

Additional Common Questions & Answers:

Q: Bid Structure – Labor Only vs. Labor + Supplies

Would you prefer:

- One bid that includes labor only, and
- A separate bid that includes labor plus all cleaning supplies, chemicals, and consumables?

A: see RFx, lines 1-3 for labor only while lines 4-6 for labor & supplies

Q: Pricing Structure for Supplies

If a bid includes all cleaning supplies, chemicals, and consumables, should this be priced as:

- A fixed fee, or
- A cost-plus structure?

A: Fixed fee included with your labor. No monthly adjustment will be made based upon cost of supplies. Whatever is bid for monthly rating whether labor only or supplies included will be a fixed rate. Even if vendor/agency chooses to continue contract for full 36 months, it will be only at the monthly rate quoted regardless of inflation in cost of supplies or changes in supplies.

Q: Restrictions on Brands / State Contract Requirements

If we provide all cleaning supplies, chemicals, and consumables, are there any restrictions on acceptable brands—particularly any that must align with current State contract requirements?

A: No particular exclusion. We request the brand name and list of items to determine if appropriate in clinic or of quality. For instance, certain items can be too strong (too much bleach or bleach itself) or can cause allergies (citrus, etc). We will review the list and discuss with vendor, if awarded bid, alternatives.

Q: Cleaning Frequency – River Parish Behavioral Health Center

The specification lists River Parish Behavioral Health Center at 1809 W. Airline Hwy as operating Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; however, the site expressed a preference for cleaning five days per week.

For purposes of the bid, should pricing reflect three days per week or five days per week for this location?

A: Per specs, 3 days

Q: PPE Responsibilities Under a Labor-Only Bid

If the submitted bid is for labor only, will the Agency provide all required PPE in accordance with OSHA guidelines and the chemical manufacturer's recommendations?

A: We provide gloves for daily cleaning to custodians. If an infectious outbreak occurs and we request use of our disinfectant machine, we will provide the full PPE breakdown necessary during that time period.

Q: What is the current bid amount for present contractor?

A: Public Record After Bidding: Once bids for a new project are opened, certain information related to that procurement becomes a public record. Similarly, a prior awarded contract's price is generally public information, and a bidder can request this information after the current bid opening process or award recommendation has occurred.