

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**Request for Information –
Management and Operations of the Ambulatory Care Center**

RELEASE DATE: November 20, 2008
RESPONSE DUE DATE: December 5, 2008

BACKGROUND

The Department of Health (DOH) currently maintains an Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) on the campus of DC General to provide community access to critical primary and specialist care services. The primary target populations are medically underserved residents, including Medicaid members, DC HealthCare Alliance members, uninsured residents, and people living with chronic disease. These services include: Dentistry (Adult and Child), Medicine (Primary Care), Internal Medicine, Hematology, Oncology, Cardiology, ENT, Urology, Nephrology, Podiatry, Ophthalmology, Surgery, Neurology, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Nutrition, Gastroenterology, Orthopedics and Radiology.

The Department of Health (DOH), Community Health Administration (CHA) will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure operators for the ACC. A redevelopment plan for the DC General campus will begin in the next three to five years, which will include the demolition of the ACC and most of the other existing buildings. Responses should take into consideration the time frame involved.

PURPOSE

Before the release of the RFP, CHA is seeking information from community groups and clinical providers on the following:

- Community perception of need for services
- Recommendations on operational and service delivery standards
- Coordination of care recommendations
- Areas of opportunity or concern

INFORMATION REQUESTED

The Department is seeking comments on the following aspects of this clinical operation:

1. What is your perception of the need for services at this location?
2. What types of services do you recommend be provided at this facility?
3. What are your recommendations for improving the coordination and delivery of services at the ACC site?
4. What non-clinical services would be best suited to be co-located with the clinical operations at this facility?
5. What opportunities do service providers envision to coordinate services between the ACC and other health care facilities?
6. What basic operational and service delivery standards and capabilities should applicants be required to meet?

HOW TO GIVE INPUT

Input should be provided through written comments. The deadline for comments will be Friday, December 5, 2008 by 2:00 p.m. local time. CHA will not necessarily summarize or respond to comments, but will use the information gathered to help guide the subsequent Request for Proposal process. The RFP will be issued within a few weeks after the close of this information period. Please submit comments to Jeanne Sheridan, Contract Specialist, Office of Contracting and Procurement.

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Please include contact information in your submission in the event that CHA's staff would need to follow-up on your comments. A meeting of interested parties will be held on Monday, November 24, 2008 at the Office of Contracting and Procurement, 64 New York Avenue, NE, 6th Floor, 3:00 pm. Please contact Jeanne Sheridan if further information is required.

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