

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Health

Division of Name Public Health



Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Subject Matter Expert Consultant

RFP 2025-1600-0304

Amendment # 2

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This amendment is being issued to answer questions submitted by potential offerors, and to provide additional important information.

Offerors must use Submittal Form A – Offeror Information to acknowledge this amendment.

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Questions submitted by potential offerors and answers from the State:

Question 1: In reference to the mandatory requirement for a master's degree in epidemiology, public health, microbiology, biostatistics, or a related field, would the State consider accepting, in lieu of the degree, a candidate who holds the prestigious designation of Fellow of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (FAPIC)? The FAPIC credentials is awarded to APIC members who have demonstrated advanced achievement, leadership, and sustained contributions in the field of infection prevention and control. Given that it reflects a high level of expertise and pre-recognized distinction within the discipline, we ask respectfully if this may serve as an acceptable substitute for the educational requirement.

Answer: *No. FAPIC is great and helps bolster an application, but it does not meet the requirements for epidemiology background we are looking for.*

Question 2: In the amendment budget excel, the locked hours (250) are the same for Contract Period Once (18 months) and Contract Period Two (12-month renewal option) – should the number of hours be different due to the different lengths of the contract period.

Answer: *The Cost Proposal has been updated (see change 1 below). Please note, the hours worked are for evaluation purposes only. The State does not guarantee a minimum or maximum number of hours for the contract. The State will only pay on actual hours worked.*

Question 3: Regarding Question 11 in the Q/A Amendment: For budgeting purposes, would the State clarify whether the purchase of the IQVIA data set is part of the award amount of this project?

Answer: *The Alaska Department of Health HAI program will purchase the data set for the selected contractor.*

Question 4: Regarding Question 12 in the Q/A Amendment: The incident rate provided in the answer only mentions MDRO's – does the State have an average number of non-MDROs outbreaks in facilities as well?

Answer: *Reporting for non-MDROs are likely underreported. We can say that we probably have 6 – 8 non-MDRO outbreaks a year that require some type of consult / guidance; and this is usually done over Teams / Zoom.*

Changes to the RFP

Change 1: Attachment 1 – Cost Proposal has been removed and replaced on OPN.

End of Amendment #1