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**PROP 56 GME GRANT PROGRAM**

**RFP #0305UCOP2021**

Questions received:

1. Is there a preferred template or format for the responses? Should the Supplier Questions remain in Excel format or is it acceptable to reformat into Word?

**Answer:** There is no preferred format for the responses, although a Microsoft Word document is standard practice. The Supplier questions that are currently in an Excel format can be submitted in a Microsoft Word document.

2. The RFP references one three-year contract with two one-year extensions (Section B) as well as one five-year contract with one-year extensions (Section M). Please clarify the terms of the contract.

**Answer:** The intent is to have a three -year contract with two one-year optional extensions.

3. Is there a scoring rubric and/or weight for each section that you can share?

**Answer:** Yes, the scoring method has weights for each section as follows:

Mandatory Questions – 10%

Implementation Plan – 25%

Past Performance & Experience – 25%

Quality Metrics and Reporting – 15%

Life cycle and Total Cost of 3-year Term – 25%

4. Is the Supplier Information (mentioned in Section U) the same as the Excel doc titled “Prop 56 GME Supplier Questions\_042321

**Answer:** Yes, the “Supplier information” in Section U is referencing the questions contained in the Excel Sheet.

5. The RFP notes in part, “Bidders may not distribute an announcement or news release regarding this RFP project without written approval by UCOP.” (Section O) May we communicate this RFP to our references? May we request existing UCOP contacts serve as references?

**Answer:** Yes, you may tell your references that you are responding to an RFP and they may be contacted by UCOP. It is preferred your references be external to UCOP.

6. Terms and Conditions, Article 7, A.2 states: “The Deliverables must be new and original.  Supplier must not use any pre-existing copyrightable or trademarked images, writings, or other proprietary materials (hereinafter "Pre-Existing Materials") in the Deliverables without UC’s prior written permission.  If a Supplier uses any Pre-Existing Materials in the Deliverables in which Supplier has an ownership interest, UC is hereby granted, and will have, a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, paid-up, worldwide license (with the right to sublicense) to make, have made, copy, modify, make derivative works of, use, perform, display publicly, sell, and otherwise distribute such Pre-Existing Materials in connection with the Deliverables.” If an organization is an existing supplier for UC and has produced Deliverables for UC, may the supplier reuse or continue to use existing intellectual property?

**Answer:** Please consult the terms of your agreement with UC. If permitted under the agreement or you have prior approval from UC to use or reuse those materials, then you may continue to use them.

7. What is the timeline for accepting applications to the 2021-22 program? When will the 2020-21 GME grants be awarded to applicants? The CalMedForce website notes that the 2020-21 GME awards were due in September 2020 and that the awards would be distributed in Fall 2021. Since the contract to administer the Proposition 56 GME grant program will not be awarded until August 2021, will the incumbent distribute the awards from the 2020-21 cycle?

**Answer:** The 2020-2021 grant awards have been determined and will be awarded to recipients by the current vendor in the summer of 2021. The incumbent will distribute funds for the 2021-2022 cycle and be responsible for administering the 2022-2023 grant award cycle.

8. Please clarify the scope of physician education initiatives and programs, which are referenced under “program expectations” on page 4.

**Answer:** The intent of the grant program is to improve access to high quality healthcare throughout California by focusing on medical residency training. Jointly with UC, the Supplier must implement the grant program in compliance with the provisions of Proposition 56 specifically related to GME. The Supplier will collaborate with UC to explore opportunities to expand GME programs to address physician shortages across the state.