

**NASSAU HEALTH CARE CORPORATION
a/k/a the NuHealth System**

Request for Proposals for

Ambulance Billing

RFP 2017-009

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Anticipated Schedule:

- Issue RFP March 13, 2017.
- Deadline for Questions March 24, 2017.
- Proposals Due April 7, 2017.
- Interviews, if required To be determined

Dates indicated above are subject to change at the sole discretion of Nassau Health Care Corporation.

SCHEDULE A

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES SOUGHT

Please read the full text of the Request for Proposals to which this Schedule is attached for important information concerning the terms of this Request for Proposals and additional required information.

1. Introduction/Background

Nassau Health Care Corporation (“NHCC”), also known as the NuHealth System, is a New York State public benefit corporation created by the New York State Public Authorities Law. NHCC operates Nassau University Medical Center, a 530-bed tertiary care teaching hospital (“NUMC”) and the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility (“AHP”), a 589-bed skilled nursing facility. Additionally, NHCC co-operates various Community Health Practices in partnership with Long Island FQHC, Inc., a non-profit, consumer-driven organization created to help address the health needs of the region’s most vulnerable populations. NHCC is affiliated with the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System and the Health Sciences Center of the State University of New York at Stony Brook and maintains a strong commitment to the education of healthcare providers.

NUMC has been the primary source of medical care for millions of Nassau County residents since 1935. With its 19-story main tower, NUMC is Nassau County's tallest building and a familiar Long Island landmark. As the region's premier Level I trauma center, NUMC treats many of the County's most critically injured patients, and has long carried the responsibility of being the region’s “safety net” hospital. Additionally, NUMC maintains a strong commitment to medical education. NHCC is academically affiliated with the North Shore-LIJ Health System, the Health Sciences Center of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and the soon-to-open Hofstra University School of Medicine.

AHP is recognized nationally as a model for skilled nursing facilities. AHP offers innovative care in an environment that treats the 'whole' person. The skilled and caring medical staff responds to the physical, social and emotional needs of each resident.

NHCC’s Community Health Practices are bringing a new kind of care to the communities that need it most. It is the goal of NHCC to see that every Long Islander has a “medical home” - a place where people you know provide the kind of primary and preventative care that safeguards the health of you and your family.

2. Scope of Services

The Scope of Services (“Scope”) outlined below has been established for the purpose of achieving and implementing program goals and objectives described in this document. Although the Scope is intended to serve as a reference in the preparation of the proposal, forthcoming proposals may offer additional services which support the goals of this RFP.

NHCC seeks proposals from ambulance billing services interested in performing billing and ancillary services for NHCC Ambulance Division transports. The selected vendor will be responsible for all phases of the billing process, including, without limitation, issuing an initial bill to all necessary parties, following up to ensure prompt payment and engaging in appeal and/or collection activities when necessary. The selected vendor must be capable of interfacing with NHCC systems in order to provide electronic claims submissions to Medicare, Medicaid, and other insurance companies. The selected vendor will be expected to stay up to date on applicable laws and regulations and provide excellent customer service, compliance training and monthly reports.

The vendor is to be paid based on the percentage of revenue received and is to provide coding by certified ambulance coders who remain current with the changing ambulance billing laws. Current ambulance transport volume is approximately 450 transports per month.

1. Recording of Pre-hospital Care Reports (“PCRs”)

PCRs will be entered electronically and managed by the Vendor in a database allowing the sorting, filtering, and reporting of data. Each PCR will constitute one patient record and will contain the information required to file the insurance claim. The Vendor agrees to comply with all Federal and New York State regulations, including but not limited to those relating to identify theft and private health information.

The Vendor will perform all medical diagnostic coding using sources recognized as industry standards (e.g., current edition of ICD (CM Provider and Diagnostic coding, Common Procedural Terminology coding (CPT), as approved by the American Medical Association).

The Vendor will assure that all coding of the PCR is performed by Coders who have up to date certification by the National Academy of Ambulance Coding. PCR information will be used to assign medical diagnostic codes. Codes will be entered electronically in a manner/format developed by the Vendor, and approved by NHCC. The Vendor will integrate this information into the patient record database via utilization of HIPAA standard interface transactions. .

2. Ambulance Billing Services

Vendor will use industry best practices to determine the authenticity of the patient's name and address.

The release of medical and insurance information required for billing may be obtained when the Pre-hospital Care Report ("PCR") is generated. If it is not, the Vendor will contact the patient to secure all necessary information in order to file a claim with their insurance carrier. The Vendor will also seek to make arrangements with local area hospitals/facilities to obtain the patient address and insurance information. The Vendor will determine patient eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, primary and secondary insurance.

The Vendor will generate all appropriate insurance claims for payment:

A. All written communications between the vendor and "customers" including patient, other "billed" recipients, and representatives of insurance companies will be subject to the review and approval of NHCC.

i. Initial statement: The selected Vendor will issue an initial statement for payment to the patient, or if applicable, to the insurance carrier within seven (7) days after receipt of the PCR. The statement will include but not be limited to the following information:

- account number
- name and address of the patient
- date of the statement
- date of service provided
- payment due date
- basic information regarding third party reimbursement procedures
- telephone number and hours for customer service assistance.

The statement will include either a separate or perforated return voucher that will include but not be limited to:

- account number
- date of the statement
- date of the transport
- patient information
- return address information (to a designated lockbox)
- payment due date
- amount of the bill
- statement date
- terms of release of medical records.

The reverse side of the statement will include an area to allow patients to provide address correction information, insurance information.

The Vendor will also be expected to include a return envelope pre-printed with the return address information. The Vendor will have the capability to receive and post electronic payments.

- ii. Second statement: The Vendor will issue a statement thirty (30) days after the initial statement if payment, or insurance information is not received by the bank lockbox by the printed due date. This statement will be similar to original statement and will also indicate that it is a “second statement and may be disregarded” if payment was already remitted.
- iii. Third statement: The Vendor will issue a statement sixty (60) days after the initial statement if payment or insurance information is not received by the bank lockbox, but the second statement due date. This statement will be similar to prior statements, and will note, “If payment has been made, disregard the statement”.
- iv. Collection letter: Vendor will issue a “notice of collections” letter, ninety (90) days after the initial statement. This statement will constitute a warning notice to the patient stating that if the patient fails to pay the amount due, or provide insurance information the account will forward for collection activity.
- v. Telephone calls: Vendor will place telephone calls to patients and insurance providers regarding account status if necessary, after the initial statement and subsequent statement are sent. All calls will comply with Federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning collections accounts.

