

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

Invitation to Bid

The Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) and the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) invites interested bidders to submit bids in accordance with these solicitation documents. The purpose of this solicitation is to establish a contract for the purchase of tires. The technical specifications describe the product in more detail. The contract term is to begin on March 1, 2007, and to end February 28, 2009.

As more specifically stated in the Instructions to Bidders, the following anticipated time line applies to this solicitation:

- BID NUMBER: 07/8-03-0110
- BID TITLE: TIRES AND RELATED SERVICES
- ADVERTISEMENT DATES: November 22, 2006 and December 1, 2006
- PRE-BID CONFERENCE: November 28, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.
- PRE-BID CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT: MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM 692 N. W. 30TH AVENUE OCALA, FL 34475-5608 (352)368-3566
- BID OPENING DATE: January 10, 2007, at 11:30 a.m.
- BID OPENING TO BE HELD AT: FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATOR'S OFFICE 2617 MAHAN DRIVE (32308) P. O. BOX 12519 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-2519

Bids must be contained in a sealed envelope addressed to the Florida Sheriffs Association. Indicate on the outside of the envelope the Bid Number, Title, Opening Date and Time. All must be received on or before the date and time noted above. All questions pertaining to this bid, should be directed to Lynn Meek with the Florida Sheriffs Association at (850)877-2165.

EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE

The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida is accepting proposals from qualified organizations to provide services in one or more of the following four areas:

1. SCHOOL READINESS.
 - * Eligibility and Reimbursement.
 - * Parent and Child Services.
 - * Provider Development, Support and Training.
2. INCLUSION.
3. RESOURCE AND REFERRAL.
4. VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN.

Services to be provided within COLLIER, GLADES, HENDRY AND LEE COUNTIES, FOR PROGRAM YEAR JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008. Copies of the invitation to Negotiate (ITN) for service provisions are available at the Coalition website: www.elcofswfl.org or at the Coalition Office, 12651 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 4-402, Ft. Myers, FL 33919. Contact person is Peter Escayg, Director of Operations, Peter.Escayg@elcofswfl.org, (239)267-4105 phone, (239)267-4109 Fax.

**Section XII
Miscellaneous**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

SEEKING PROVIDER AGENCY OR AGENCIES FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) PROGRAM IN HIGHLANDS AND POLK COUNTIES

The Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is seeking a non-profit entity or entities to administer the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in Highlands and Polk Counties. A provider may choose to serve one or both counties.

In order to be designated to serve as the eligible entity for one or more of these counties, an entity must agree to add additional members to its board to ensure adequate representation in compliance with 42 U.S.C. 9909 and 9910 and Rule 9B-22.011, Florida Administrative Code. Special consideration shall be given to an organization with demonstrated effectiveness in providing a broad range of services designed to eliminate poverty and foster self-sufficiency. Priority shall be given to existing CSBG eligible entities in good standing with the Department that are providing related services in the specified county or in areas contiguous to or within reasonable proximity to the specified county.

Organizations interested in becoming the CSBG provider for Highlands and/or Polk Counties, within 60 days of the date of this notice must mail to the Department of Community Affairs and the County Commission Chairperson of the respective county the following documentation:

- A letter stating its interest in becoming the CSBG service provider in the specified county or counties. The letter should be signed by the chief executive officer of the private nonprofit CSBG eligible entity or private nonprofit organization.
- and
- A board of directors or governing board resolution stating its willingness to provide service in the specified county or counties, and to amend its organization's bylaws, structure, membership, and Articles of Incorporation to comply with 42 U.S.C. 9909 and 9910, and Rule 9B-22.011, Florida Administrative Code.

The interested organization must include with the letter of interest and the resolution a copy of the letter or letters of interest mailed to the chair of the respective county commissions. Mail package to:

Ms. Paula Churchwell
 Community Program Manager
 Department of Community Affairs
 Community Assistance Section
 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN: Once the above information is received, a publicly noticed hearing on the selection of a proposed service provider will be held in the specified county by the county government. If the county government declines to convene the public hearing within a specified period, the Department of Community Affairs will do so. All interested organizations that meet the above deadline and requirements will be given the opportunity at the public hearing to present their qualifications. The specified county commission will have an opportunity to make a recommendation to the Department of Community Affairs regarding the selection of an agency.

Once all organizations and county documents are received and approved by the Department of Community Affairs, a formal request will be made to the Governor that he designate the selected organization(s) as the CSBG eligible entity for the specified county.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or questions may be addressed to:

Ms. Hilda Frazier, Planning Manager
 Community Assistance Section
 Florida Department of Community Affairs
 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida
 32399-2100
 (850)488-7541, or Fax (850)488-2488 or e-mail at
 hilda.frazier@dca.state.fl.us.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

Notices for the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund between December 28, 2001 and June 30, 2006, go to <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/> under the link or button titled "Official Notices."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI) announces a public review and comment period for the Maritime Industry and Coastal Construction Impacts (MICCI) focus team's "Project 2: Guidelines for rapid response to, and restoration of, coral reef injuries in southeast Florida."

