

Questions & Answers

“Services For Medical Countermeasure Logistics And Transport During Public Health Emergencies IFB” OPASS 20-18593, eMMA# BPM

Vendor Questions

1. **Question:** The Addendum indicates a new closing date for submission of the bid. Now that the date has changed to July 8th, does that mean that the Public Bid Opening Date and Time has changed to July 8th at 2:00 pm?

Answer: Yes, the both the closing and public bid opening time have changed to **July 8,2020 at 2:00 PM Local Time.**

2. **Question:** The Addendum strikes out 2.3.5 Swing Space and related subtasks 2.3.5.1 through 2.3.5.5. Please clarify whether the remainder of the subtasks (2.3.4.6-2.3.5.14) were also intended to be removed as requirements in this section of the IFB.

Answer: All tasks and subtasks under 2.3.5 Swing Space should be stricken (2.3.5.1 - 2.3.5.14).

3. **Question:** Since the contractor no longer needs to provide swing space, will the department provide the swing space and physical security?

Answer: The Maryland Department of Health will work with state and local agencies to provide the swing space and physical security.

4. **Question:** Security Requirement (3.7.3 - Information Technology). Will Contractor be holding government Equipment. Thus, Questioning the need to store and protect hardware for the swing space? This also ties to (3.7.5 - Data Protection & Controls)

Answer: The Contractor will not be holding government equipment. The intent of 3.7.4 - Information Technology and 3.7.5 Data Protection and Controls is to ensure that any data shared with the Contractor is kept secure. Sensitive data, such as transport locations, may be shared via Excel or similar document for routing purposes and should be kept in a secure environment.

5. **Question:** Section 3.7.8 - Data Breach - Will Contractor or representative be provided with technology or access to a government site/ network that provides data?

Answer: The contractor will not be provided with technology or access to a government site/network that provides data. Sensitive data, such as transport locations, may be shared via Excel or similar document for routing purposes and should be kept in a secure environment.

6. **Question:** Will there be any in State/ Out of State Transport-that requires state lines.

Answer: All transport will be within the State of Maryland