B. **Third Party Reimbursements**: Vendor will use industry best practices to maximize receipt of legitimate third party reimbursements for NHCC services, and to assist patients in obtaining such reimbursements with the minimum inconvenience.

- i. Medicare Claims: Vendor will process all Medicare claims as required by Medicare Law, using current Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for ambulance services, and accepted IDC codes for emergency ambulance service, for all Medicare claims. Billing of the co-payment and deductible fee to the patient after receipt of payment from Medicare, and secondary insurance if applicable.
- ii. Medicaid Claims: Vendor will process all Medicaid claims as required by New York State Law, using current Common Procedural Terminology Common Procedural Terminology and accepted International Common Diagnostic (ICD) codes for emergency ambulance service, for all Medicaid claims.

iii. **Insurance Claims:** Vendor will process all insurance claims using Common Procedural Terminology and accepted IDC-9 codes for emergency ambulance service, upon receipt of notice of the appropriate primary insurance (insurance carriers may include Medicare HMO's or Medicaid HMO's; use of either paper format or electronic format, as required, for claims; provision of information as required by the insurance company with all applicable supporting documentation; determination of a secondary carrier to be billed for any remaining balances after payment is received from the primary insurance carrier, and if so, generating an insurance claim to the second carrier including all standard company claims information and acceptable proof of payment from the primary carrier; billing of the patient for co-payments or deductibles.

C. **Refunds:** Vendor will document overpayments or incorrect payments. Copies of this information will be forward monthly within vendors invoice, for the processing of refunds through proper procedures.

D. **Returned checks:** Vendor will follow-up and collect payment for returned checks.

E. **Collection Accounts:** Accounts will be "marked" uncollectible if there has been no "activity" for one hundred and twenty (120) days after assignment, when the patient or responsible party cannot be located, or where Vendor, in the reasonable exercise of his/her judgment deems the account uncollectible. Each month accounts which are deemed uncollectible, will be reported to the Corporation for approval for transfer to a collection vendor.

F. **Ethical Standards:** In all services provided under any contract resulting from this RFP, the Vendor will use maximum, diligent, and timely billing efforts. All the Vendor's operations must be performed in accordance with the highest standard of legal ethics.

The Vendor will comply strictly with any legal requirements or codes of conduct with respect to the collection of debts, communication with debtors made or issued by any governmental agency in any jurisdiction or location in which any attempt to collect the debts described herein is made. Such requirements will include but will not be limited to the following:

- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692
- New York State Judiciary Law Article 15 § 489
- New York State General Business Law § 600 and 601
- New York Executive Law § 63, subchapter 12

3. Customer Service Via Telephone and Web Site

The Nassau Health Care Corporation places a high priority on delivering courteous and responsive services to the public. In billing and collecting for ambulance services, it is an important goal for the Corporation that the process is convenient for its citizens, and that obtaining appropriate third party reimbursement is made as simple as possible.

It is anticipated that the Vendor will establish a multi-line telephone inquiry services upon project initiation to handle patient inquiries. The telephone number will be toll-free in New York State. At a minimum, it is expected that telephone customer service will be provided between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding national holidays, Eastern Standard time, and the Vendor is encouraged to provide additional days and times of service. Answering machines and telephone message services will not be used during the service window period.

The Vendor will use the telephone service for the following functions:

- Process insurance information for patients
- Elicit additional information from patients in order to re-submit claims; which resulted in eligibility denials.
- **Voice activated telephone messaging is not be permitted.**
- Respond to and resolve all ambulance users inquiries and complaints regarding the billing and collection of ambulance fees in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

The Vendor will answer calls to the service and will attempt to resolve and billing problems or questions. Employees answering calls must be proficient in English, be skilled at navigating Vendor's database to access patient billing information and be capable of resolving billing payment issues.

The Vendor will establish a database to document all calls to the inquiry line, and will track all problems, inquiries, and resolutions. Reports describing this database will be provided to the Corporation monthly. An interactive call processor or similar system will be used to handle concurrent requests to the system. For at least ninety percent (90%) of the calls to the vendor, the average delay period from the time the call is received by the system to the time the call is answered by a customer service representative must not exceed one minute. The call processor will provide alternative options for each caller and will estimate the wait until the caller is connected with a customer service representative.

- The proposal may also include the establishment of a secure website exclusively for Corporation billing inquiries and service information.
- Ability to contact the Vendor using electronic mail

The Vendor will coordinate with designated NHCC personnel to establish links to the websites of the Corporation.

4. Monitoring of Industry Issues

The Vendor will be responsible for staying current with Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates and reporting requirements, as well as developments and changes in regulations and circumstances affecting ambulance-billing services.

The Vendor will advise NHCC regarding any such changes to ambulance billing rules or regulation and will adapt its procedures as necessary to conform any changes.

The Vendor will periodically recommend administrative, procedural, technical, and other improvements that reflect industry best practices and improve revenue generation, customer service, and/or other key areas of performance.

The Vendor must provide its staff with in-service training in Pre-hospital Care Report (“PCH”) documentation and insurance procedures. Training will be conducted by coders who have current certification by the National Academy of Ambulance Coding.

5. Computer Hardware and Software

It is anticipated that the Vendor’s information system will include the following features:

- “Real time” interactive information on all transactions, i.e., data will be posted immediately rather in batches
- Ability to process partial payments
- Ability to process payment adjustments such as returned checks and refunds

The Vendor’s proposal should include the provision of computer hardware, software, and peripherals to enable the Corporation to perform the following functions:

- Vendor’s proposed hardware platform, communications protocol and installation methodology must meet NHCC’s standards.
- Access the vendor’s information management system for monitoring and auditing purposes.
- Generate pre-designed reports from current data in the vendor’s information management system.
- Generate ad hoc reports and correspondence using the then current release of the Microsoft Office software suite.
- Transmit PCR information electronically to the vendor and from the Ambulance Corporation.
- Complete New York State Health Department-required PCR’s and other required information using hand-held devices and/or a console in each ambulance

Access to the Vendor’s database, for any purpose, must require a password-protected log-on procedure. Each user of the database must have a unique user identification (ID) and password. Only those employees of the Vendor specifically assigned to perform billing and debt collection services for the Corporation may be

allowed access to the database of Corporation records. Employees of the Corporation, authorized in writing by NHCC, will also be given ID's and passwords that allow authorized inquiry access into the Vendor's database of patient accounts. The ability to edit database information will also be restricted to individuals designated by the Vendor and the Corporation and approved by the Corporation. Such access will be restricted using the same system of ID's and stored on CD-ROM based on age as determined by the Corporation.