This project involves the development of a guidelines document designed for agency coordination for rapid response to, and restoration of, coral reef injuries. The document is intended to provide guidance for agency policies concerning injuries to coral reef ecosystems, including technical guidelines for triage and restoration of such injuries. This document was created as a result of a two-day workshop involving agencies with relevant emergency response processes. The focus of the workshop was to: 1) Research the existing agency emergency response processes of agencies to identify current procedures, and 2) Compile existing technologies and procedures for triage and restoration of damaged coral habitats.

The draft will be available beginning December 1, 2006. The comment period is from Friday, December 1, 2006 through Monday, January 1, 2007. The draft will be posted to the FDEP – SEFCRI website for public review and comment. A copy of the MICCI Project 2 draft document can be obtained from the website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral> or by contacting Nikki Poulos, MICCI Program Coordinator, via email to Nikki.Poulos@dep.state.fl.us or by writing to: Nikki Poulos, MICCI Program Coordinator, Biscayne Bay Environmental Center, 1277 N. E. 79th Street Causeway, Miami, FL 33139, or calling (305)795-2111.

Please send your comment via e-mail to Lisa Gregg at lisa.gregg@myfwc.com or by writing to: Lisa Gregg, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Marine Fisheries, 620 South Meridian Street, Mailbox 4B3, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600. Appropriate public comments will be incorporated into a final document. The final document will be carefully prepared, produced, and distributed (as possible under funding constraints) to appropriate agencies, NGOs, and the public.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Florida Health Information Network

Request for Public Comment

The Agency for Health Care Administration (the Agency) is inviting public comment and input on the best way to establish a state wide health information network which will integrate local regional health information organizations (RHIOs) and state-owned health databases in Florida and to coordinate data exchange with other health information networks across the country. The agency will accept response narratives from the time of this publication until COB December 14, 2006.

Health care providers, consumers, health information technology organizations, industry associations and others are invited to provide public comment in the interest of having the broadest perspective on the role in which state government should play in the development and operation of a statewide health information infrastructure and how such a network may be supported by the private sector.

Purpose of Request for Public Comment

The Agency and the Governor’s Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (the “Board”) have coordinated a collaborative among interested parties to prepare a white paper that outlines certain considerations in the implementation of a statewide network. That white paper is available online at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/dhit/FHIN_White_Paper.shtml

The purpose of the Agency’s request for public comment is to seek input from interested parties on options for the financing, development and operation of the Florida Health Information Network (FHIN). Without limiting the generality of the purpose articulated in the preceding sentence, the Agency specifically would welcome responses that answer the following questions:

1. The impetus for considering a FHIN is to achieve interoperability of health information technologies used in the delivery of care in Florida as specified in Section 408.062(5), F.S.

Is the working definition of the Florida Health Information Network provided by the Agency in the white paper appropriate? Should it be modified? And if so, in what way?

2. Has the agency identified the correct functionalities of and the specifications for the statewide infrastructure? As identified by the Agency, these include:

- Enterprise master patient index;
- Record locator service;
- Web services interface for connection to RHIO servers;
- Database infrastructure for state agency datasets;
- Database software for querying patient records in state agency databases;

- Credentialing and authentication of users including query software for access to physician licensing information at the Department of Health, Privacy and security requirements including authorization and access controls; and
 - Web portal for querying data directly from the FHIN.
3. Is the detailed pro forma budget (found on page 54 of the white paper) reasonable? If not, how should it be amended and why?
 4. What is the most appropriate method for funding the development of the Florida Health Information Network and what are the justifications for the suggested funding source(s)?
 5. What is the appropriate method for funding the operation of the statewide network on a sustainable basis?
 6. How should the entity that will operate the Florida Health Information Network be structured and what is the ideal governance model? Are there benefits to a non-for-profit organization vs. a for-profit organization? Should the state consider a statutorily- created public/private partnership?

