

**Rural Health Care (RHC) Universal Service
Request for Services Form**

USAC Internal Use Only	
FCC Form 461 Application Number: 100055505	FCC Form 460 Number: 65995-00002
Posting Start Date: 01/22/2024	Posting End Date: 02/19/2024
Allowable Contract Selection Date (ACSD): 02/20/2024	Form 461 Friendly Name:

Read instructions thoroughly before completing this form. Failure to comply may cause delayed or denied funding.

Block 1: General Information		Program Type: Connected Care Pilot Program	
1 Funding Year 2023	2 HCP Number 65995		
3 Site Name/Consortium Name TOWER HEALTH - READING HOSPITAL			
4 Address Line 1 420 S 5TH AVE			
5 Address Line 2		6 County Berks	
7 City WEST READING	8 State PA	9 Zip Code 19611	
Geolocation			

Block 2: Individual HCP Site Request for Services		
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant has prepared and is submitting an RFP with this form. Uploaded document: Connected Care Pilot for Reading Hospital RFP.pdf <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has not and will not prepare an RFP.		
10a Requested contract period 36		
10b Expected bid evaluation period 18		
11 Number of days USAC should post: 28 Posting end date: 28 days after posting		
12 Category of Expense Requested (check all applicable): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Network Equipment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased/Tariffed Facilities or Services Identify Anticipated Application(s) and Use(s) of the Supported Connection (Select all that apply. Describe usage level and usage period for all selected.)		
Capability	Usage Level	Usage Period
Category: Interactive		
<input type="checkbox"/> Distance learning/training		
<input type="checkbox"/> Real-time remote examination, consultation, and/or monitoring		
<input type="checkbox"/> Video conferencing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Voice service		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):		
Category: Transactional		
<input type="checkbox"/> Distance learning/training		
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic patient billing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange of electronic health records		
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet access		

<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission of large files (e.g., X-ray images, MRI, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____		
Category: Bulk		
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic patient billing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange of electronic health records		
<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission of large files (e.g., X-ray images, MRI, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Transmission of store and forward consultations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____		
Category: Miscellaneous		
<input type="checkbox"/> Backup/redundant connectivity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____		
12b Applicant requesting services for an off-site data center: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
If yes, provide HCP Number(s): _____		
12c Applicant requesting services for an off-site administrative office <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
If yes, provide HCP Number(s): _____		
13 Contact for Request for Services: <input type="radio"/> Same as HCP Physical Location Contact <input type="radio"/> Same as HCP Primary Account Holder <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other		
13a If other, provide full contact information:		
Contact Name Sharon L. Stump	Organization Name Reading Hospital	
Contact Name Title Director of Tax and Grants	Email sharon.stump@towerhealth.org	
Phone (484) 628-4307 Ext. _____	Fax _____	
Address Line 1 420 South 5th Avenue		
Address Line 2 PO Box 16052		
City West Reading	State PA	Zip Code 19612
Block 3: Consortium Request for Services		
14 Participating Entities (list all sites, eligible and ineligible, participating in this request for services): _____		
15 Indicate whether the Consortium plans to utilize an RFP: <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has prepared and is submitting an RFP with this form. If selected, complete 15a. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has not and will not prepare an RFP.		
15a Applicant is submitting an RFP because: <input type="checkbox"/> It is seeking more than \$100,000 in program support <input type="checkbox"/> Of state, Tribal, or local procurement rules <input type="checkbox"/> It is seeking support for infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has elected to use an RFP		
15b Requested contract period _____		
15c Expected bid evaluation period _____		
16 Number of Days Posted: Number of days USAC should post: _____ Posting end date: _____		
17 Category of Expense Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Network Design <input type="checkbox"/> Leased/Tariffed Facilities or Services <input type="checkbox"/> Network Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Network Management/Maintenance/Operations Cost (not captured elsewhere) <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure/Outside Plant		
17a If requesting only Infrastructure/Outside Plant, enter FCC Form 461 Application Number in which the Consortium previously requested Leased/Tariffed Facilities or Services.		
FCC Form 461 Application Number: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the prior FCC Form 461 resulted in no responsive bids.		