The Vendor will also provide and maintain new, industry standard equipment for scanning, personal computers, and printing to include, at a minimum, the following, two (2) personal computers, two (2) printers, and two (2) scanners. Personal computers must also allow for Internet access through high speed network as provided by the Corporation.

To meet performance standards and to be compatible with existing NHCC networks and standards, hardware, software, peripherals' and associated services should, meet or exceed the guidelines indicated in Appendix II.

Equipment must be maintained and updated with sufficient frequency, subject to annual review, to remain consistent with industry standards and to maximize overall program effectiveness. Vendor will be responsible for maintenance and repair of equipment.

The vendor will be required to coordinate with the Information Technology Department of NHCC to ensure compatibility with existing information technology systems as required.

6. Contingency Payments based on a Percentage of Revenues Collected

The Vendor is to be compensated based on a percentage of net revenues. Net revenues are defined as the total sum of all monies collected by the Vendor less amounts refunded or credited to patient or third party payer as a result of overpayments, erroneous payments or returned checks. **Respondents are asked to propose a compensation rate to be set as a fixed percentage of actual revenues collected.** Unless clearly identified as a supplemental cost as described below, this fee is anticipated to include all expenses, including but not limited to skip tracing services, billing services, correspondence, telephone and web site inquiry services, database development and maintenance, reporting, training, compliance, auditing, postage. Fees are further to include all labor, material, equipment overhead, expenses, taxes, and profit necessary to complete the services pursuant to the terms of any agreement resulting from this selection process.

All fees will be capped for the term of the Agreement and will not be subject to increases or markups.

Calculation Methodology

Compensation will be calculated and paid on a monthly basis. Vendor invoices will detail actual collections and any appropriate adjustments.

The Department will notify the Vendor of payments made directly to the Corporation and will pay the Vendor the contractual rate for all such direct payments collected by the

Corporation when they resulted from the Vendor's actual collection efforts. Payments will not be remitted if the Corporation recalled the account or if the Vendor prior to receipt of the payment returned it. Otherwise, receipts will be presumed to be the result of the Vendor's actual billing.

Adjustments may also be made on a rolling basis each month for any refunds or other appropriated accounting revisions, with the approval of the Corporation.

Optional Services Pricing

Within this RFP, NHCC is requesting Respondents to address their capacity to provide and any recommendations regarding certain optional services. Such optional services may include, but be not limited to, provision and maintenance of handheld devices and/or laptop computers for automated PCR data entry in the field.

Generally, it is the Corporation's expectation that optional services and/or functions will be recommended by Respondents if cost-effective for improved revenue collection. Therefore, it is further anticipated that any such optional services will be provided at no addition to the Respondent's proposed base percentage compensation rate. If the Respondent believes, however, that any such optional services may be worthwhile for NHCC yet also requires a supplemental charge, such additional charges may be proposed if clearly noted and quantified. Such supplemental charges may only be proposed for services cited as optional within this RFP.

7. Transitional Services

Any contract resulting from this RFP may include tasks related to the transition of responsibilities' from the current vendor and the processing of PCR's received during the period between the termination notification date of the current contract, and a new contract commencement date. It is possible, for example that a backlog may arise during this period. Under such circumstances, the selected vendor will be expected to work with the Corporation to catch up on billing for such accounts.

NASSAU HEALTH CARE CORPORATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

I. Proposal/Process To Be Followed

NHCC is requesting proposals for the services described in this Request for Proposals (“RFP”). Proposals shall be prepared and submitted as outlined below; proposals that do not conform to these requirements may be disqualified.

This RFP is available to interested parties through the NHCC office designated in above. It may also be downloaded by clicking on the “Doing Business with NuHealth” link found on the NHCC website at www.numc.edu. All requests for information concerning this RFP should be directed to the contact office designated above in writing by the due date for information requests specified above, or if no date is specified, Seven (7) days prior to the due date for proposals.

PROPOSERS MUST SUBMIT:

- **ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND FOUR (4) COPIES, AND ONE (1) COPY ON CD OF THEIR PROPOSALS TO THE NHCC CONTACT PERSON BY 3:00 P.M. ON THE DUE DATE SPECIFIED AND**
- **ONE (1) ADDITIONAL COPY OF THE PROPOSAL ON CD MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:**

**NASSAU HEALTH CARE CORPORATION
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS – BOX 6
2201 HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE
EAST MEADOW, NY 11554**

ELECTRONIC OR FACSIMILE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA AS REQUIRED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

Each written proposal must include the forms attached in Appendix I to this RFP. The selected Proposer will enter into negotiations with NHCC regarding the specific terms of an appropriate agreement. If agreement cannot be reached with a selected Proposer within a reasonable time, NHCC may reject that Proposer and commence negotiations with one or more other Proposers.

Proposals are to be prepared in such a way as to provide a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Expensive bindings, colored displays, promotional materials, etc., are neither necessary nor desired. Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the RFP instructions, responsiveness to the RFP requirements, and on completeness and clarity of content.

II. Contents of Proposals

- A. Name of the Proposer.
- B. Contact person for the Proposer, including name, address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address and other contact information.
- C. Background information regarding the Proposer, including:
 - 1. Brief history of the Proposer's firm and a description of all services it provides.
 - 2. A summary description of its organizational structure (e.g., corporation, partnership, LLC, etc.), its history (including information on the date of its formation and the State of its formation), its management and ownership structure (including the name and address of its officers, and of each person, directly or indirectly holding a five (5%) percent or greater ownership interest in the Proposer.
 - 3. Proposer shall provide documentation satisfactory to NHCC demonstrating that Proposer is licensed and authorized to do business in the State of New York and, if applicable, Nassau County.
 - 4. A description of the Proposer's existing business operations, including number of employees by discipline.
 - 5. Proposals must demonstrate the qualifications and experience of the Proposer specifically related to the services contemplated by this RFP.
 - 6. Each proposal must include Proposer's financial information. This information is needed to ensure that each Proposer will be capable of performing its obligations under any agreement entered into between the Proposer and NHCC. Demonstration of the applicant's financial soundness shall be established by submitting the following information:
 - a. A copy of the Proposer's most recent annual audited financial statement and annual audited financial statements for the previous two years.
 - b. Copies of the Proposer's subsequent quarterly financial reports.
 - c. Detailed information of any changes in the mode of conducting the Proposer's business, including bankruptcy proceedings or filings, and merges or acquisitions within the past three (3) years.

