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Gove County Medical Center RFP Q&A

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1. Specific to the Uninterrupted Battery Supply are you asking about a full system UPS which has large cabinets and provides power to the entire unit during a power outage or are you asking for a UPS to power the workstation computer much like you find on computers throughout the hospital?
 - a. A full system UPS.
2. Regarding “helium independent” can you provide a little more detail as to what this means?
 - a. We would like a modern medical imaging system that uses a sealed-for-life magnet design containing a tiny fraction of liquid helium instead of the hundreds or thousands of liters required by conventional machines.
3. I was reviewing the RFP paperwork; several spots ask for a solicitation number. Should we just use the MRI system quotation number to satisfy this field of the paperwork?
 - a. Solicitation number is MRI-001.
4. Are you able to provide a PDF footprint with dimensions of the hospital’s 750 square feet of space with any plans or preferences for room entrance locations?
 - a. Yes, attached is the PDF footprint of the minimal space required. The final space has not yet been determined.
5. Is it the hospital’s request to place the MR Suite, control room, and the MR equipment room within the 750sq feet? If other closet/equipment space is available, please provide details.
 - a. Yes, the MR Suite, control room, and the MR equipment room must fit within the 750-sq feet. The final space has not yet been determined.
6. Are you able to provide an advanced copy of the BAA?
 - a. No.
7. Regarding the RFP for the MRI, I see on page 8 one of the bullets is requesting “Budget (use provided template)”, can you provide details of where the template can be found?
 - a. This is referencing the Pricing Summary Table in Section 8.
8. Can GCMC please advise if a service plan should be included in the proposal, or if this will have to be purchased with separate funding? If the former, can GCMC please advise

the term length for service/support? Most customers opt for a 10-14-year term length to help with better predictability for cost of ownership.

- a. Past the warranty options, vendors should propose future service contracts along with the unit quote. Length of contract will be negotiated between the vendor and GCMC upon unit selection.
9. The term “budget form” in the RFP paperwork, is this referencing “8. Pricing Summary” on page 5? Or something else?
 - a. Yes, this is referencing the Price Summary Table in Section 8.
10. Appendix B lists “time-of-flight capability” and “point-spread-function reconstruction” under Scanner Performance. Please confirm the intended MRI functionality for each requirement and whether functionally equivalent or superior MRI technology will be accepted.
 - a. Time-of-Flight Magnetic Resonance Angiography (TOF MRA), a specialized non-invasive imaging technique used to visualize blood vessels without needing contrast dye.
 - b. Point-spread-function is used to process a single point source in the physical object that is blurred and represented in the final reconstructed image, making distorted images better quality.
 - c. Yes, equivalent or superior technology will be accepted.
11. The RFP requires a maximum “169 cm total system length cover to cover.” Please confirm how this dimension is to be measured and whether an alternate system footprint will be considered if the proposed system fits within the stated 750-square-foot room and satisfies all clinical/site requirements.
 - a. The smallest possible space the unit could go into is limited to 750-square feet, therefore in order to ensure there is enough room for the unit, control room, equipment space, etc. the total length of the system will need to be 169 cm in length to fit.
12. Please confirm whether “helium-independent 1.5T MRI platform” means a zero-boil-off / very-low-helium magnet design, or whether another helium-conservation architecture that does not require routine helium replenishment will be considered equivalent.
 - a. Due to space, reduction in service contracts in the future, conservation of natural resources, construction and equipment completely new to the facility, we will need to stay with the “helium-independent” and we need a 1.5T platform to complete the exams we will be performing.
13. Please clarify the required performance criteria for the “actively shielded water-cooled gradient system,” including minimum gradient amplitude and slew rate, if any.
 - a. The performance criteria for an actively shielded, water-cooled gradient system in an MRI encompass electromagnetic efficiency, thermal management limits, and structural fidelity. Vendors should provide unit specific specifications.

14. Several requirements use feature names such as “push-button exams,” “Slice Adjust,” “system timer,” and “separation cabinet.” Will GCMC accept equivalent or superior functionality under different vendor trade names? If so, may vendors identify the equivalent feature and explain the functional match in Appendix B?
 - a. Vendors can propose similar features according to industry standards.
15. Please provide the available site drawings, equipment-room dimensions, current electrical/HVAC capacity, RF shielding information, floor loading, delivery path, and any existing MRI equipment/removal requirements.
 - a. Vendors need to provide equipment-room dimensions, electrical/HVAC requirements, RF shielding information, and any additional MRI equipment requirements. There is no current MRI unit to be removed.
16. Please define the scope expected under “complete turnkey solution.” Should vendor pricing include architectural/engineering services, permits, construction, RF shielding, electrical upgrades, HVAC/chiller work, rigging, removal/disposal of existing equipment, and finish restoration?
 - a. A complete turnkey solution is a unit that is ready for full use.
 - b. Architectural/engineering services, permits, construction, RF shielding, electrical upgrades, HVAC/chiller work, rigging, removal/disposal of existing equipment, and finish restoration is not a part of this RFP.
17. Please clarify whether the contrast injector must be included in the base price and, if so, whether a specific manufacturer/model or injector interface is required.
 - a. Yes, contrast injector is included in the RFP. Vendor should propose manufacturer/model. All injectors must be able to interface with MRI unit.
18. Please clarify what GCMC means by “software upgrades for life.” Does this include cybersecurity/maintenance updates only, major platform-version upgrades, newly released clinical applications, and/or hardware-dependent upgrades?
 - a. Vendors should provide what software and hardware upgrades are included.
19. Please identify the current PACS, RIS, and EMR vendors/versions and any specific interface requirements beyond DICOM and HL7.
 - a. Vendor should specify interface capabilities and limitations.
20. Section 12 refers to termination for cause/convenience by “ICHHD.” Please confirm that this reference should read Gove County Medical Center and that final contract language will identify GCMC as the contracting entity.
 - a. Correct, GCMC is the contracting entity.
21. Is Radio Frequency (RF) shielding and magnetic shielding already in place, or must the vendor supply and install new shielding? What are the existing electrical panel capacities and chilled water/HVAC specs at the site?

- a. Vendors will provide specs on MRI unit requirements. There is no existing MRI unit in-house. Vendors will not be responsible for shielding and electrical work.
- 22. The RFP lists spine, contour extremity, medium, and large coils, along with a contrast injector. Does GCMC require specialized coils for head/neck or breast imaging, and is a single-head or dual-head contrast injector preferred? Will GCMC accept equivalent or superior functionality under different vendor trade names?
 - a. Vendors can propose a list of different unit options and equipment features and accessories.
- 23. The evaluation criteria identify 50 points for Technical Performance, 10 for Vendor Experience, 20 for Delivery & Operational Criteria, and 20 for Total Cost of Ownership. Can GCMC provide additional detail regarding how proposals will be scored within each category?
 - a. The evaluation criteria are outlined in section 9.
- 24. is UPS a whole system UPS or Console only?
 - a. We will be looking at a full system UPS.