

YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

For

Counseling Services for Students

YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (YCCC) is requesting written proposals for the services of a highly qualified vendor to provide counseling services for students, as specified below.

BID INFORMATION

- A. The proposal due date is **3:00 PM, Friday, August 14, 2020**.
- B. Proposals are to be submitted to the attention of Barbara Owen at YCCC in a sealed envelope plainly marked **Proposal for Counseling Services** or via email to ybowen@yccc.edu with a subject heading of **Proposal for Counseling Services**. The mailing address is YCCC, 112 College Drive, Wells, ME 04090.
- C. Proposals shall remain firm for ninety (90) days from date of submittal.
- D. Questions should be directed to Barbara Owen by e-mail at ybowen@yccc.edu. Please allow sufficient time for questions to be answered prior to the proposal due date. Responses to inquiries, if they change or clarify the RFP requirements in a substantial manner, will be forwarded by addenda to all parties that have received a copy of the RFP. The College will not be bound by oral responses to inquiries or written responses other than addenda.
- E. By submitting a proposal, the bidder agrees and assures that the specifications are adequate, and the bidder accepts the terms and conditions herein. Any exceptions should be noted in the response.
- F. The bidder shall be responsible for all costs associated with this proposal up to and including any contract that may result from this proposal.
- G. YCCC may be interested in entering a three-year contract with the possibility of two additional one year renewals.
- H. The proposals will be evaluated, and selection made, on the basis of experience, references, fees, scope of proposed services, timeliness of delivery and other criteria as deemed appropriate by YCCC.
- I. **YCCC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any formality in any proposal, and generally take such actions as shall be in its best interest.**

SCOPE INFORMATION

Student mental health plays a critical role in student success. To that end, the college is seeking to contract with a vendor who can provide on campus mental health assessment and referral services to off campus counseling services on the Wells campus. Mental health intake and triage would be provided on campus while long term mental health care would be referred to off campus provider(s). The college seeks a relationship with an experienced mental health provider that allows YCCC to increase the availability and scope of mental health services offered to students.

The College has a strong preference for providers who can offer a wide range of services, including, but not limited to:

- Mental Health intake and referral services
- Brief therapeutic/crisis interventions on campus if necessary before referral
- Substance abuse counseling and support to students in recovery
- Facilitation of support groups
- Topical training to faculty and staff
- Access to practitioners who can assist students with medication management.

The proposal should:

1. Outline the vendor's plan to provide licensed clinician(s) on the Wells campus for a minimum of three days per week and up to five days per week if need warrants during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Preference will go to vendors who can provide extended hours each day and/or weekend hours, on-call support for employees assisting students in crisis outside business hours and crisis response in an emergency.
2. Outline the provider's plan to provide on-call services for employees assisting students in crisis.
3. Outline the provider's plan to provide access to or referral services in specialty areas, for diagnostic services or for medication management.
4. Include a comprehensive fee schedule for all charges to be billed to the College.
5. Include a list of accepted insurances that the provider will bill on behalf of students.
6. Include a reasonable hourly rate for treating students who are uninsured and pre-approved for services by the College's designee(s).
7. Include plans for a representative to participate in behavioral intervention team meetings (2 meetings per month) and periodic employee training. The hourly rate for this should be included in the proposal.

YCCC is Maine's is one of the smallest community college. The college serves approximately 1,600 students annually in degree and workforce programs. The college is located in Wells, Maine (York County) with a facility in Sanford Maine (York County).

About YCCC Students:

- Average Age is 24.
- Diversity - 81% of students identify as white, 19% identify as a minority or student of color.
- Gender-63% of students are females and 37% are male.

About YCCC's related offerings:

- Over 30 degree and certificate programs such as Precision Machining, Culinary Arts, Veterinary Technology, Behavioral Health, Business, and Liberal Studies.

REQUIREMENTS

A. The following must accompany the proposal:

1. A statement of qualifications, including state licensure information;
2. A list of three references;
3. An estimate of the time requirement between contract signing and the delivery of service
4. A description of all proposed services
5. A total annual contractual cost for proposed services

B. The cost and compensation for all services shall be clearly indicated and accurate even if only some of the services are ultimately contracted.

C. It is the vendor's responsibility to confirm they have sufficient information required for the proposal. Any additional information required is to be brought to YCCC's attention.

D. This RFP shall be referenced in, and considered part of, any final contract.

E. All applicable costs are to be built into the proposal. No separate costs for items not included in the proposal will be accepted unless agreed to by YCCC in advance.

F. Any obligations to YCCC must be clearly described.

G. YCCC is exempt from sales, property and excise taxes. Such taxes shall not be included in quoted prices. If any taxes are known by the Vendor to apply they shall be considered an expense of the Vendor and deemed a part of the quoted prices.

H. The following MCCS Standard Terms and Conditions apply to all contracts with YCCC.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

York County Community College (YCCC) does not discriminate as proscribed by federal and/or state law on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, age, genetic information, disability, marital, parental or Vietnam era veteran status in specified programs and activities. Inquiries about the College's compliance with, and policies that prohibit discrimination on, these bases may be directed to:

Jason Arey
Affirmative Action Officer
York County Community College
112 College Drive, Wells Maine 04090
Telephone: 207-216-4444
Maine Relay Service: 800-457-1220
Fax: 207-641-0837
E-mail: jarey@yccc.edu
Internet: www.yccc.edu

and/or

United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights 33 Arch Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02110 Telephone: 617-289-0111 TTY/TDD: 617-289-0063 Fax: 617-289-0150 E-mail: OCR.Boston@ed.gov Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc>

and/or

Maine Human Rights Commission (MHRC) 51 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0051 Telephone: 207-624-6050 TTY/TDD: 207-624-6064 Fax: 207-624-6063 Internet: <http://www.state.me.us/mhrc/index.shtml>

and/or

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 475 Government Center Boston, MA 02203 Telephone: 617-565-3200 1-800-669-4000 TTY: 617-565-3204 1-800-669-6820 Fax: 617-565-3196 Internet: <http://www.eeoc.gov/>

**NOTICE TO VENDORS AND BIDDERS:
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL MCCS CONTRACTS**

The following standard contracting terms and conditions are incorporated and shall become a part of any final contract that will be awarded by any college or other operating unit of the Maine Community College System (collectively "MCCS"). These terms and conditions derive from the public nature and limited resources of the MCCS. **MCCS DOES NOT AGREE TO:**

1. Provide any defense, hold harmless or indemnity;
2. Waive any statutory or constitutional immunity;
3. Apply the law of a state other than Maine;
4. Procure types or amounts of insurance beyond those MCCS already maintains or waive any rights of subrogation;
5. Add any entity as an additional insured to MCCS policies of insurance;
6. Pay attorneys' fees; costs, including collection costs; expenses or liquidated damages;
7. Promise confidentiality in a manner contrary to Maine's Freedom of Access Act;
8. Permit an entity to change unilaterally any term or condition once the contract is signed;
9. Automatic renewals for term(s) greater than month-to-month;
10. Limitations on MCCS' recovery of lawful damages incurred as a result of breach of the contract;
11. Limitation of the time period under which claims can be made or actions brought arising from the contract;
12. Vendor's terms prevailing over MCCS' standard terms and conditions, including addenda; and
13. Unilateral modifications to the contract by the vendor.

BY SUBMITTING A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, BID OR OTHER OFFER TO DO BUSINESS WITH MCCS, YOUR ENTITY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT:

1. The above standard terms and conditions are thereby incorporated into any agreement entered into between MCCS and your entity; that such terms and condition shall control in the event of any conflict with such agreement; and that your entity will not propose or demand any contrary terms;
2. The above standard terms and conditions will govern the interpretation of such agreement notwithstanding the expression of any other term and/or condition to the contrary;
3. Your entity will not propose to any college or other operating unit of the MCCS any contractual documents of any kind that are not in at least 11-point black font on a white background and completely contained in one Word or PDF document, and that any references to terms and conditions, privacy policies or any other conditions referenced outside of the contract will not apply; and
4. Your entity will identify at the time of submission which, if any, portion or your submitted materials are entitled to "trade secret" exemption from disclosure under Maine's Freedom of Access Act; that failure to so identify will authorize MCCS to conclude that no portions are so exempt; and that your entity will defend, indemnify and hold harmless MCCS in any and all legal actions that seek to compel MCCS to disclose under Maine's Freedom of Access Act some or all of your submitted materials and/or contract, if any, executed between MCCS and your entity.