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ADDENDUM NO. 1

April 24, 2023

Title: Blood, Blood Products, And Medical Directorship

RFP # H23-0029

1. General

This addendum revises RFP documents. This addendum is issued to respondents of record prior to execution of contract and forms a part of contract documents and modifies previously issued documents. Insofar as previously issued contract documents are inconsistent with modifications indicated by this addendum, modifications indicated by this addendum shall govern. Where any part of the contract documents are modified by this addendum, all unaltered provisions shall remain in effect.

2. Addendum Acknowledgement Form

Acknowledge receipt of this addendum in the space provided on the Addendum Acknowledgement Form. Proposers must include the signed form with their response. Failure to do so will subject Proposers to disqualification.

3. Changes and Clarifications

A. Response to Questions received on or before 04/17/2023.

4. Attachments- None

Responses to Vendor Questions

	Section of the RFP	Question	CCHHS Response
1		How does CCH presently, or in the future, anticipate providing remuneration for the part-time service of a Blood Bank/Fellowship Trained Physician?	The proposer would either be billing CCH for this service, or the medical director could be contracted by CCH directly.
2		How does CCH presently, or in the future, handle medical malpractice, E&O, and other necessary insurance for the requested pathologist?	CCH will cover medical malpractice insurance and other liabilities for medical practitioners acting on our behalf.
3		Please respond with existing or proposed language around liability and indemnity and a template of a proposed agreement for provision of a part-time pathologist.	Details around our liability and indemnification language will be provided at the contract phase.
4		Does CCH have a medical director on staff covering the remainder of the time?	No, the vendor will provide 24/7 consultation services for CCH Blood Bank when the medical director is not on site.
5	7.2	Regarding minimum inventories, are you amenable to a review of inventory management including ordering, stocking levels, ABO mix, returns and waste?	Yes
6	7.3 #1	Vendor does provide Irradiated Red Blood Cells. However, platelet production is approaching 100% as pathogen reduced and per the manufacturer's instructions irradiation of Pathogen Reduced platelets is contraindicated. We will irradiate LVDS platelets if this product is used to fill an order. Are you amenable to this?	Yes
7	7.3 #2	Would you be amenable to up to 2 routine deliveries per day at no charge and all other requests for delivery or pickup would be charged a transportation fee? Also, a service standard of 60 minutes from the time the order is placed for a STAT and 4 hours for an ASAP order. Transportation times are not included	We will consider this arrangement if the rates are competitive.

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		in these service standards. Routine orders are delivered on the next routine route (routes are determined at the time of onboarding). Are you amenable to this?	
8	7.3 #5	You state that contractor should exchange platelet with freshest units. The vendor, as of July 1, 2021, no longer rotates or returns platelets. Would you be amenable to an arrangement where Provident transfers any unused platelets to Stroger to be used? If Stroger is not able to use the platelet, it would be charged back to Provident.	Our requirements are as stated in RFP documents.
9	7.3 #6	You state that Red Blood Cells should be allowed to be returned with at least 7 days remaining. This vendor no longer allows for Red Blood cell returns. In our analysis if returns are allowed, there would be a \$50 restocking fee per unit. Are you amenable to this?	No. We will not stock group AB red blood cells if there is a restocking fee. Our return rate is currently low.
10	7.4 a	You state that reference lab services be provided 24/7. For non-staffed hours (weekends and holidays) is it acceptable that on-call staff be called in when the patient's clinical data meet certain criteria?	Yes
11	7.4 e	You address reference lab testing results. The vendor no longer provides hard copies of IRL results. The results are available electronically via Blood Hub. To be clear, vendor does not interface with any EHR or LIS system. Are you amenable to this?	As long as CCH IT reviews and determines the electronic reporting system to be secure.
12	7.5	You state: contractor will provide Therapeutic Blood Collection at no extra charge. Are you asking the vendor to perform therapeutic phlebotomy for conditions such as hemochromatosis and polycythemia vera for free? By no extra charge do	Yes, vendor will bill insurance. Collection will be done at the blood center.

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		you mean that the vendor would bill insurance?	
13		What is the effective date for services?	We anticipate a start date somewhere between 8/1/2023 and 7/1/2024

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

As required by the RFP, Proposers must submit this acknowledgement form with their response. One acknowledgement form per response, listing all addenda, is appropriate.

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