



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Purchase and Installation of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) System

Gove County Medical Center

Issuing Organization	Gove County Medical Center
Project	2.2 Secure Local Access to Primary Care-Rural Emergency Hospital Conversion / Transformative Capital Investment Grant Program
Funding Source	Kansas Rural Health Transformation: Transformative Capital Investment Program (KS: RHTP) / CMS Federal Award
RFP Number	MRI-001
RFP Issue Date	August 26, 2026
Questions Due	September 1, 2026 5:00pm (CST)
FAQs Posted	September 2, 2026
Proposal Due Date	September 11, 2026

Anticipated Award Notification	October 5, 2026
Anticipated Contract Start Date	October 15, 2026
Procurement Method:	Formal Competitive Proposals per 2 CFR 200.320
Submission Method	Electronic submission to: projectproposal@gcmc.org
RFP Contact	Gove County Medical Center MRI Project

Vendors are responsible for reviewing the complete RFP and submitting all requested materials.

1. Introduction

Gove County Medical Center (GCMC) is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase, delivery, installation, training, and ongoing support of a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system. The selected vendor will provide a complete turnkey solution designed to improve diagnostic imaging capabilities, patient experience, workflow efficiency, and clinical outcomes. The MRI should be delivered and installed no later than August 1, 2027.

2. Project Background

Gove County Medical Center (GCMC) is a 21-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Quinter, Kansas, serving the rural residents of Gove County and a broader five-county service area. GCMC has received a Rural Health Transformation grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to purchase and install a MRI system.

3. Scope of Work

The proposed MRI should meet the following project objectives:

- Deliver high-quality diagnostic images
- Reduce scan time while maintaining image quality
- Improve patient comfort
- Support advanced head, neck, spine, large joints, and cardiology imaging
- Integrate seamlessly with existing RIS, PACS and EMR systems
- Provide reliable operation with minimal downtime

The selected vendor shall provide a complete turnkey solution that includes:

- MRI system in the vendor response
- Delivery and installation
- Site planning assistance

- Equipment testing and calibration
- Clinical applications training
- Warranty coverage
- Preventive maintenance
- Software upgrades
- Project management through installation and go-live
- Vendor's insurance and bonding

4. Technical Requirements

The proposal shall include detailed specifications for each requirement below. Vendors should clearly identify whether each feature is standard, optional, unavailable, or dependent on system configuration.

Scanner Performance

- Digital MRI technology
- High sensitivity
- High spatial resolution
- Time-of-flight capability
- Point-spread-function reconstruction
- AI-assisted image reconstruction, if available

Required Features

- Must fit within 750 square feet of space, 169cm total system length cover to cover
- Helium-Independent 1.5T magnet
- AI-enhanced imaging
- Wide bore design
- Actively shielded water cooled gradient system
- Push-button exams
- Application Suite for: Neuro, Angio, Body, Onco, Ortho, Pediatric, Scientific
- High-performance host computer and measurement and reconstruction system
- Patient communication including headphones
- MR software
- Implant safety feature
- Quiet scan feature
- Reconstruction software
- Advanced diffusion package, readout segmentation
- Motion reduction technology
- Separation cabinet
- Metal reduction software
- Green Technology
- System timer
- Susceptibility Weighted Imaging
- Spine, contour extremity, medium, and large coils
- Positioning aids

- 24” medical grade monitor
- Laser-light localizer
- Standard PC keyboard with 105 keys
- Uninterrupted Battery Supply (UPS)
- Contrast injector
- Remote services including phone and desktop
- On-call and emergency application assistance
- Service warranty included
- Software upgrades for life

Additional Features

- AI powered interface
- Time reduction feature
- Planning based software
- Slice Adjust
- Dockable table
- Patient positioning interface
- Physiological Measurement Unit (PMU)
- Wireless audio system, integrated into head/neck coils
- MRI Armboard with pad

Workflow

- Automated patient positioning
- Protocol management
- Automated quality assurance
- Fast image reconstruction

Integration

The proposed system must integrate with:

- PACS
- RIS
- EMR
- DICOM
- HL7

5. Training Requirements

The selected vendor shall provide the following training. Please indicate pricing for remote and onsite:

- Applications training
- Physician education
- Technologist training
- Super-user training

- Follow-up education after installation

6. Service and Maintenance

The proposal shall describe the vendor's service and maintenance program, including:

- Standard warranty
- Extended warranty options
- Preventive maintenance schedule
- Response times
- Remote diagnostics
- Parts availability
- Software update policy
- Uptime guarantee

7. Implementation Timeline

The vendor shall provide a proposed project schedule that addresses:

- Site assessment
- Construction requirements
- Equipment delivery
- Installation
- Acceptance testing
- Staff training
- Go-live support

8. Pricing Summary

Proposals must identify all costs based on fixed pricing, and include all costs listed in sections 4, 5, and 6. Provide detailed pricing for each of the following. Clearly identify all assumptions, exclusions, optional items, and recurring annual costs.

Cost Category	Proposed Cost	Notes / Assumptions
Equipment		
Installation		
Shipping		
Site planning		
Training		
Warranty		

Cost Category	Proposed Cost	Notes / Assumptions
Service contract		
Optional software packages		
Optional hardware		
Future upgrade costs		
Recurring annual costs		

9. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria. No weighting or scoring methodology was provided in the source document. GCMC may request a virtual or in-person presentation and site visit to one of the references submitted in evaluating proposals.

Criterion	Evaluation Focus
Technical Performance (50 points)	Ability of the proposed system to meet the technical requirements. Ability to support the identified oncology, neurology, and cardiology imaging needs. Equipment track record.
Vendor Experience (10 points)	Relevant experience, installed base, financial stability, service organization, and references.
Delivery & Operational Criteria (20 points)	Delivery timeline and milestones, implementation plan, training, service, and maintenance and supply chain transparency.
Total Cost of Ownership (20 points)	Equipment, implementation, recurring, service, optional, and future upgrade costs. Costs should be based on fixed pricing, and payment terms need to be included.

10. Proposal Submission Requirements

Each proposal shall include the following materials in the order listed. Incomplete proposals may be deemed non-responsive

- **Executive summary (1 page):** Identify the vendor, primary contact, a statement of interest, and a high-level description of the proposed Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scanner System. The executive summary must include a certification that the vendor is not debarred or excluded from federal programs and that no conflict of interest with GCMC exists.

- **Response to Proposal:** The written proposal must include a clear response to each of the following prompts:
 - **Organization Overview:** Describe the vendor organization, including company history, number of years manufacturing MRI systems, number of installed systems, relevant experience, evidence of financial stability, and an overview of the vendor's service organization.
 - **References:** Include references from at least three (3) similar healthcare organizations with an MRI. GCMC may request a site visit to one of the references submitted in evaluating proposals.
 - **Technical Response:** Provide a detailed response to each requirement in sections 3-7, including MRI system features, integration capabilities, installation requirements, training, and ongoing support.
 - **Compliance Matrix:** Please complete Appendix B and submit it as an attachment with your proposal.
 - **Implementation Timeline:** Provide a detailed timeline, including key milestones, delivery, installation, full operation, and staff training.
 - **Service Plan:** Provide a detailed description of the service and maintenance plan for the MRI system, once installed and operational.
 - **Warranty Information:** Provide all warranty terms and conditions.
 - **Pricing Plan Justification:** In addition to the vendor budget form (required), please provide detailed pricing notes and assumptions related to equipment, shipping, installation, site planning, training, warranty, service contract, optional software packages, optional hardware, future upgrade costs, and recurring annual costs. Costs should be based on fixed pricing.
- **Required Attachments:** Please use the provided vendor templates and forms unless otherwise specified.
 - **Product Brochures:** Provide relevant product brochures. Ensure that product brochures and materials include MRI system dimensions and relevant space planning specifications. In addition, if the MRI system and associated software has an online demonstration, provide a link with the product brochures.
 - **Budget:** Please use the provided budget form to prepare a comprehensive pricing proposal.
 - **Conflict of Interest Disclosure(s):** A written disclosure of any known or potential conflicts of interest between the vendor and GCMC, its officers, employees, agents, board members, or affiliate organizations.
 - **Certifications:** Signed certifications confirming (a) the vendor is not debarred or excluded from federal programs; (b) PDF copy of SAM.gov entity record; (c) the vendor has not used and will not use federal funds for lobbying (Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment); and (d) the vendor does not use prohibited telecommunications or video surveillance equipment as defined under 2 CFR 200.216.
 - **Subcontractors:** Identification of any subcontractors or third-party partners, including confirmation of their SAM.gov eligibility. Include information regarding subcontractors as part of the technical response.

