



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FOR
COVID-19 Mass Vaccinators for Socially Vulnerable Populations

RFI # 34349-02622
April 16, 2021

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The State of Tennessee, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (TDH), Tennessee Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program (VPDIP) issues this Request for Information (“RFI”) for the purpose of scanning the mass vaccination marketplace and finding out what services are offered for Mass Vaccinators for Socially Vulnerable populations and within what cost ranges. We appreciate your input and participation in this process.

2. BACKGROUND:

Health equity is achieved when all individuals have the opportunity to attain their full health potential. Data shows that long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put many racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19. There is also evidence that some racial and ethnic minority groups, including non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native persons, non-Hispanic Black persons, and Hispanic persons, are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Data from APM Research Lab [January 2021] show:

- Pacific Islanders, Latino, Black and Indigenous Americans have a COVID death rate at least double of White and Asian Americans.
- The cumulative COVID-19 death rate per 100,000 population was highest for non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native persons at 168.4 deaths per 100,000.
- Non-Hispanic Black persons had a death rate of 136.5 deaths per 100,000 population, and Hispanic persons had a death rate of 99.7deaths per 100,000 population.

Rural deaths due to COVID-19 continue to be higher on average compared to that for the nation as a whole. https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#pop-factors_7daynewdeaths

Conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, play, and worship affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes, such as COVID-19 disease, severe illness, and death. As evidenced by the available data to date, populations that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 include, but are not limited to:

- People in racial and ethnic minority groups
 - o Non-Hispanic American Indian

- o Alaska Native
- o Non-Hispanic Black
- o Hispanic
- People living in communities with high social vulnerability index
- People living in rural communities
- People with disabilities
- People with who are homebound or isolated
- People who are underinsured or uninsured
- People who are immigrants and/or refugees
- People with transportation limitations

To address these disparities, Tennessee needs to ensure greater equity and access to COVID-19 vaccine by those disproportionately affected by COVID.

2. COMMUNICATIONS:

2.1. Please submit your response to this RFI to:
 Tara Roark, Sourcing Account Specialist
 Central Procurement Office
 Rosa Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37243
 615 532 1837
Tara.Roark@tn.gov

2.2. Please reference RFI # 34349-02622 with all communications to this RFI.

3. RFI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

EVENT		TIME (Central Time Zone)	DATE (all dates are State business days)
1.	RFI Issued		April 16, 2021
2.	RFI Response Deadline	2:00 PM	May 3, 2021

4. GENERAL INFORMATION:

4.1. Please note that responding to this RFI is not a prerequisite for responding to any future solicitations related to this project and a response to this RFI will not create any contract rights. Responses to this RFI will become property of the State.

4.2. The information gathered during this RFI is part of an ongoing procurement. In order to prevent an unfair advantage among potential respondents, the RFI responses will not be available until after the completion of evaluation of any responses, proposals, or bids resulting from a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid or other

procurement method. In the event that the state chooses not to go further in the procurement process and responses are never evaluated, the responses to the procurement including the responses to the RFI, will be considered confidential by the State.

4.3. The State will not pay for any costs associated with responding to this RFI.

5. INFORMATIONAL FORMS:

The State is requesting the following information from all interested parties. Please fill out the following forms:

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TECHNICAL INFORMATIONAL FORM
1. RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:
2. RESPONDENT CONTACT PERSON: Name, Title: Address: Phone Number: Email:
<p>1. Vendor Background and Experience:</p> <p>Describe up to three (3) projects in which your company has provided mass vaccination clinics. Projects should have been implemented within the last three (3) years. For each project, describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Client Name b. Brief description of the project c. Size of the project in terms of: number of people served, number of vaccine administration data entered into state immunization information system/registry, Number of mass vaccination clinics per week d. Adherence to CDC, Health and Human Services (HHS) or other federal guidelines (lists standards and guidelines). e. The services and activities that your company performed for the project and the activities that the customer performed.
<p>2. Describe how your company would plan, implement, and staff mass vaccination clinics in the places where people live, learn, work, play, and worship. The statewide target populations for these COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic efforts state include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. People in racial and ethnic minority groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Non-Hispanic American Indian ii. Alaska Native iii. Non-Hispanic Black iv. Hispanic b. People living in communities with high social vulnerability index c. People living in rural communities d. People with disabilities

- e. People with who are homebound or isolated
- f. People who are underinsured or uninsured
- g. People who are immigrants and/or refugees
- h. People with transportation limitations

3. Describe how your company will report status, issues, risks and opportunities to the VPDIP program.

4. Describe how your company will ensure the initiation of this program to begin no later than August 15, 2021.

5. Describe how you plan to report Vaccine Administration data to TennIIS (State Immunization Information System) within seventy-two (72) hours of administration.

COST INFORMATIONAL FORM

1. Describe what pricing units you typically utilize for similar services or goods (e.g., per hour, each, etc.):
2. Describe the typical price range for similar services or goods
3. Describe the typical price range you would charge for travel and per diem estimates.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Please provide input on alternative approaches or additional things to consider that might benefit the State: