

## State of Washington Department of Health REQUEST FOR QUOTES AND QUALIFICATION RFQQ DOH24-029C

Date: July 22, 2024

Notification: Cancelation of RFQQ DOH24-029C, Care-A-Van Mobile Services

Department of Health received a protest letter related to Section E – Evaluation of Responses, #4 – Evaluation of Cost Proposal/Quotations. Formal review of the evaluation scoring process revealed misapplication of the example scoring points to the pricing proposals received for the RFQQ. Notifications to Apparent Successful Bidders (ASBs) were withdrawn and re-evaluation of the pricing proposals was completed in accordance with the calculation formula presented in Section E, #4 of the RFQQ.

A significant pricing disparity is evident in the proposals, despite attempts in the RFQQ process to standardize the pricing submittal for respondents. The difference between low and high pricing – several bids nearly five (5) times that of the low bid – is such that a substantial inequity would result in awarding multiple contracts for the performance of comparable work. Consideration of feasibility of award(s) within the budget noted in the RFQQ raised further concerns.

The determination has been made that no discernable path forward to a fair and reasonable award to multiple contractors is possible; therefore, DOH has made the decision to cancel the Care-a-Van Mobile Services RFQQ DOH24-029C without award.

Questions regarding this notification should be directed to Alyce Benge, CPPO, Contracts and Procurement Director at <a href="mailto:alyce.benge@doh.wa.gov">alyce.benge@doh.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,
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