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11. Submission Instructions

Submitting Questions

Questions may be submitted in writing to:

Gove County Medical Center
projectproposal@gcmc.org

No later than 5:00pm, central time
September 1, 2026

Responses will be distributed to all interested vendors to ensure full and open competition on September 2, 2026. Vendors are prohibited from contacting GCMC staff, board members, or hospital partners regarding this RFP outside of the formal question and answer process. Violations may result in disqualification.

Proposal Preparation

Written proposals should be single spaced, with 1” margins. Proposal should maximize legibility; please use an accessible font, no smaller than 11 point for main body narrative. Size 10 font may be used for charts, tables, figures, and citations. All pages in the proposal must include a footer with the vendor’s name, the date, and the page number. Required proposal elements include the following:

- 1-page executive summary
- written proposal
- Product brochures
- Budget (use provided template)
- Signed Conflict of Interest Disclosure (use provided Disclosure form)
- Signed Certifications (use provided Certification templates)
- Vendor SAM.gov entity registration/verification
- Appendix A
- Appendix B

Proposal Submission

Proposals must be submitted electronically to:

Gove County Medical Center
Email address: projectproposal@gcmc.org

The submission deadline is September 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. central time. Proposals must be submitted as a single PDF document. The subject line of the submission email must read: 2.2 Secure Local Access to Primary Care – Rural Emergency Hospital Conversion / Transformative Capital Investment Grant Program RFP Response – MRI System – [Vendor Name]. Late submission will not be accepted for consideration. By submitting a proposal, the vendor certifies that the information provided is accurate and complete, that the vendor is not debarred or excluded from federal programs, and that no conflict of interest exists that would impair the vendor’s ability to perform the contract.

12. Terms and Conditions

This procurement is conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart D, Procurement Standards (Section 200.317 through 200.327), as required under the Kansas Health Transformation federal award. The following requirements apply to this procurement and to any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

Full and Open Competition (2 CFR 200.319)

This RFP is publicly issued to ensure full and open competition. All responsible vendors are encouraged to submit proposals. GCMC will not restrict competition by placing unreasonable requirements on firms, requiring unnecessary experience or bonding, or using noncompetitive pricing practices. Vendors who assisted in developing the specifications for this procurement are ineligible to submit proposals.

SAM.gov Verification (2 CFR 200.212, 2 CFR Part 180)

Prior to award, GCMC will verify the selected vendor is not excluded or disqualified from participation in federal programs by verifying its registration status and entity responsibility/exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) database. Vendors must maintain active SAM.gov registration or be eligible to register as a condition of award. Vendors must certify in their proposal that they are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in federal programs.

Conflict of Interest (2 CFR 200.318)

No GCMC employee, officer, agent, or board member with real or apparent conflict of interest may participate in the selection, award, or administration of this contract. Vendors must disclose in their proposal any known conflicts of interest, including any financial or personal relationship between the vendor and any GCMC employee, officer, agent, or board member. GCMC maintains written standards of conduct governing conflicts of interest as required under 2 CFR 200.318.

Small and Minority Business Outreach (2 CFR 200.321)

GCMC is committed to contracting with small businesses, minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms to the extent practicable. GCMC encourages proposal from such firms and will take affirmative steps to solicit proposals from these sources when practicable.

