

Reference: Sections 3-202.07, 3-202.08, 3-203.08, and 3-203.09 of the *PPRB OPSCR Rules and Regulations*.

Procurement Questions and Answers

	Procurement Section, Page Number	Date Received	Question	Response
1.		October 9, 2020	Are site tours part of the solicitation?	The solicitation states photographs of the EMSH food service area may be requested. We will allow site tours by appointment if requested.
2.		October 15, 2020	Can you please email me photos of the foodservice area and kitchen?	Yes. Emailed photos of dietary at EMSH location. Pictures are attached.
3.	6.18.10	October 21, 2020	The RFP mentions delivery vehicles (6.18.10), is there a map of the facility detailing the distances and locations required to make deliveries?	We have 2 offsite nursing homes that meals are delivered to. I don't have a map but the estimated mileage is 4.2 miles – it is approximately a 10 minute drive.
4.	6.7	October 21, 2020	Are staff meals paid via cash/card, or are they billed to the state (6.7)?	Staff that dine in the cafeteria pay for their meals on site via cash or credit card. Special meals for staff are billed via invoices. i.e. due to COVID some staff, once they arrived at work could not leave until the end of their shifts so, we provided their meals and paid via invoice.
5.		October 21, 2020	How would you like the other locations designated in the RFP response? In the RFP, it states EMSH, and has the other sites listed separately in the exhibits. Should we continue down the path or state as	The response should include a pricing proposal form "Exhibit D" for each location i.e. East Mississippi State Hospital, North Mississippi State Hospital and South Mississippi State

			Mississippi State Hospital, and refer to each site individually vs. EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL?	Hospital.
6.		October 29, 2020	In reference to the sliding scale for patient meals, is the expectation the base price for patient meal be the same for across all three sites or is it allowable to have a different price per site?	It is allowable to have a different price per site.
7.		October 29, 2020	Requesting the Photographs of the EMSH food service areas for all three hospital locations.	Photos for EMSH campus emailed and North Mississippi and South Mississippi State Hospital photos will be sent to potential offerors as soon as I receive them.
8.	1.15, 6.3.8	October 29, 2020	The potential, annual price adjustment is capped by the government at 3%,. Is there any recourse for the contractor if inflation is running higher than 3%?	
9.	6.0 Specifications a. 6.2	October 29, 2020	Will the EMSH Food and Nutrition Service Policy be provided?	To the selected offeror.
10.	b. 6.34	October 29, 2020	Will EMSH provide their current list of snack suggestions by building?	No.
11.	c. 6.3.9	October 29, 2020	What is the number of special diet snacks, diabetic, six meals and other prescribed special diets that require more than three meals?	None at this time.
12.	d. 6.5.1	October 29, 2020	Can the current formulary be provided?	None utilized at this time.
13.	e. 6.6.3	October 29, 2020	How many Programmatic/Reactional meals are required each year?	12 per year
14.	f. 6.6.6	October 29, 2020	What is the current "cut-off" time for final changes before special events other than birthdays and theme meals?	Negotiable
15.	g. 6.9.4	October 29, 2020	How many catering events are currently being requested and served and for how	None at this time.

			many guests?	
16	h. 6.23.3	October 29, 2020	What is the breakdown of therapeutic diets?	The goal is to serve everyone the same meal unlike an acute care facility. There are limited occasions of low sugar, low cholesterol diets etc.
17		October 29, 2020	Should this date be January 1, 2021 rather than January 1, 2020?	No, March 1, 2021 due to approvals required by DMH & PPRB.
18		October 29, 2020	Will the EMSH Food and Nutrition Service Policy be provided?	Yes to the selected Vendor/Offeror.
19	b. 6.3.4	October 29, 2020	Will EMSH provide their current list of snack suggestions by building:	No
20	c. 6.3.9	October 29, 2020	What is the number of special diet snacks, diabetic, six meals and other prescribed special diets that require more than three meals?	None at this time.
21		October 29, 2020	Please provide photos or video clips of any areas that we would be working and be responsible for under the contract, such as the loading docks, kitchens, storage rooms and also of the campuses.	Photos of EMSH facilities attached.
22		October 29, 2020	Please provide the design and layout of the kitchens and the campuses.	N/A Each campus can be viewed on their respective websites: emsh.state.ms.us nmsm.state.ms.us smsh.state.ms.us
23		October 29, 2020	On Page #2 of the 2 page PDF bid document (647294800) there is a line item #1 and a line item #2. Does the bidder need to fill this in those line items and make this 2 page document part of our proposal? If so please provide details so that we fill these two items in correctly.	Please attach Page2.
24		October 29, 2020	What is the name of the current contractor?	Elior Inc. dba CURA

			providing these services?	
25		October 29, 2020	Please provide the prices for the current contract.	www.dfa.ms.gov Transparency View Contracts by: Contract Details Agency: EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL Contract # 8200021240 11/1/2015 All RFP, awards, amendments and modifications can be viewed.
26		October 29, 2020	What is the current contract's annual dollar value?	SAA
27		October 29, 2020	Please include the Contract Number, and the time period that the pricing represents.	SAA
28		October 29, 2020	Please provide the historical data for meals served during the COVID-19 months of April 2020 through current, broken out by hospital.	Only addition was meals for staff due to restriction of leaving facility after arriving on campus for shift. EMSH provided meals for staff April 2020-August 2020.
29		October 29, 2020	Are Food services currently being provided under any COVID 19 protocols?	Masks are required.
30		October 29, 2020	Please provide a copy of the most recent couple of Health Inspection results, by location/Hospital.	N/A
31		October 29, 2020	Are there any State mandated wage rates, or benefit rates? If so please provide those.	Minimum wage for the state of Mississippi is \$7.25/hr.
32		October 29, 2020	Are the Food Service workers at these three facilities represented by a Union? If so please provide a copy of their Collective Bargaining Agreement.	No.

Question Submission Deadline: October 21, 2020

Response Issue Date: October 23, 2020