Background or Current Project Description

The impetuses for development of the FHIN are contained in the following statutory and executive authority and mandates:

- A. Section 20.42(3), F.S. specifies that the Agency for Health Care Administration is Florida’s chief health policy and planning entity.
- B. Section 408.062(5), F.S. specifies that “the agency shall develop and implement a strategy for the adoption and use of electronic health records, including the development of an electronic health information network for the sharing of electronic health records among health care facilities, health care providers, and health insurers. The agency may develop rules to facilitate the functionality and protect the confidentiality of electronic health records.”
- C. Section 2, of the Governor’s Executive Order Number 04-93. This executive order created the Governor’s Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board and assigned it the following responsibilities:
 1. The Advisory Board shall advise and support the Agency for Health Care Administration (“Agency”) as it develops and implements a strategy for the adoption and use of electronic health records and creates a plan to promote the development and implementation of a Florida health information infrastructure, including measures to promote greater adoption of electronic health record information systems among the state’s health care providers;
 2. The Advisory Board shall identify obstacles to the implementation of an effective health information infrastructure in the state and provide to the Agency policy recommendations to remove or minimize those obstacles;

3. The Advisory Board shall advise appropriate parties within the Executive and Legislative branches on issues related to the development and implementation of the health information infrastructure; and
4. The Advisory Board shall assist the Agency in ensuring that the strategy and plan preserve the privacy and security of health information, as required by state and federal law.

This FHIN initiative proposes an internet-based, statewide network that will integrate communications and data transfer among local RHIOs, establish standards for health information exchange and promote health information exchange among authorized health care providers.

The FHIN is envisioned as a statewide health information infrastructure that will enable health care professionals to access a patient's medical records from any provider database connected to the network over a secure internet connection. The FHIN represents a collaborative effort between the public and private sectors, state and local governments, RHIOs and health information exchanges, providers, employers, consumers, health plans and payors. It proposes to interconnect health care providers across Florida to facilitate the sharing of health care data without regard to where in the state the consumer resides or where the health care was delivered. The FHIN infrastructure will allow local RHIOs the greatest amount of flexibility in implementing their plans to integrate health care data in their communities.

Response Narrative Format

Interested parties who choose to offer public comment should do so in writing and should address each of the component services listed in the Purpose of Request. The discussion can address each component separately, or in an integrated manner. There is no limit to the number of pages in the response. All narrative text should be double spaced, with 1 inch margins. Please identify discrete sections through the use of clear headings.

Please include the title that appears above, "Florida Health Information Network," and identify the respondent, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of respondent on the cover page of the Response Narrative. The response narrative should be submitted in three (3) copies and in electronic format readable by Microsoft Word.

Questions on the Request for Public Comment

Direct questions concerning this request to:

Lisa K. Rawlins, Bureau Chief
 Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis
 Agency for Health Care Administration
 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #16
 Tallahassee, FL 32308-5403
 E-mail: FHIN@AHCA.MyFlorida.com
 Telephone: (850)922-7036
 Fax: (850)414-7831

Process for Submitting Response

Submit all Response Narratives by December 14, 2006 to:

Lisa Rawlins, Bureau Chief
 Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis
 Agency for Health Care Administration
 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #16
 Tallahassee, FL 32308-5403
 E-mail: FHIN@ahca.myflorida.com

Timeline for Agency Review

The Governor's Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board will convene on, December 7, 2006, in Miami, Florida, to receive comments from the public and address specific questions about the request for public comment. The Board invites health care experts to an open dialog regarding the development of FHIN during the meeting. The Agency response to specific questions will be posted on the agency website at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/dhit/FHIN_White_Paper.shtml

The Governor's Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board will convene on December 19, 2006, via telephone conference to publicly review a compilation of the comments at the December Board meeting, scheduled from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. During the scheduled Board meeting, time is allocated for further public input.

Proprietary Information and Public Records

Written responses received by the Agency will be public records under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Organizations must indicate which portions, if any, of the information being provided is proprietary and confidential, by marking each page upon which such information appears as follows: "The information on this page is proprietary and a trade secret under Section 812.081, Florida Statutes." Failure to do so will result in all submitted information being subject to public disclosure in accordance with the Florida Government-in-the-Sunshine-Law, subsection 286.011(1), and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Responsibility for Costs in Preparing Response

Responses to this request are strictly voluntary on the part of the responder. Organizations are responsible for all costs associated with preparing a response to this Request for Public Comment and the state of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis will not be responsible for any organization costs associated with preparing this information.

TO RESPOND: The Florida Health Information Network White Paper and all relevant materials will be posted at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/dhit/FHIN_White_Paper.shtml beginning November 20, 2006. The Governor's Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board will hear public comments on the White Paper on December 7, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at:

Health Choice Network
9064 N. W. 13th Terrace
Miami, Florida 33172

Information on the December 7, 2006, Board meeting is posted at: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/dhit/meetings.shtml>

All written comments on the White Paper are due by December 14, 2006. Inquiries regarding the White Paper must be submitted by December 5, 2006.

INQUIRIES AND CONTACTS: All comments must be submitted by e-mail to FHIN@ahca.myflorida.com. Answers to inquiries received by December 5, 2006, will be made available on the website. All general correspondence relating to this request for comment should be directed to: Florida Health Information Network, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #16, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

The Agency for Health Care Administration has received an application for services exemption from Winter Haven Hospital, Winter Haven, Florida pursuant to Section 395.1041(3), Florida Statutes and Rule 59A-3.207, Florida Administrative Code. The service category requested is Urology. Comments received within 15 days of publication will be considered by the Agency prior to making a determination of exemption status.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to: Agency for Health Care Administration, Attention: Donna Sharp, 2727 Mahan Drive, MS #31, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, by phone at (850)414-0360 or e-mail sharpd@ahca.myflorida.com.