- d. List of any bankruptcy proceedings in the past ten (10) years initiated by or against the Proposer or any affiliate or related company.
7. At least three business references (including names of individuals, their titles, organizations, mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses).
8. A Proposer that is a licensed health care provider or other licensed entity must include information concerning any material negative findings, sanctions imposed or pending regulatory or legal proceedings.
9. Proposals must include the following:
 - a. List of any and all criminal convictions within the last (10) ten years rendered against the Proposer, any officer or director thereof, or any affiliate or related company.
 - b. List of any and all civil penalties, judgments, consent decrees, violations, Statements of Deficiency or other sanctions within the last ten (10) years rendered against the applicant, any officer or director thereof, or any affiliate or related company.
 - c. List of any and all current investigations, indictments or pending litigation by any Federal, State or local jurisdiction initiated against the applicant, any officer or director thereof, or any affiliate or related company.
 - d. List of any and all actions occurring within the last ten (10) years which have resulted in revocation or suspension of any permit or authority to do business in any Federal, State, or local jurisdiction, by the applicant, any officer or director thereof, or any affiliate or related company.
 - e. List of any and all actions occurring in the past ten (10) years that have resulted in the barring from public proposal submission of the applicant, any officer or director thereof, or any affiliate or related company.
- D. Qualifications of Proposer to carry out this project or to provide these services, including a list of comparable projects and identification of individuals (including their names, titles, organizations, mailing addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses) who may be contacted with respect to each comparable project.

1. Provide adequate information demonstrating experience on projects of similar scope and magnitude. Project start/completion dates and owner/client reference must be included.
 2. List all projects Proposer has completed (or are in progress) for the past eighteen (18) months. Give a brief description of each project, including owner, size of facility, type of work performed, and size of project and completion date.
 3. List the five (5) similar projects Proposer's firm has completed (or are in progress). Give a brief description of each project; include the size of the facility, owner and owner contact to be used for reference purposes. Also include project start and completion (proposed) date.
- E. The qualifications and experience of Proposer's staff and management for the project, including any proposed sub-contractors.
1. List the professional and support positions and number or personnel in each position. Provide resumes for all key staff and subcontractors (resumes must be no longer than two pages per individual).
 2. Provide an organizational chart that includes all personnel who will be committed to this project. Provide specific information as to their experience on projects similar to this one. For the project manager identified as part of the project team, provide the name and contact information of three clients with whom that person has worked on a similar project.
 3. List any professional sub-consultants that you intend to propose to provide services not available directly from your firm. Provide specific information documenting their work on similar projects.
- F. Scope of proposed services, including work plan and methodology.
- G. Fee and cost proposal that shall clearly identify and specify all elements of cost that would become charges to NHCC, in whatever form. Provide information on your billing practices, including reimbursable cost categories.
- H. List your general liability and professional liability insurance coverage.
- I. Any contingencies or conditions on the proposal.
- J. Information required in Appendix I to this RFP.
- K. Conflict of Interest
1. Please disclose:

a. Any material financial relationship that any employee of your firm has with any entity that may create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in acting as contractor on behalf of NHCC.

b. Any family relationship that any employee of your firm has with any corporation, individual or other entity that may create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in acting as contractor to NHCC.

c. Any other matter that your firm believes may create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in acting as contractor on behalf of NHCC.

2. Please describe any procedures your firm either has, or would adopt, to assure NHCC that a conflict of interest would not exist for your firm in the future.

III. Confidential Information

The New York State “Freedom of Information Law,” Public Officers Law Article 6, permits access to government records and may permit public access to proposals submitted in response to this RFP. To protect any portion of responses that constitutes technical, financial or other data whose public disclosure would cause substantial injury to a Proposer’s competitive position, or would constitute disclosure of a trade secret, a Proposer must designate any sections of its proposal that meet those criteria. NHCC assumes no responsibility for disclosure of unmarked data for any purpose. NHCC will review such designations in making its determination whether disclosure is required, which determination shall be binding on the Proposer.

IV. Affirmative Action

It is the policy of NHCC to comply with all federal, state and local laws, policies, orders, rules and regulations which prohibit unlawful discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or marital status, and to take affirmative action in working with contracting parties to ensure that Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBES), Minority Group Members and women share in the economic opportunities generated by NHCC’s participation in projects or initiatives, and/or use of NHCC funds. NHCC’s non-discrimination and affirmative action policy will apply to this initiative. MWBES are encouraged to respond. A copy of each respondent’s equal employment opportunity policy statement and staffing plan of the anticipated workforce shall be included as part the response to this RFP.

V. Procurement Law Requirements

State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k (collectively, the “Procurement Requirements”) apply to this RFP. The Procurement Requirements (1) govern permissible communications between potential respondents and NHCC with respect to this RFP during the procurement process; and (2) establish sanctions for

knowing and willful violations of the provisions of the Procurement Requirements, including disqualification from eligibility for an award of any contract pursuant to this solicitation.

Compliance with the Procurement Requirements requires that (a) all communications regarding this RFP, from the issuance of this RFP through final award and approval of any resulting contract (the “Restricted Period”), be conducted only with the contact person(s) listed; (b) the completion by respondents of the Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations and the Affirmation of Understanding of and Agreement pursuant to State Finance Law, copies of which are attached to this RFP as attachments to Appendix I, and (c) periodic updating of such forms during the terms of any contract resulting from this RFP. Respondents must submit both of these forms, properly completed, as part of their proposals. The Procurement Requirements also require NHCC employees to obtain and report certain information when contacted by prospective bidders during the Restricted Period, make a determination of the responsibility of bidders and make all such information publicly available in accordance with applicable law. If a prospective bidder is found to have knowingly and willfully violated the State Finance Law provisions, that prospective bidder and its subsidiaries, related or successor entities will be determined to be a non-responsible bidder and will not be awarded any contract issued pursuant to this RFP.

More information about State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k can be found at http://www.ogs.ny.gov/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultSFL_139j-k.asp.

