

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Gregg County, Texas

1.0 Description

- 1.1 Gregg County, Texas is seeking information on strategic plans for Cost Savings for its Employee Health/Dental and Pharmacy Program from interested contractor(s).

In specifics:

Strategic Benefit Planning. Provide information on how developing an overall plan that includes benchmarks and targets to ensure that the plan meets its objectives and provides cost savings to Gregg County and its employees. Provide details, suggestions, information.

Benefit Design. Provide information on any benefit design changes that could be made to help sustain programs costs. Provide potential cost savings of any suggested changes.

Administration. Provide information to help the County identify core administrative services, communication plans to disseminate important information/changes to employees, assess and document vendor performance, and any information to help the County and or its vendors provide appropriate program administration.

Funding. Provide information regarding any program funding alternatives, including reviewing fees, information on that changes that would help sustain budget rates, employee contribution rates, and COBRA rates.

- 1.2 THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY. This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes – it does not constitute a contract, a bid, or a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue a contract, a bid or an RFP in the future. This request for information does not commit Gregg County, Texas to contract for any supply or service whatsoever. Respondents are advised that Gregg County, Texas will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the Respondent's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future any contract, bid or RFP, if any is issued. If a solicitation is released, it will be advertised in the Longview News Journal and synopsized on the Gregg County website at www.co.gregg.tx.us. It is the responsibility of the potential Respondent's to monitor these sites for additional information pertaining to this requirement.

2.0 Background

Gregg County, Texas has a Health/Dental and Pharmacy Program for its employees. The current program is self-funded.

2.1 Gregg County, Texas has approximately 550 County Employees and 900 participants on the plan.

2.2 Gregg County, Texas utilizes Healthcare Highways for TPA

2.3 Gregg County, Texas currently pays \$1088 PEPM for Medical and \$51 PEPM for Dental (PEPM = per employee per month)

3.0 Requested Information/Questions

3.1 Contractor(s) interested in responding to this RFI will need to request any other specific information they require by emailing the County's Purchasing Agent (please note some information could be denied because of HIPAA Confidentiality requirements): Questions regarding this RFI shall be submitted in writing by e-mail ONLY to the Gregg County Purchasing Agent (contact information listed below). Verbal questions will NOT be accepted. Questions will be answered by posting the answers to the Gregg County Website at www.co.gregg.tx.us on the Purchasing Department Webpage click the *bids/addendums* tab. Please note, it is the sole responsibility of the Contractor/Respondent to check the website for addendums/answers during the time this RFI is open. Questions shall NOT contain proprietary or classified information. Questions received after the deadline to this RFI will not be answered.

Send questions or request for information to:

Kelli L. Davis, NIGP-CPP, CPPB
Gregg County Purchasing Agent
Kelli.davis@co.gregg.tx.us

4.0 Response Requirements

4.1 Gregg County, Texas will receive responses electronically via e-mail or by mailing paper responses to the address listed below by the response deadline. Please be advised that all submissions become the property of Gregg County, Texas and will not be returned.

Scan and email to: kelli.davis@co.gregg.tx.us

Or mail to: Gregg County Purchasing Department
Attn: Kelli Davis, NIGP-CPP, CPPB
101 East Methvin, Suite 205
Longview, Texas 75601

5.0 Discussions

5.1 Gregg County Officials may or may not choose to meet with one, some or all potential contractor(s)/Respondent(s). Such discussions would only be intended to gain further clarification of information received and potential capability of the Gregg County Health/Dental Program.

6.0 RFI DEADLINE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION

- 6.1 Deadline to submit responses to this RFI is by 4:00PM October 22, 2021. Please note this is the deadline to receive a paper or emailed response. If you plan to mail, your response it must be received in the Gregg County Purchasing Department by the time listed above.

7.0 Summary

- 7.1 THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY to identify sources and helpful information, benchmark standard information. The information provided in the RFI is subject to change and is not binding on Gregg County. Gregg County has not made a commitment to procure any of the items or services discussed, and release of this RFI should not be construed as such a commitment or as authorization to incur cost for which reimbursement would be required or sought