The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (the Agency), Bureau of Medicaid Program Analysis provides the following public notice regarding reimbursement for nursing home facilities participating in the Florida Medicaid Program.

PURPOSE: To comply with federal public notice requirements in Section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act in changing reimbursement for nursing home facilities, the Agency is publishing the final rates, the methodologies underlying the establishment of such rates, and justifications for the final rates. The Agency has amended its Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan (The Plan) to incorporate changes to the reimbursement methodology.

FINAL RATES: The final rates for the Florida Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan payment methodology effective April 1, 2006 are as follows:

1. The Agency has deleted the low occupancy adjustment for the direct care component of the nursing home reimbursement rate; and
2. The occupancy adjustment for operating and indirect patient care costs shall not result in a reduction of more than 20 percent of the applicable class ceiling.

METHODOLOGIES: The methodology underlying the establishment of the final rates for Medicaid nursing facilities will be rates resulting from the revised methodology used to calculate per diems in the Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan.

JUSTIFICATION: The justification for the final rate change is to remove occupancy related rate reductions for direct care nursing staff, as the Agency requires minimum staffing requirements on a daily basis. This component of Medicaid nursing home reimbursement is computed separately from other components of the nursing home reimbursement rate, which is different than when the low occupancy adjustment was first included in the Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan. The direct correlation between minimum staffing requirements and the rate calculation justify the removal of this provision in the direct care component.

Providers, beneficiaries and their representatives, and other concerned state residents may provide written comment on the final rates, methodologies and justification underlying the establishment of such changes. Please submit your comments to the contact person listed below.

Copies of the final reimbursement plan incorporating the above changes are available at this time. Please contact: Edwin Stephens, by mail at Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Mail Stop 21, Tallahassee, Florida 32308 or by e-mail at stephene@ahca.myflorida.com.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Notices for the Department of Environmental Protection between December 28, 2001 and June 30, 2006, go to <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/> under the link or button titled "Official Notices."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL WATERS OF THE EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO OFFSHORE FLORIDA

Interested persons are hereby given notice that a U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Geological and Geophysical Permit Application submitted by Fugro, to collect data in federal waters offshore Florida, was received by the State of Florida. Proposed activities include collecting seismic, magnetic and gravity data in the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

The permit application is available for inspection at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Office of Intergovernmental Programs, Room 953 DA, Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 47, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, (850)245-2163. Written comments regarding this activity and its consistency with the Florida Coastal Management Program are being solicited and should be submitted to FDEP, at the address listed above, by

December 22, 2006. Contact Shana Kinsey or Debby Tucker, (850)245-2163, email address Shana.Kinsey@dep.state.fl.us or Debby.Tucker@dep.state.fl.us.

This public notice fulfills the requirements of 15 CFR 930.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

On November 15, 2006, M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D., Secretary of the Department of Health, issued an Order of Emergency Suspension with regard to the license of Shaheed G. Kalloo, M.D., license number ME 75961. This Emergency Suspension Order was predicated upon the Secretary's findings of an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Sections 456.073(8) and 120.60(6), Florida Statutes. The Secretary determined that this summary procedure was fair under the circumstances, in that there was no other method available to adequately protect the public.

On November 15, 2006, M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D., Secretary of the Department of Health, issued an Order of Emergency Suspension with regard to the license of Charles Thomas Hannah, R.N., license number RN 3292012. This Emergency Suspension Order was predicated upon the Secretary's findings of an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Sections 456.073(8) and 120.60(6), Florida Statutes. The Secretary

determined that this summary procedure was fair under the circumstances, in that there was no other method available to adequately protect the public.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF FILINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Office of Financial Regulation, Division of Financial Institution, has received the following application. Comments may be submitted to the Director, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0371, for inclusion in the official record without requesting a hearing. However, pursuant to provisions specified in Chapter 69U-105, Florida Administrative Code, any person may request a public hearing by filing a petition with the Clerk, Legal Services Office, Office of Financial Regulation, Division of Financial Institutions, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0379. The Petition must be received by the Clerk within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice (by 5:00 p.m., December 22, 2006):

APPLICATION FOR A NEW FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
Applicant and Proposed Location: Community Bank of Central Florida, 380 E. Semoran Boulevard, Casselberry, Seminole County, Florida 32707

Correspondent: Byron Richardson, Bank Resources, Inc., 2451 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 3618, Atlanta, Georgia 30339
Received: November 17, 2006