All potential Respondents are solely responsible for full compliance with the Procurement Requirements.

VI. Selection Criteria

Proposals from responsible parties will be reviewed and evaluated from the point of view of cost, qualifications, references and other appropriate factors relevant to: (i) the Proposer’s ability to provide the services; (ii) the anticipated quality of the services to be provided; and (iii) financial and other benefits to NHCC.

VII. Terms and Conditions

A. This RFP constitutes an invitation to make proposals to NHCC. Accordingly, this RFP does not commit NHCC to award a contract, or to procure, or to contract for services or supplies. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this RFP, NHCC reserves the right to award this contract to the vendor(s) that best meet the requirements of the RFP, and not necessarily to the lowest proposer. NHCC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request; to negotiate with all qualified sources; or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP if it is in the interests of NHCC to so do. NHCC reserves and, in its sole

discretion, may exercise any or all of the following rights and options with respect to this RFP, any proposals and any related agreements, without incurring any liability to Proposers:

1. NHCC reserves the right to disqualify any and all proposals that fail to meet the requirements specified in this RFP.
2. NHCC reserves the right to determine whether to interview some or all of the Proposers, and to conduct such interviews privately.
3. NHCC reserves the right to select and enter into a contract with the Proposer whose proposal best satisfies NHCC's overall interests.
4. Because this RFP is not a "competitive bid" process, the Proposer submitting the lowest cost proposal, or the proposal projecting the greatest financial benefit to NHCC, may not necessarily be selected. NHCC instead reserves the right to select the proposal it believes to be most beneficial to NHCC, with financial terms not being the sole determinative factor. NHCC's decision-making and selection process will be discretionary and will be based on a variety of factors. By submission of its proposal, each Proposer expressly understands, acknowledges and accepts that this is not a "competitive bid" process, and that NHCC is under no obligation to award a contract through competitive bidding, or at all.
5. NHCC reserves the right to waive or extend deadlines.
6. NHCC reserves the right to accept proposals in whole or part.
7. NHCC reserves the right to conduct investigations with respect to the qualifications of each Proposer, to make field investigations with respect to such proposals (including visits to the Proposer's business offices or field operations).
8. NHCC reserves the right to request additional information from any Proposer and to rely upon any information obtained through NHCC's own investigations.
9. NHCC reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time whatsoever, with or without the substitution of another RFP.
10. NHCC reserves the right to supplement, amend or otherwise modify this RFP.
11. NHCC reserves the right to issue additional or subsequent RFPs with regard to the subject matter of this RFP.

12. NHCC reserves the right to negotiate with any Proposer, or with all or none of the Proposers. NHCC has no obligation to offer Proposers the opportunity to meet or exceed terms negotiated with a selected Proposer.

13. NHCC reserves the right to discontinue negotiations at any time and in NHCC's sole discretion.

14. NHCC reserves the right to request new or revised proposals, including monetary terms from any Proposer at any time.

- B. Preparation of a response to this RFP will be at the sole cost, expense and risk of the Proposer, with the express understanding and agreement of the Proposer, irrespective of whether it is selected, that it waives all claims whatsoever for reimbursement from NHCC for any cost or expense incurred in the preparation of its proposal and any subsequent contract negotiation.
- C. Each and every submitting Proposer expressly understands and agrees that this RFP is not, and shall not be construed as, an offer or an enforceable contract.
- D. NHCC intends to enter into contract negotiations with the Proposer or Proposers selected, who shall be required to enter into a written contract with NHCC in a form approved by Legal Counsel for NHCC. The contract usually includes, without limitation, the standard clauses set forth in Schedule "B" and Exhibit "JC" attached hereto. This RFP and the Proposal, or any part thereof, may be incorporated into and made a part of the contract. The contract may contain provisions not contained herein.

NHCC reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract with the selected Proposer(s), if any. These negotiations could include all aspects of services and fees. Neither the selection of a Proposer nor the negotiation of the contract with such Proposer(s) shall constitute NHCC's acceptance of a proposal or a binding commitment on behalf of NHCC to enter into a contract with such Proposer(s), as any binding arrangement must be set forth in the contract signed by both parties and is subject to all requisite approvals.

The contract, if any that is negotiated with a selected Proposer shall constitute the entire agreement between NHCC and the selected Proposer, and shall set forth all the terms and conditions applicable to the subject matter of this RFP. In the event of a conflict between this RFP and that contract, that contract shall control.

- E. No Proposer who has submitted a proposal to NHCC shall have the right to assign its submitted proposal to a third party or the right to enter into an agreement with third parties to perform the services on Proposer's behalf

without the prior written consent of NHCC, which consent may be withheld in NHCC's sole discretion.

- F. This RFP shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflicts of law principles. All actions or proceedings relating, directly or indirectly, to this RFP shall be litigated only in courts located within Nassau County or in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Each Proposer (by virtue of the submission of its proposal), submits itself, its successors and/or assigns (if any) to the personal jurisdiction of such court, and waives any right to trial by jury.
- G. The proposal shall be signed by an official authorized to bind the Proposer, and shall contain a statement to the effect that the proposal is a firm offer for a one hundred eighty (180) day (or more) period. The proposal shall also provide the name, title, address, and telephone number of the individual(s) with authority to negotiate and contractually bind the company, and who also may be contacted during the period of contract.
- H. Proposals submitted become the property of NHCC. By submitting a proposal, the Proposer agrees not to make any claims for or have any right to damages because of any misunderstanding, misrepresentation or lack of information.
- I. Ownership of any work developed under this order, and all right title and interest therein shall vest in NHCC. This includes any and all data sets and computer programs created for this analysis including any enhancements to existing data sets provided by NHCC. This includes any and all work materials, draft plans, preliminary analyses, and all other work materials created by the contractor for this contract. In order to effectuate the foregoing, it is expressly understood and acknowledged that the work shall be deemed to be a work made for hire under the U.S. copyright laws. In the event that the work is determined by a court or competent jurisdiction not to be a work made for hire under the U.S. copyright laws, all submissions to NHCC in connection with this RFP shall be deemed irrevocably assigned by the Proposer to NHCC, including, without limitation, the copyright in the work, including all right, title and interest in perpetuity.

SCHEDULE “B” - STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NHCC CONTRACTS

NHCC reserves the right to add, subtract or modify clauses as it deems appropriate.

