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TO: All Bidders

FROM: Linda Wolf, CPA, Purchasing Agent

DATE: December 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Addendum #3 RFP PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

This Addendum, issued to bid document holders of record, indicates changes to the bid documents for the *Pharmaceutical Services RFP* Opening December 20, 2013.

Please see attached Questions we received from an interested Vendor with Responses provided in red.

END OF ADDENDUM #3

RFP for Pharmaceutical Services at the Essex County Jail

What is the average number of prescriptions filled per month over the past 12 months? **AVG. 125**

Prescriptions per month

How many medications are (or what percentage of medications is) dispensed as stock? As patient-specific?

ALL OTC are stock Items

What percentage, if any, of your inmates comprises Federal inmates? **20-40 inmates**

- Specifically, what percentages are under the jurisdiction of each the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) and U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE)? **None**
- Would you like the pharmacy vendor to directly invoice these agencies to decrease your monthly invoice? **YES**

What type of medication packaging (blister cards, vials, strips, other) do you currently use? **Blister cards**

- Do you intend to keep the same packaging? **YES**

What is the typical days' supply dispensed for routine medication orders? **3 x day**

- Do you intend to keep this the same? **YES**

What is the average dollar amount spent per month on pharmacy over the past 12 months? **\$8,000**

What is the current price per hour for consultant pharmacist services? How many hours are billed each month?

\$0

What is the current price per hour for consultant nursing services? How many hours are billed each month? In what capacity are consultant nursing hours utilized under the pharmacy contract? **\$0**

Regarding the Attachment Drug Jail List on page 59 of the RFP:

1. Darvocet (brand name) and propoxyphene (generic equivalent) are currently unavailable in the U.S. market. Should we enter **\$0.00** for the cost or leave it blank?
2. What strength of trazodone do you want us to use? (Trazodone is the item following "Amoxicillin 500mg Capsule.") **50mg, 100mg & 150mg**
3. Do you want us to use Depakote DR (delayed-release) or Depakote ER (extended-release)? (Depakote is the item that follows "Fluoxetine HCL20mg Capsule.") **BOTH**

Who is your current pharmacy services provider? **Royal Care**

Does your facility have a New York State Department of Health Controlled Substance License Class 3 or Class 3a to administer or dispense controlled substances? **YES**

Is your facility accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) or American Correctional Association (ACA)? **NO**

- If not, do you expect to seek accreditation during the term of contract? **NO**

Do you currently receive inspections and, if so, how frequently? **YES – Commission Corrections - Yearly**

What current committees require a pharmacist to attend? **None**

- What is the frequency of these meetings?

How does your current vendor destroy controlled substances, as they cannot be returned? **NO - they are given to NARCO**

Does your facility currently use a barcode electronic order reconciliation and medication return management system? **YES**

Does your facility currently use an electronic health record (EHR)/electronic medical record (EMR) system? **NO**

- If so, what is the name of the system?
- If so, is an interface required to connect to the system?

Will a performance or bid bond be required as part of the proposal submission? **NO**

If bidders offer services beyond your proposal specifications—such as free electronic prescribing and an electronic medical administration record (eMAR) program—can we submit that information in our proposal and would those services be considered as part of the evaluation process? **YES**