



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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March 16, 2023

TO: All Interested Vendors

RE: Request for Information: Strategic Analysis of South Dakota's Rural Healthcare Programs

The South Dakota Department of Health is searching for information to complete an analysis of the rural healthcare access needs across the state in addition to an analysis of the current state programs and their adequacy to meet those access needs.

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The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gain knowledge of services and supplies available with an estimate of their corresponding costs and should not be construed as intent, commitment, or promise to acquire services, supplies, or solutions offered. Responses to the RFI will inform next steps. No contract should be expected from any direct response to this RFI. Information submitted in response to this RFI is considered confidential and will become the property of the State of South Dakota.

The State of South Dakota will not pay for any information requested in the RFI nor is it liable for any costs incurred by the vendor. Procedural, administrative, technical, requirement, or contractual questions and answers may be directed to Josie Petersen.

All interested parties must submit a written response to this RFI **by 5:00 PM Central Standard Time on Friday, March 31, 2023**. The RFI must be sent electronically to Josie.Petersen@state.sd.us with the subject line "Strategic Analysis of South Dakota's Rural Healthcare Services."

Thank you in advance for your response to this information request.

Josie Petersen, Assistant Administrator

South Dakota Department of Health

Office of Rural Health

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RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

All interested parties must submit a detailed point by point response to the following:

1. Summarize and explain proposed approach to gathering the data and input necessary to complete the following:
 - a. Key areas of an environmental scan review,
 - b. Data analysis and compilation,
 - c. Coordination and implementation of stakeholder engagement sessions, and
 - d. Final recommendations to understand the factors that impact healthcare access in rural South Dakota.
2. Define experience in providing similar services.
3. Propose a timeline to complete the project and implementation.
4. Outline other key areas or items for consideration to complete this work.

COST INFORMATION

The South Dakota Department of Health is asking all interested parties to submit an estimated cost analysis information for the following:

1. Calculation of costs associated with each item of the work described above.