1. Payments

(a) Vouchers; Voucher Review, Approval and Audit. Payments shall be made to CONTRACTOR in arrears, subject to compliance with NHCC billing/payment procedures, and contingent upon CONTRACTOR submitting an invoice accompanied by documentation satisfactory to NHCC supporting the amount claimed.

(b) Timing of Payment Claims. CONTRACTOR shall submit claims no later than three (3) months following the NHCC’s receipt of the services that are the subject of the claim and no more frequently than once a month.

(c) No Duplication of Payments. Payments under this Agreement shall not duplicate payments for any work performed or to be performed under other agreements between the CONTRACTOR and any funding source, including NHCC.

(d) Payments in Connection with Termination or Notice of Termination. Unless a provision of this Appendix expressly states otherwise, payments to CONTRACTOR following the termination of this Agreement shall not exceed payments made as consideration for services that were (i) performed prior to termination, (ii) authorized by this Agreement to be performed, and (iii) not performed after CONTRACTOR received notice that the NHCC did not desire to receive such services.

2. Independent Contractor. CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor of the NHCC. CONTRACTOR shall not, nor shall any officer, director, employee, servant, agent or independent contractor of the CONTRACTOR (a “CONTRACTOR Agent”), be (i) deemed a employee of NHCC, (ii) commit NHCC to any obligation, or (iii) hold itself, himself, or herself out as an employee of NHCC or Person with the authority to commit the NHCC to any obligation. As used in this Agreement, the word “Person” means any individual person, entity (including partnerships, corporations and limited liability companies), and government or political subdivision thereof (including agencies, bureaus, offices and departments thereof).

3. Compliance with Laws and NHCC Policies.

(a) Generally. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any and all applicable Federal, State and local Laws, including, but not limited to those relating to conflicts of interest, identity theft, human rights, and disclosure of information, in connection with its performance under this Agreement. As used in this Agreement the word “Law” includes any and all statutes, local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, applicable orders, and/or decrees, as the same may be amended from time to time, enacted, or adopted. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall follow all requirements of NHCC policies, procedures, quality assurance measures and performance improvement programs, including sentinel events/occurrences. Furthermore, CONTRACTOR shall maintain compliance with applicable standards of accreditation programs as required by NHCC, including, without limitation, The Joint Commission.

(b) Records Access. The parties acknowledge and agree that all records, information, and data (“Information”) acquired in connection with performance or administration of this Agreement shall be used and disclosed solely for the purpose of performance and administration of the contract or as required by law. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that CONTRACTOR Information in NHCC’s possession may be subject to disclosure under Article 6 of the New York State Public Officer’s Law (“Freedom of Information Law” or “FOIL”). In the event that such a request for disclosure is made, NHCC shall make reasonable efforts to notify CONTRACTOR of such request prior to disclosure of the Information so that CONTRACTOR may take such action as it deems appropriate.

(c) Protection of Information. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that all information that CONTRACTOR acquires in connection with performance under this Agreement shall be strictly confidential, used solely for the purpose of performing services to or on behalf of NHCC and shall not be disclosed to third parties except (i) as permitted under this Agreement, (ii) with the written consent of NHCC (and then only to the extent of the consent), or (iii) upon legal compulsion. In furtherance of the forgoing, CONTRACTOR and its employees, partners and agents shall keep the confidentiality of medical records and/or information including, but not limited to, HIV related information, relating to the care and treatment of NHCC patients, that may be obtained by CONTRACTOR in the performance of its duties hereunder, and shall maintain the confidentiality of all such records and information including, but not limited to, HIV related information, in conformity and consistent with applicable policies and standards of The Joint Commission, the confidentiality requirements of the New York State Public Health Law (“PHL”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including, but not limited to, PHL Section 2782, and 10 NYCRR 415.22 and Parts 24 and 63 or as same may, from time-to-time, be amended as well as any other state and federal regulation regarding patient confidentiality, including, but not limited to, the regulations pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”). **If applicable, CONTRACTOR further agrees to maintain and safeguard the confidentiality of health information relating to NHCC patients in accordance with the provisions a Business Associate Agreement.** In the event of a breach by CONTRACTOR of this provision, NHCC may, at its option, terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive this Agreement.

(d) Patient Care/Contact. In the event that the services to be provided by CONTRACTOR or a CONTRACTOR Agent under this Agreement involve patient care or contact, CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that all individuals performing such services shall: (i) be in good health and comply with all applicable health, immunization and infection control standards required of NHCC employees and (ii) be subject to successful completion of a background investigation substantially similar to those required of NHCC employees. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it is not aware of the existence of any facts or circumstances that indicate it would be inappropriate for such individuals to perform services under this Agreement. NHCC reserves the right to charge a CONTRACTOR a reasonable fee for costs associated with performing health services and/or background investigations necessary to ensure compliance with this paragraph.

(e) NHCC Compliance Programs. CONTRACTOR agrees to adhere, and cooperate fully with, NHCC’s corporate compliance program requirements applicable to all NHCC vendors, contractors, consultants and agents. This information is available via NHCC’s website at: <http://www.nuhealth.net/about/doing-business-with-nuhealth.asp>

(f) Doing Business. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that: (a) it is properly licensed to do business in New York State and Nassau County, if applicable, (b) it is in good standing under such license(s), and (c) the activities conducted by it under such license(s) with respect to the services referenced above are in compliance with all requirements of the Laws governing such license(s). CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that it will continuously maintain (i) its existence and shall not dissolve or permit its dissolution, and (ii) its right to do business in New York State and Nassau County.

4. Minimum Service Standards. Regardless of whether required by Law:

(a) CONTRACTOR shall, and shall cause CONTRACTOR Agents to, conduct its, his or her activities in connection with this Agreement so as not to endanger or harm any Person or property.

(b) CONTRACTOR shall deliver services under this Agreement in a professional manner consistent with the best practices of the industry in which the CONTRACTOR operates. CONTRACTOR shall take all actions necessary or appropriate to meet the obligations described in the immediately preceding sentence, including obtaining and maintaining, and causing all CONTRACTOR Agents to obtain and maintain, all approvals, licenses, and certifications (“Approvals”) necessary or appropriate in connection with this Agreement.

