Question #1: Are these services being currently provided to the Fort Bend County Health and Human Service (“County”) by a Contractor(s)? If yes, who is/are the incumbent Contractor(s)?

Answer: PES, but not for the extended vaccination types.

Question #2: How much has the County spent on these services over the last year?

Answer: $192,642.40 to a mobile vaccinator for COVID only between 9/1/2021 - 9/14/2022.

Question #3: What is the anticipated budget for this RFP?

Answer: Based on variable outbreak response during the past 12 months, approximately $7500/month maximum would be needed. This is estimated only.

Question #4: What is the anticipated date for the initiation of services for this RFP?

Answer: Tentative award mid-December.

Question #5: How much assistance, if any, will the HHS provide the vendor(s) in sourcing vaccines?

Answer: The COVID vaccines are provided by the federal/state government at no charge. The Monkeypox vaccine is provided by the and only available to health departments at the present time. The vendor will not have to source these vaccines. Fort Bend County participates in the vaccines for Children and Adult Safety Net programs, so all these vaccines are available at no charge to Fort Bend County. The flu vaccine is purchased with our federal funding to target the Medicaid eligible population. The vendor will not have to source any of the vaccine.

Question #6: Please clarify HHS’s definition of a mobile vaccination unit in Section 2.0?

Answer: A team of vaccinating personnel who are trained to register, administer, monitor, document and upload to the ImmTrac state registry all vaccinations given in the community or at any site designated by HHS for a target group or underserved population.

Question #7: Will any of the vaccination sites be outdoors?
Answer: HHS could have some small drive through events at our school or church partner locations. As stated in the specification, the dates, times, and locations for each service site will be managed by mutual agreement between the HHS Director and Contractor.

Question #8: How much notice will the County provide to the contractor for any requests for services included in this RFP?

Answer: The notice could be within 48 hours, as in the case of an outbreak situation at a school or nursing home. But usually at least 5 business days. Sometimes these are scheduled a week – month in advance.

Question #9: If the HHS Director does not notify the Contractor in advance, how will the Contractor determine to whom services may be provided?

Answer: At each event, HHS will have a community health worker present and the contractor will be notified of the eligible population before the event begins. For high profile school outbreaks, more health department staff will be present to provide guidance.

Question #10: Approximately how often does the County anticipate using the services included in this RFP?

Answer: The term contract is an as needed/if needed contract. The utilization of the contract depends on the surges of diseases or outbreaks in specific population.

Question #11: In addition to providing appropriately credentialed and educated/trained staff, what other resources is the Contractor required to provide?

Answer: Please refer to the solicitation.

Question #12: What equipment will the Contractor be required to provide at each vaccination locations?

Answer: Contractor must be familiar with County electronic medical record and vaccine administration software, Luminare and CureMD. If new software is acquired by the County, the Contractor must agree to training to become proficient with the new software.

Question #13: Please define “familiar with”?

Answer: Have a working knowledge and not need any training except for updates on new processes. Need to demonstrate proficiency with the software because this is how our vaccine administration is accounted for in the state registry, ImmTrac.
Question #14: Does extensive experience with other electronic medical records and vaccination administration software meet this requirement for the RFP?

Answer: Only if it is very similar to the county products as determined by our staff.