

Strategic Planning for Sustainable clinical Infrastructure RFP

Q&A Document

February 22, 2023

1. What does “express testing” refer to with relation to STIs and Covid? Some STIs do not have “rapid” tests, appreciate the clarification.

Express testing refers to DOHMH’s use of state-of-the-art PCR testing systems that provide rapid self-collection testing for STIs such as chlamydia and gonorrhea using the Cepheid GeneXpert platform. These systems provide PCR confirmatory test results within hours instead of days via patient portal. The express testing structure is also utilized for COVID testing in DOHMH clinics.

2. Will NYC provide summary data or analyst for population detail, or is vendor expected to conduct raw data analysis?

Depending upon the proposed approach, NYC DOHMH may provide access to data required for the assessment, but the vendor will be expected to perform analyses.

3. Will NYC provide summary of all non-public provider partners as indicated in “NYC Health Services”

Depending upon the proposed approach, DOHMH may provide information about partners to the selected vendor as part of the assessment phase.

4. Will DoH provide summary of all public-private partnerships, baseline funding and payer agreements and rates for services?

Depending upon the proposed approach, DOHMH may provide information about partners, funding, agreements, and to the selected vendor as part of the assessment phase.

5. The RFP timetable shows Q&A posting on February 21 with proposals due March 10. Will FPHNYC and the NYC Health Department consider extending the deadline for receipt of proposals to allow for more time between Q&A receipt and proposal submission? Some vendors may be unable to begin preparing a bid until Q&A is received.

Yes, the due date for proposals will be extended to 11:59 PM EST on Friday, March 17th. An addendum to the RFP was posted on February 21, 2023 with the updated due date for proposals.

6. Does FPHNYC and/or the NYC Health Department have a listing of preferred NYC-based MBE/WBE partners to share with large firms looking to partner for this effort?

A directory of NYC certified businesses, including M/WBE, can be found at:

<https://sbsconnect.nyc.gov/certification-directory-search/>

7. We understand that funding is made possible for this project by a grant from the TD Charitable Foundation at a maximum of \$400,000. Is there an opportunity to use additional surplus relief funding or a different form of supplemental funding?
\$400,000 is the maximum value of this contract. If you have additional funding you would like to use towards this project, you can indicate that on your budget proposal as in-kind funding.
8. We believe this work can be completed in less than 12 months. Is FPHNYC and the NYC Health Department open to alternative timelines?
Yes, FPHNYC and DOHMH is open to alternative timelines. Please provide your proposed timeline in your proposal narrative.
9. How many "clinical and laboratory structures" does FPHNYC and the NYC Health Department anticipate the contractor reviewing?
DOHMH currently operates eight Sexual Health Clinics, four Tuberculosis Chest Centers, and 4 COVID express sites. The selected vendor will be expected to review all currently operational clinical/laboratory structures and any others that become operational during the award period.
10. Will contractors who bid on this scope of work be precluded from bidding on any implementation scope of work that may follow? Similarly, will the awarded contractor be precluded from conducting both the assessment and implementation?
No, contractors bidding or selected for the assessment will not be precluded from applying for implementation should DOHMH/FPHNYC release an RFP to support those efforts
11. Section V does not include contract terms and conditions. Can FPHNYC and the NYC Health Department provide terms for this project? (FPHNYC)
Yes, a copy of FPHNYC's contract terms and conditions has been uploaded. You can find and download a copy under the attachments section of this RFP posting.
12. Is FPHNYC and the NYC Health Department open to negotiating RFP insurance requirements? (FPHNYC).
FPHNYC highly encourages applicants to meet the RFP insurance requirements. Our legal counsel will need to approve any exceptions made to the insurance requirements.