5. Indemnification; Defense; Cooperation.

(a) CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for and shall indemnify and hold harmless NHCC and its officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all liabilities, losses, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements) and damages ("Losses"), arising out of or in connection with any acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR or a CONTRACTOR Agent, regardless of whether due to negligence, fault, or default, including Losses in connection with any threatened investigation, litigation or other proceeding or preparing a defense to or prosecuting the same; provided, however, that CONTRACTOR shall not be responsible for that portion, if any, of a Loss that is caused by the negligence of NHCC.

(b) CONTRACTOR shall, upon the NHCC's demand and at the NHCC's direction, promptly and diligently defend, at CONTRACTOR'S own risk and expense, any and all suits, actions, or proceedings which may be brought or instituted against one or more Indemnified Parties for which CONTRACTOR is responsible under this Section, and, further to CONTRACTOR'S indemnification obligations, CONTRACTOR shall pay and satisfy any judgment, decree, loss or settlement in connection therewith.

(c) CONTRACTOR shall, and shall cause CONTRACTOR Agents to, cooperate with NHCC in connection with the investigation, defense or prosecution of any action, suit or proceeding in connection with this Agreement, including the acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR and/or a CONTRACTOR Agent in connection with this Agreement.

(d) The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

6. Insurance.

(a) Types and Amounts. CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain throughout the term of this Agreement, at its own expense: (i) one or more policies for commercial general liability insurance, which policy(ies) shall name "Nassau Health Care Corporation" as an additional insured and have a minimum single combined limit of liability of not less than One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars per occurrence and Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollars aggregate coverage, (ii) if contracting in whole or part to provide professional services, one or more policies for professional liability insurance, which policy(ies) shall have a minimum single combined limit liability of not less than One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars per occurrence and Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollars aggregate coverage, (iii) compensation insurance for the benefit of the CONTRACTOR'S employees ("Workers' Compensation Insurance"), which insurance is in compliance with the New York State Workers' Compensation Law, and (iv) such additional insurance as the NHCC may from time to time specify.

(b) Acceptability; Deductibles; Subcontractors. All insurance obtained and maintained by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement shall be (i) written by one or more commercial insurance carriers licensed to do business in New York State and acceptable to NHCC, and which is (ii) in form and substance acceptable to NHCC. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles to which such policies are subject. CONTRACTOR shall require any subcontractor hired in connection with this Agreement to carry insurance with the same limits and provisions required to be carried by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

(c) Delivery; Coverage Change; No Inconsistent Action. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, copies of current certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance coverage required by this Agreement shall be delivered to NHCC. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of any expiration or renewal of, or actual, proposed or threatened reduction or cancellation of coverage under, any insurance required hereunder, CONTRACTOR shall provide written notice to NHCC of the same and deliver to NHCC renewal or replacement certificates of insurance. CONTRACTOR shall cause all insurance to remain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement and shall not take or omit to take any action that would suspend or invalidate any of the required coverages. The failure of CONTRACTOR to maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance shall render this contract void and of no effect. The failure of

CONTRACTOR to maintain the other required coverages shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement upon which the NHCC reserves the right to consider this Agreement terminated as of the date of such failure.

7. No Arrears or Default. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that it is not in arrears to NHCC upon any debt or contract and it is not in default as surety, contractor, or otherwise upon any obligation to NHCC, including any obligation perform services for or on behalf of NHCC.

8. Assignment; Amendment; Waiver; Subcontracting. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereunder may not be in whole or part (i) assigned, transferred or disposed of, (ii) amended, (iii) waived, or (iv) subcontracted, without the prior written consent of the President of NHCC his or her duly designated representative (the "President"), and any purported assignment, other disposal or modification without such prior written consent shall be null and void. The failure of a party to assert any of its rights under this Agreement, including the right to demand strict performance, shall not constitute a waiver of such rights.

9. Termination.

(a) Generally. This Agreement may be terminated (i) by NHCC, for any or no reason, upon thirty (30) days written notice to CONTRACTOR, (ii) for "Cause" by NHCC immediately upon the receipt by CONTRACTOR of written notice of termination, (iii) upon mutual written Agreement of NHCC and CONTRACTOR, and (iv) in accordance with any other provisions of this Agreement expressly addressing termination.

As used in this Attachment the word "Cause" includes: (i) a breach of this Agreement; (ii) the failure to obtain and maintain in full force and effect all Approvals required for the services described in this Agreement to be legally and professionally rendered; and (iii) the termination or impending termination of federal or state funding for the services to be provided under this Agreement.

(b) By CONTRACTOR. This Agreement may be terminated by CONTRACTOR if performance becomes impracticable through no fault of CONTRACTOR, where the impracticability relates to the CONTRACTOR'S ability to perform its obligations and not to a judgment as to convenience or the desirability of continued performance. Termination under this subsection shall be effected by CONTRACTOR delivering to President, at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination date (or a shorter period if sixty (60) days notice is impossible), a notice stating (i) that CONTRACTOR is terminating this Agreement in accordance with this subsection, (ii) the date as of which this Agreement will terminate, and (iii) the facts giving rise to CONTRACTOR'S right to terminate under this subsection. A copy of the notice given to the President shall be given to the NHCC department head who oversees the administration of this Agreement on the same day that notice is given to the President.

(c) CONTRACTOR Assistance upon Termination. In connection with the termination or impending termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall, regardless of the reason for termination, take all actions reasonably requested by NHCC (including those set forth in other provisions of this Agreement) to assist NHCC in transitioning CONTRACTOR 's responsibilities under this Agreement. The provisions of this subsection shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

10. Records Access and Retention. CONTRACTOR, including its satellites, offices and/or subcontractors, if any, shall maintain full and complete books and records of accounts specifically pertaining to this Agreement, in accordance with accepted accounting practices and such other records as may be reasonably prescribed by NHCC and the New York State Comptroller. Such books and records shall at all times be available for audit and inspection by the State Comptroller, or a duly designated representative, or by NHCC. All such books and records shall be retained for a period of six (6) years after the completion of all the services described in this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further agrees that if any provision of Section 952 of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980 (PL-96-499) is found by a body of competent jurisdiction to be applicable to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will make available upon written request by the Secretary of Health & Human Services, or by the Comptroller General of the General

Accounting Office, or any of their duly authorized representatives, a copy of this Agreement and any executed amendments thereto, documents which relate to the calculation of the charges in the Agreement and copies of service reports documenting services performed. Such records will be available in accordance with the above for a period of six (6) years after the furnishing of any of the services described in this Agreement.

