**The Regents of the University of California**

***REQUEST FOR INFORMATION***

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For

***Blood Products and Services RFI#210820JKO***

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# I. General information about this RFI

## A. Purpose of this RFI

The purpose of this Request for Information (“RFI”) is to solicit information from qualified suppliers (“Bidders”) for Blood Products and Services in accordance with the requirements defined in this RFI.

The University of California (“UC Health”) may leverage the information, data, comments, or reactions obtained in this RFI as research for a future solicitation. This RFI does not constitute an Invitation for Bid, Request for Proposal, or Informal Request for Bid or Proposal and is not to be construed as a commitment by the University of California Health.

## B. Background

UC Health provides leadership and strategic direction for UC’s five academic medical centers (UC Davis,

UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, UC San Diego, and UC San Francisco) and 17 health professional schools. UC Health’s central office supports operational initiatives at individual campuses and development of system-wide initiatives, promoting collaboration among the university’s health professional schools and providing oversight on the business and financial activities of the clinical enterprise.

The transfusion service sections across the medical centers are part of the Departments of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and manage the blood products used by the UC medical centers. The transfusion services are directed by Board Certified Pathologists, are AABB accredited and licensed by the State of California and registered or licensed with Food and Drug Administration.

## C. Proposed Scope of Services

**RFI must include the following:**

The ability to supply the required number of Pathogen Reduced platelets. Proposal must include the number of Pathogen Reduced platelets made by your company in California during the first 6 months of this year. The response must include the specific facility and location where the Pathogen Reduced platelets are manufactured as well as the distribution location. The UC Health System used Forty Thousand (40K) Pathogen Reduced platelets in the last rolling 12 months. It is the practice of UC Health to require the sole use of Pathogen Reduced platelets.

Must include a chart of the specific location that will supply routine blood products to each UC Medical Center. (Meaning where will blood products be shipped from when they are shipped to the hospitals.) Must include a chart of the primary specific location that will supply HLA compatible platelets to each UC Medical Center (meaning where will HLA compatible platelets be shipped from).

The chart must also include the specific applicable reference laboratory location (immunohematology reference laboratory and HLA testing facility) that samples be sent for testing for each of the hospitals.

**Names and locations where services will be required:**

**UC Davis**

UC Davis Medical Center, 2315 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817

#### **UC Irvine**

UC Irvine Medical Center, 101 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868

**UC Los Angeles**

Ronald Reagan UC Los Angeles Medical Center, Attn: Blood Bank, 757 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095

Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center, Attn: Blood Bank, 1250 16th Street, suite B504, Santa Monica, CA 90404

#### **UC San Diego**

UC San Diego Health System, Hillcrest, 200 W Arbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92103

UC San Diego Health System, La Jolla, 9300 Campus Point Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037

#### **UC San Francisco**

UC San Francisco Medical Center at Mission Bay, 1825 Fourth St.

San Francisco, CA 94158

UCSF Medical Center at Mount Zion, 1600 Divisadero St.

San Francisco, CA 94115

UCSF Medical Center at Parnassus, 505 Parnassus Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94143

UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland, 747 52nd St, Oakland, CA 94609

##### **The nature and scope of the University’s core business philosophies**

UC Health Systems operate academic transfusion services in support of clinical operations requiring transfusion and transfusion medicine services to their patients. The transfusion services operate under California State licenses and accreditation by AABB and or CAP. They are also licensed or registered by the

FDA. Each facility supports a wide variety of clinical services usually including level 1 trauma centers, cardiothoracic, neonatal, and high-risk obstetrics. Selected facilities have affiliated children’s hospitals; solid organ transplant services for liver, heart/lung, and kidney; and stem cell transplant services.

**Overall Responsibility and Program Expectations**

The UC Health system requires its partner(s) to offer scaled support of multiple blood product and

transfusion medicine support services including, but not necessarily limited to 1) irradiated blood products,

2) CMV seronegative blood products, 3) demonstrated ability to deliver products with best-in-class order-

to-receipt times, 4) immunohematology reference laboratory services (such as molecular testing for RBC

antigens and HLA-matched platelets), 5) preferential stocking of blood products to most effectively

support UC Health’s large volume need.

It is the expectation of the UC Health system that any future contract leverages the collective volume of its

health systems, but that service be satisfactorily supported at the local level, as determined by health

system senior administrative and clinical leadership.

## D. Issuing Office and Communication

This RFI, and any subsequent addenda to it, is issued by the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California Health. University of California Health is the sole point of contact regarding all procurement and contractual matters relating to the requirements described in this RFI. University of California Health is the only office authorized to change, modify, or clarify the specifications or terms and conditions of this RFI.

All communications concerning this RFI should be addressed in email:

Judy Kogut-O’Connell

Strategic Sourcing Manager

University of California Health, Office of the President

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## E. Significant RFI Dates

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|  | **Date** | **Time** | **Location** |
| **RFI Issuance Date** | Friday, August 20, 2021 | Noon, PST | UCLA Procurement & Strategic Sourcing website [www.purchasing.uclahealth.org](http://www.purchasing.uclahealth.org/) |
| **Bidder Submission of**  **Proposals** | Friday, September 10,  2021 | 5:00 PM, PST | Via Email to  [jkogocon@ucop.edu](mailto:jkogocon@ucop.edu) |

## F. Proposal Acceptance Period

All proposals shall remain available for University acceptance for a period of one (1) year following the submission date.

## G. Participating Locations

This RFI covers University of California Health. Any awarded Contract(s) shall be extended to any future UC locations as they may be announced during the term of an awarded Contract.

# II. Instructions for RFI Response

## A. RFI Response

Bidders are required to send their proposals via email to Judy Kogut-O’Connell ([jkogocon@ucop.edu](mailto:jkogocon@ucop.edu))

In your proposal, please articulate:

* Bidder’s approach to executing such an engagement reflecting the requirements outlined in the RFI documents.
* Response needs to reflect the ability to meet the requirements listed above.

**Proprietary Information**

Any restrictions on the use of data contained in a RFI Response must be clearly stated in the response itself. Proprietary information submitted in response to this RFI will be handled in accordance with applicable University of California procurement regulations and the Public Records Act. All data and documentation become the property of the University.