 13: Contract Signature Page *(Form 6)*
- ☐ Section 14: Proof of Insurance *(Form 7* ***or*** *sample document)*
- ☐ Section 15: Business License information
- ☐ Section 16. **Page 1** of Form W-9 (**https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf**)

After award of contract by Columbus Council, awarded vendor will be notified to provide one identical hard copy of submitted proposal with original signatures. The awarded vendor will receive a digital copy of the executed contract.

Registering for DemandStar

We are pleased to announce our membership in the DemandStar network. DemandStar is an online marketplace that connects our suppliers directly to the bids, quotes and RFPs that matter to them.

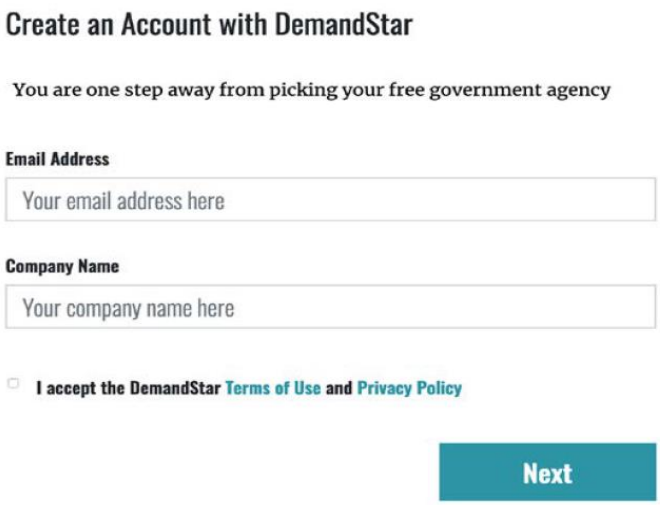
DemandStar is open and accessible to all businesses and provides instant access to our solicitations. By registering for your complimentary DemandStar account, you will receive:

- **Instant** access to bids, quotes and RFPs
- **Automatic** notifications, right to you inbox, of bids that match the commodity codes you select
- The ability to **quickly view** the contractual terms and scope of work
- All the **forms and documents** you need in one place
- Access to **more government bids** in neighboring cities, counties and states

It's EASY! Get started with these 3 easy steps!

1 REGISTER

Go to:
https://www.demandstar.com/registration



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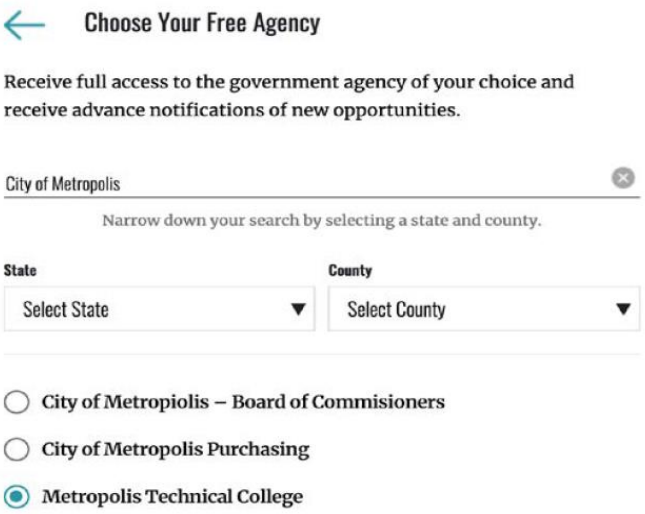
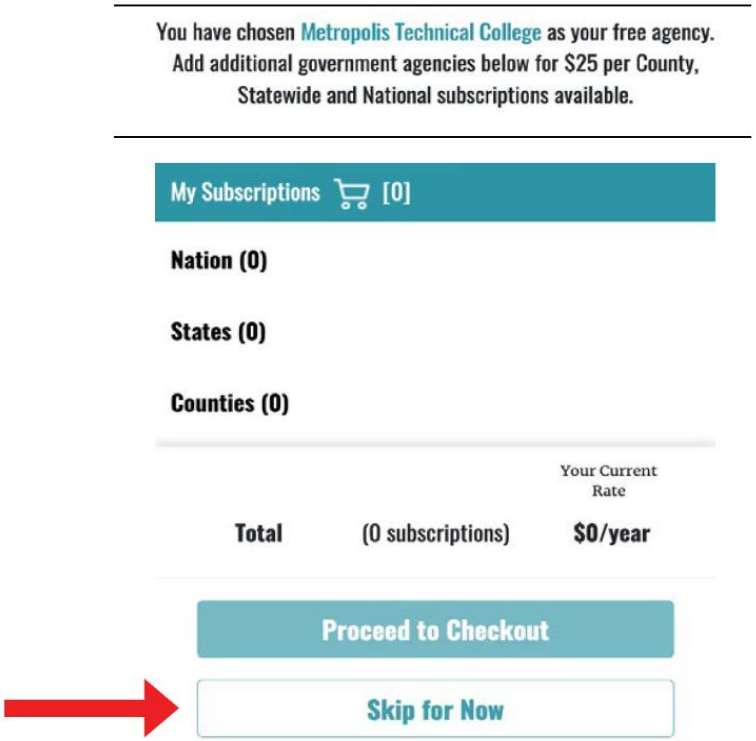
2 CHOOSE YOUR FREE AGENCY