11. Work Performance Liability. CONTRACTOR is and shall remain primarily liable for the successful completion of all work in accordance this Agreement irrespective of whether CONTRACTOR is using a CONTRACTOR Agent to perform some or all of the work contemplated by this Agreement, and irrespective of whether the use of such CONTRACTOR Agent has been approved by NHCC.

12. Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue; Governing Law, Jury Trial Waiver.

(a) Unless otherwise required by Law, exclusive original jurisdiction for all claims or actions with respect to this Agreement shall be in the Supreme Court in Nassau County in New York State and the parties expressly waive any objections to the same on any grounds, including venue and forum non conveniens. This Agreement is intended as a contract under, and shall be governed and construed in accordance with, the Laws of New York State, without regard to the conflict of laws provisions thereof.

(b) THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT

13. No Exclusions. CONTRACTOR warrants that neither it nor any of its officers, employees or agents is excluded from doing business with any federal, state or local agency, municipality or department. Any misrepresentation or false statement regarding CONTRACTOR'S status shall result in immediate termination of this Agreement.

14. Executory Clause. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:

(a) Approval and Execution. NHCC shall have no liability under this Agreement (including any extension or other modification of this Agreement) to any Person unless (i) all NHCC approvals have been obtained, including, if required, approval by the NHCC Board of Directors, and (ii) this Agreement has been executed by the President.

(b) Availability of Funds. NHCC have no liability under this Agreement (including any extension or other modification of this Agreement) to any Person beyond funds appropriated or otherwise lawfully available for this Agreement, and, if any portion of the funds for this Agreement are from the state and/or federal governments, then beyond funds available to NHCC from the state and/or federal governments.

Exhibit - "JC"

JOINT COMMISSION STANDARDS FOR CONTRACTORS, VENDORS AND VOLUNTEERS

All contractor, vendor, and volunteer personnel, including those of subcontractors, ("Staff") who provide direct patient care or service must adhere to the requirements as outlined below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all individuals performing services to or on behalf of NuHealth are held to the same standards as regular NuHealth employees.

Information Required for all Covered Staff

- Education and training that is consistent with applicable legal and regulatory requirements and NuHealth policy;
- Copy of license, certification, or registration when applicable;
- Documentation that individual's knowledge and experience and competence are appropriate for his or her assigned responsibilities;
- Documentation confirming participation in NuHealth New Employee Orientation;
- Documentation confirming participation in the applicable Departmental orientation(s);
- Performance evaluations;
- Pre-employment physical exam and annual health assessments;
- Pre-employment verification of convictions for abuse or neglect;
- If assigned to work with children, Staff must be cleared the NY Statewide Central Registry;
- References, when applicable.

Documentation of these items must be submitted by the Contractor for each person considered Covered Staff to Kimberley Teemsma in Human Resources.

"Covered Staff" INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Patient care Staff include, but are not limited to: nursing, therapy, dietary, pharmacy, activities staff, drug and alcohol counselors such as AA counselors, and nursing assistants/aides.
- Patient services Staff include, but are not limited to: homemakers, sitters, companions, chore workers, drivers, home medical equipment delivery and repair technicians, volunteers transporting patients.

APPENDIX I

REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION: THE FORMS SET FORTH BELOW MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH A RESPONDING PROPOSER'S SUBMISSION. A SUBMISSION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE WITHOUT SUBMISSION OF THIS ATTACHMENT.

1. Contractor Disclosure of Contacts

Instructions:

New York State Executive Order Number 127 (EO 127) provides for increased disclosure in the public procurement process through identification of persons or organizations whose function is to influence procurement contracts, public works agreements and real property transactions.

In the first instance, Section II, paragraph 1 of EO 127 obligates a covered agency or authority (*e.g.*, NHCC) to obtain identifying information on every person or organization retained, employed or designated by or on behalf of the contractor (*i.e.*, the "Proposer" or "you") to attempt to influence the procurement process. NHCC is also obligated to collect information on whether such person or organization has a financial interest in the procurement.

Thereafter, Section II, paragraph 2 of EO 127 continues to obligate a covered agency or authority to obtain such identifying information on every person or organization subsequently retained, employed or designated by or on behalf of the Proposer to attempt to influence the procurement process.

This form must be completed and submitted with your proposal in accordance with Executive Order Number 127 (EO 127). Failure to complete and submit this form shall result in a determination of non-responsiveness and disqualification of the bid, proposal or offer. If at the time of submission of this form, the specific name of a person authorized to attempt to influence a decision on your behalf is unknown, you agree to provide the specific person's information when it is available. You also agree to update this information during the negotiation or evaluation process of this procurement, and throughout the term of any contract awarded to your company pursuant to this bid, proposal or offer.

Disclosure of Contacts Form

Name of Contractor: _____

Address: _____

Name and Title of Person Submitting this Form: _____

Is this an initial filing in accordance with Section II, paragraph 1 of EO 127 or an updated filing in accordance with Section II, paragraph 2 of EO 127? (Please circle one):

Initial filing

Updated filing

The following person or organization was retained, employed or designated by or on behalf of the Contractor to attempt to influence the procurement process:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Place of Principal Employment: _____

Occupation: _____

Does the above-named person or organization have a financial interest in the procurement?

(Please circle one) yes no

2. Contractor Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations

Instructions:

New York State Executive Order Number 127 (EO 127) obligates a covered agency or authority to make a determination of responsibility of the proposed awardee for a procurement contract. EO 127 mandates consideration of whether a contractor has intentionally provided false or incomplete information under such Order within the last five years, and whether a contractor has failed to timely disclose accurate and complete information or otherwise cooperate in the implementation of the Order. For more information on responsibility determinations, please see the New York State Procurement Bulletin entitled “*Best Practices - Determining Vendor Responsibility*” issued by the New York State Procurement Council, May 1999, for more information on responsibility determinations. See <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/procurecounc/pdfdoc/BestPractice.pdf>.

3. Contractor Certification of Compliance with Executive Order 127

Instructions:

New York State Executive Order Number 127 (EO 127), section II, paragraph 7 requires that every procurement contract subject to its provisions contain a certification that all information provided to the soliciting agency or authority regarding EO 127 is complete, true and accurate.

Contractor Certification of Compliance with Executive Order 127

Contractor certifies that all information provided to NHCC with respect to Executive Order Number 127 is complete, true and accurate.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____