Domestic Preferences (2 CFR 200.322)

To the greatest extent practicable, GCMC gives preference to the purchase of goods, products, and materials produced in the United States. Vendors should identify in their proposals any goods, products, or materials that are not produced domestically and explain why domestic alternatives are not practicable.

Independent Cost Estimate (2 CFR 200.323)

Prior to issuing this RFP, GCMC developed an independent cost estimate for this procurement. The independent cost estimate is maintained in GCMC procurement records and will be used to evaluate the reasonableness of proposed costs.

Procurement Records (2 CFR 200.318)

GCMC will maintain complete procurement records for this solicitation for a minimum of three years from the date of final payment or as otherwise required by the federal award. Records will include this RFP, all proposals received, the evaluation record, the basis for contractor selection, justification for the contract price, and any other documentation required by 2 CFR 200.318.

Required Contract Provisions (2 CFR 200.180, 216, 322, 327 and Appendix II to Part 200)

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP will include all required provisions identified in Appendix II to 2 CFR Part 200, including but not limited to:

- Contracts over \$350,000 will address administrative, contractual, and legal remedies for contractor violations or breach of contract terms, including sanctions and penalties (2 CFR 200 Appendix II, Part 200(A))
- Contracts over \$10,000 will address termination for cause and for convenience by ICHD, including the manner by which termination will be effected and the basis for settlement (2 CFR 200 Appendix II, Part 200(B))
- Equal Employment Opportunity compliance as required by Executive Order 11246 (2 CFR 200, Appendix II, Part 200 (C))
- Contracts over \$100,000 will address the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (2 CFR 200, Appendix II, Part 200 (E))
- Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment certification: contractors must certify they have not and will not use federal funds to lobby federal officials in connection with the award (2 CFR 200 Appendix II, Part 200 (I))
- Debarment and Suspension certification consistent with 2 CFR Part 180 (2 CFR 200 Appendix II, Part 200 (H))
- Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment as required under 2 CFR 200.216
- Domestic preferences for procurements as required under 2 CFR 200.322
- Rights to audit and access records as required under 2 CFR 200.337

Business Associate Agreement (HIPAA)

GCMC will execute a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with the selected vendor as required under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) prior to contract execution. Proposals must confirm the vendor's willingness and ability to execute a BAA.

General Provisions

- GCMC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities, and to make an award in the best interest of the project and its funders.
- GCMC reserves the right to request additional information, conduct site visits, or request oral presentations from any vendor during the evaluation process.
- Proposals must remain valid for a minimum of 90 days from the submission deadline.
- All contract terms are subject to review and approval by GCMC legal counsel.
- Submission of a proposal does not obligate GCMC to award a contract.
- The selected vendor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

- All proposal materials become the property of GCMC
- This procurement is supported by federal financial assistance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) through the Kansas Rural Health Transformation Program. The contents of any resulting contract do not necessarily represent the official views of CMS, HHS, or the U.S. Government.

This RFP is issued under the 2.2 Secure Local Access to Primary Care – Rural Emergency Hospital Conversion/Transformative Capital Investment Grant Program funded by the Kansas Health Transformation (KS: RHT) Program with federal financial assistance from CMS/HHS. This procurement is conducted under 2 CFR 200 Subpart D Procurement Standards. GCMC. is an Equal Opportunity Employer and contractor.

Appendix A – Vendor Response Checklist

Vendors may use this checklist to confirm that the proposal includes all required components.

✓	Required Component	Vendor Reference / Page
☐	Executive Summary	
☐	Company Profile	
☐	Technical Specifications	
☐	Compliance Matrix	
☐	Product Literature	
☐	Installation Plan	
☐	Training Plan	
☐	Service Plan	
☐	Warranty Information	
☐	Pricing Proposal	
☐	References	
☐	Proposed Timeline	

Appendix B – Technical Compliance Matrix

For each requirement, indicate whether the proposed system complies and provide a concise explanation or reference to supporting documentation.

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Software	Reconstruction software		
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Software	Software upgrades for life		