



Housing & Community Development Department

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MEMORANDUM

To: Geri Sams, Procurement Director

From: Hawthorne Welcher, Jr., Housing and Community Development Director

CC: Darrell White, Procurement Deputy Director
Nancy Williams, Procurement Contract Compliance Administrator

Date: December 18, 2023

RE: **HCD Recommendation of Award to Enter into Contract Negotiations for RFQ Item #23-230 Lead Grant Hazard Reduction Program**

SUBJECT

- I. In compliance with Augusta, Georgia's Code, and following direction from the Augusta Procurement Department, Housing and Community Development (HCD) requests the recommendation of award for the following RFQ Item #23-230.
 - **Medical Associates Plus**

HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize securing services in response to RFQ Item #23-230 through Contract. Such Lead service are to include:

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- a. Basic Requirements
 - i. For the lifetime of the grant the agency must:
 1. Provide a dedicated staff pre and post services lead phlebotomy testing services to low to moderate income ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers enrolled or to be enrolled in the program for the Augusta, Georgia Richmond county area.
 - a. Two (2) Registered Nurses
 - i. Provide a dedicated in office and mobile pre and post services lead phlebotomy testing services to low to moderate income ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers enrolled or to be enrolled in the program.



- ii. Provide lead testing services to community residents in need of such service, make needed referrals for follow up care, data entry in the Electronic Health Record and tracking of results and other data.
 - iii. Test all children ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers involved with the program and having the results analyzed using a portable Blood Lead Analyzer
 - iv. Directly refer children ages six (6) and under and pregnant mothers with an elevated level $\geq 3.5\text{ug/dl}$ to the program.
 - v. Provide treatment and services according to MAP standards to children ages six (6) and pregnant mothers with an elevated level $\geq 3.5\text{ug/dl}$ will be confirmed by a venous test or two subsequent capillary tests.
- b. (1) Transportation Driver
 - i. To transport registered nurses to locations to provide lead pre and post services lead phlebotomy testing services.
- 2. Provide conduct targeted outreach, affirmative marketing, education, or outreach programs on lead hazard control and lead poisoning prevention designed to:
 - a. Increase Augusta, Georgia's ability to deliver the specified lead hazard control services through this program, including educating owners of eligible rental properties, tenants, and others on the benefits and expectations of participating in the program.
 - b. Educate owners of rental properties, tenants, and others on Lead safety and risk.
 - c. Partner with other local and/or statewide agencies such as WIC clinics, pediatric events, Medicaid events, physician referrals, community gatherings to further education and awareness of the program.
 - d. Collaborate with the program and other community agencies to organize and administer Community/Neighborhood Resource Fairs at least one (1) event in of the ten (10) Augusta, Georgia judications. To increase HCD's ability to deliver specified lead hazard control services to residents of the Augusta, Georgia and Richmond County area.
 - e. Participate in partner quarterly meetings.
 - f. Report monthly reports information with support such as but not limited to:
 - i. Track and report event participation to HCD program staff through the required reporting system according to standard.

Recommendation of Award RFQ Item #23- 229 Lead Hazard Reduction December 18, 2023

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Secure sound professional services from a Medical Service organization to support the RFQ Item #23-230 Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Thank you again, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (706) 821-1797.

COMMENTS:
