

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTER SHOTS SERVICES

PROJECT NO. 12-19

To: Prospective Respondents
From: Houston Community College
Date: November 29, 2011
Subject: Informational Letter # 1 – Invitation for Bids, HCC Project No. 12-19

The following questions regarding the Invitation for Bids, HCC Project No. 11-18 were received in the Procurement Operations Department within the time period stated in the IFB:

Question #1: Why does school require a discount? Most immunizations will be covered on insurance, which results in no savings for the patient.

HCC Answer: As a Community College, HCC students who require this service may not all have insurance. As such, the solicitation requires that the selected firm be able to accept cash, check, credit or debit in addition to accepting insurance as a method of payment.

Question #2: Will you allow a link to our registration website that informs students when and where immunizations will be available?

HCC Answer: Yes.

Question #3: What other communications will you use to inform students about the immunizations requirements and solutions?

HCC Answer: In addition to a link, HCC will add the provider's information to its meningitis web page indicating costs and scheduled visits. The HCC acceptance letter which is emailed to all new HCC students and returning students subject to the new requirement refers students to the meningitis web page which will include provider information. Admissions and advising staff will share the provider's information to students requiring vaccination.

Question #4: How did you find HEB as a provider?

HCC Answer: HCC contacted the HEB corporate headquarters and was referred to their designated contact responsible for pharmacy services.

Question #5: We require a minimum number of shots to commit to an on-site clinic. Is this a barrier to the agreement?

HCC Answer: Currently HCC does not have any information on historical use, given this is a brand new legislative mandate created by the state. Accordingly, we will not be able to provide a minimum guaranteed number of doses that will be used. As noted in the solicitation, it is anticipated that HCC may have approximately 7,000 students per semester.