Type in the name of the government agency you'd like to add, for example "City of Metropolis" in the Search Box



3 CHECK OUT

Check out with your **FREE AGENCY** Registration by clicking "Skip for now" on the page where it gives you options to add additional counties and States



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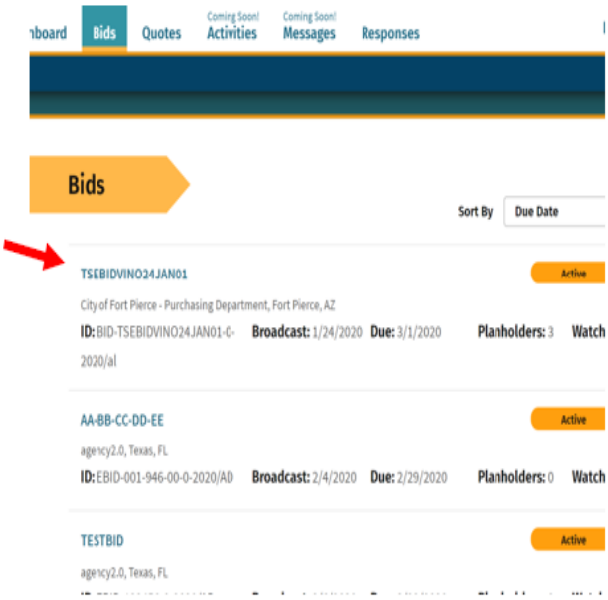
Responding to an Electronic Bid

5 Step Instructions

Step 1

Many governments are moving toward requiring bid responses electronically. Here are the steps to respond to a bid Electronically.

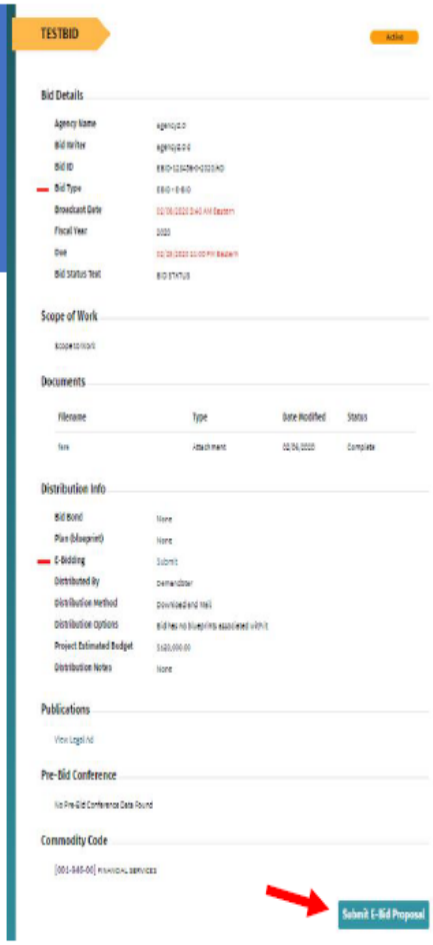
- Click on the solicitation name



Step 2

Once you are in the solicitation, you will see the Bid Details page that is standard for all solicitations

- When you are ready to submit your bid, click on "Submit E-Bid Proposal"

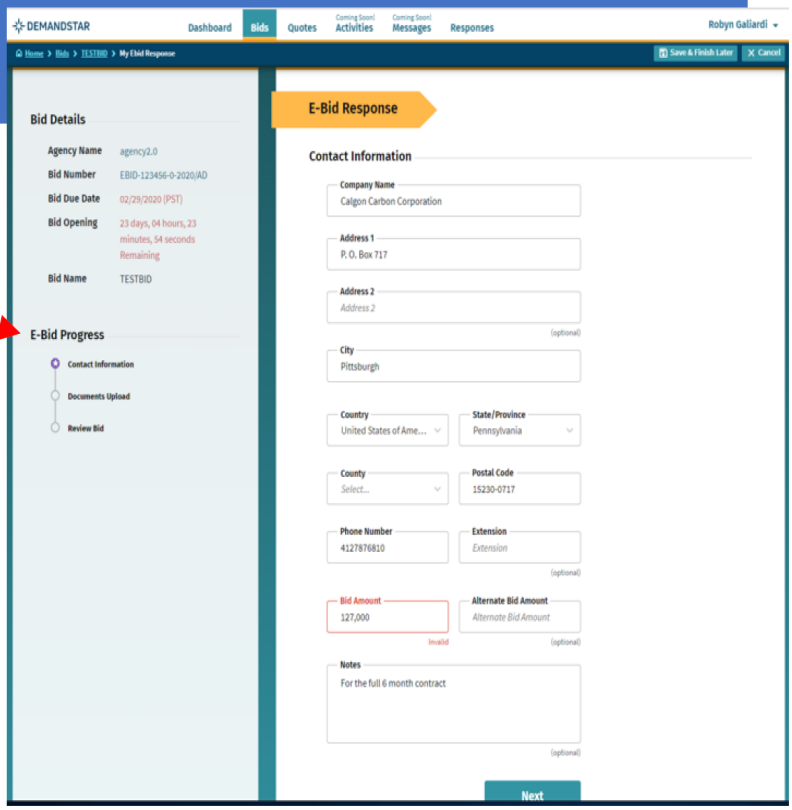


Step 3

Enter information requested page-by-page and you can see what will come next via the menu bar on the left under "E-Bid Progress"

Enter "0" as your bid (proposal) amount.

(As cost proposals remain confidential until after contract award (if any), Columbus Consolidated Government will not consider proposed costs, fees, revenues, etc., that are entered directly into DemandStar.)



Step 4

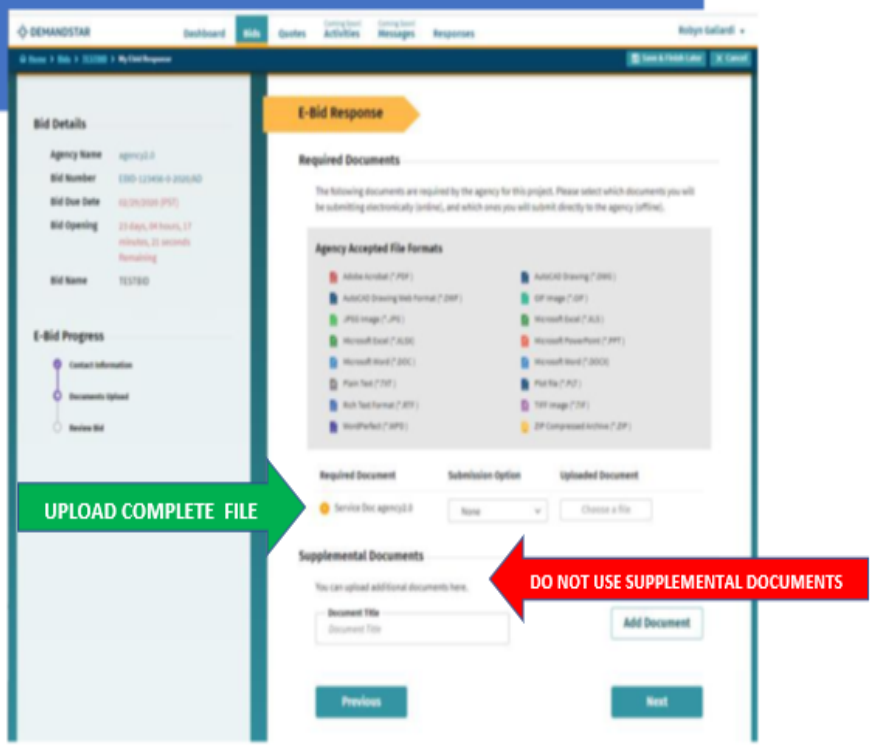
After you click NEXT on the Contract Information page, you will be directed to enter the documents required.

Create one (1) file containing **only** the required documents listed on the "*Electronic Proposal Submission Checklist*" page of the specifications and upload using the "**Bidder Response ALL Documents**" function.

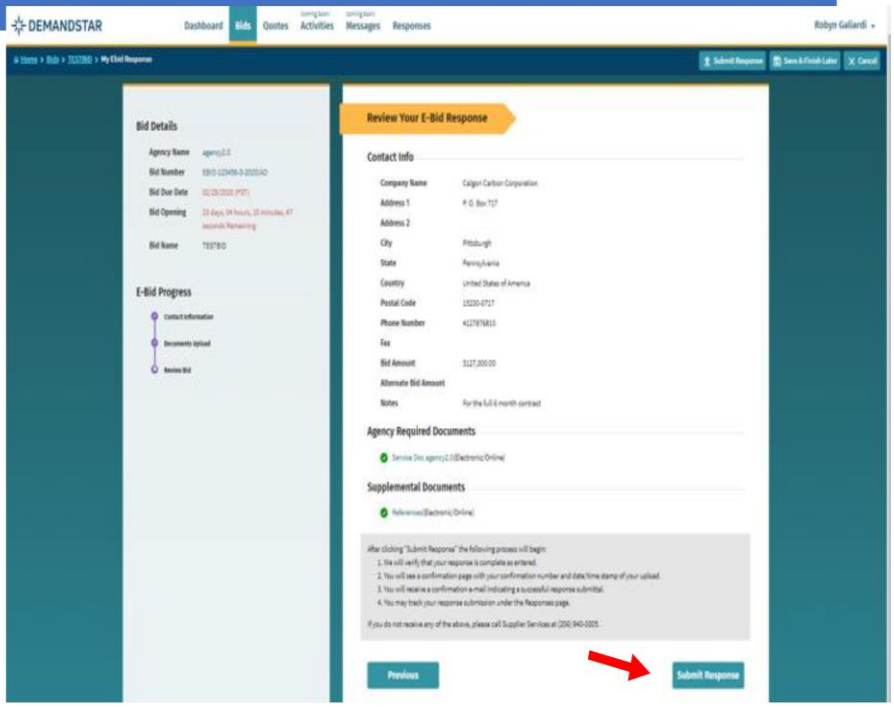
NOTE: Do not enter information using the "Supplemental Documents" function.

Due to file size limitations, please do not include the City's specification document in your uploaded response as this information is already on file. Font and page limitations may also apply.

BEST PRACTICE TIP: In some instances, multiple addenda may be issued for a solicitation. To avoid having to re-upload your firm's response file multiple times, it is **recommended** that vendors upload within five (5) business days of the due date. The City posts all documents, to include addenda, on the Finance Department Bid Opportunities web page: https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm.



Step 5

Review Your E-Bid Response, and if everything is correct, then press "Submit Response"

You are done! And the government to which you've submitted this will download your responses and documents and see the day and time upon which you submitted your proposal.