18	Description of Services Requested (Required to provide a summary of RFP if submitting one):		
19	Contact for Request for Services: <input type="radio"/> Same as Project Coordinator <input type="radio"/> Same as Assistant Project Coordinator <input type="radio"/> Other		
	If other, provide full contact information:		
	Contact Name	Organization Name	
	Contact Name Title	Email	
	Phone	Ext.	Fax
	Address Line 1		
	Address Line 2		
	City	State	Zip Code
Block 4: Declaration of Assistance			
20	Have any consultants, service providers, or any other outside experts, whether paid or unpaid, aided in the preparation of the FCC Forms 460 or 461, RFP, bid evaluation, or network plan? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
21	List the contact information for all consultants, service providers, and outside experts that assisted in preparing any part of the FCC Forms 460, 461, RFP, bid evaluation, or network plan.		
	a. Name	b. Organization Type	
	c. Title/Role	d. Employer	
	e. Address Line 1		
	f. Address Line 2		
	g. City	h. State	i. Zip Code
	Phone	Ext.	Email
	Nature of Relationship		
Block 5: Bid Evaluation			
22	Select selection criteria (and weights assigned to each) that will be used to evaluate bids received as a result of this request for services. Attach supplemental information (if necessary).		
	Criteria	Weight	Minimum Requirement
	a. Cost	55	See attached for more information
	b. Other (Completeness of requested information for project)	15	
	c. Other (Understanding of technical specs of required hardware on services)	15	
	d. Other (Meets technical specs of required hardware)	15	
	e.		
	f.		
	g.		
	h.		

- ☐ Applicant has no disqualification factors that will be used to remove bids or bidders from further consideration.

Disqualification Factors

Not meeting completeness of technical need.

Block 6: Additional Documentation

23 List all supporting documentation (RFP, Network Plan, etc) that is required to be submitted with this form.

Type of Documentation

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|--------------------------------|---|
| a. OTHER (RFP Equipment specs) | Document: Reading Hospital RFP specs.xlsx |
| b. | |
| c. | |
| d. | |
| e. | |

Block 7: Certifications

- 24 ☒ I certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the healthcare provider or consortium.
- 25 ☒ I certify under penalty of perjury that I have examined this request and all attachments, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements contained herein and in any attachments are true.
- 26 ☒ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services has complied with any applicable state, Tribal, or local procurement rules.
- 27 ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that all requested RHC Program support will be used solely for purposes reasonably related to the provision of health care service or instruction that the health care provider is legally authorized to provide under the law of the state in which the services are provided.
- 28 ☒ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services satisfies all of the requirements under section 254 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254, and applicable Commission rules.
- 29 ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking support has reviewed and is compliant with all applicable RHC Program requirements.
- 30 ☒ I understand that all documentation associated with this request, including a copy of the signed Request for Services (FCC Form 461), any bids/contracts resulting from the FCC Form 461 posting, scoring sheet, and other information that was used in the decision making process, must be retained for a period of at least five years pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.631, or as otherwise prescribed by the Commission's rules.
- ☒ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services is a nonprofit or public entity that falls within one of the seven categories set forth in the definition of health care provider listed in 47 CFR §54.600 of the Commission's rules.
- ☐ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services is physically located in a rural area as defined in section 47 CFR § 54.600 of the Commission's rules, or is a member of a consortium which satisfies the majority-rural composition requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.607 of the Commission's rules.
- ☒ I certify under penalty of perjury that the services will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	I certify and acknowledge, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant or consortium will comply with all applicable Connected Care Pilot Program rules, requirements and procedures, including the requirement to pay 15% of the costs for supported items from eligible sources, and all applicable federal and state laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, and the Civil Monetary Penalties Law.
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	I certify and acknowledge, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant or consortium will comply with the applicable Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements and other applicable privacy and reimbursement laws and regulations, and applicable medical licensing laws.
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	I certify, under penalty of perjury, to the best of my knowledge, that the applicant or consortium is not already receiving or expecting to receive other funding (from any source, private, state, or federal) for the exact same services and/or equipment eligible for support under the Connected Care Pilot Program.
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	I certify and acknowledge, under penalty of perjury, that all requested equipment and services funded under the Connected Care Pilot Program will be used for their intended purposes.
31 Signature	32 Date Fri Jan 05 14:57:36 EST 2024
33 Printed Name of Authorized Person Sharon Stump	
34 Title/Position of Authorized Person Director of Tax and Grants	
35 Phone (484) 628-4307 Ext.	36 Email sharon.stump@towerhealth.org
37 Employer Jennersville Hospital LLC	38 Employer's FCC RN 0014849707

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Request For Services (cont.)

Identify services for which the applicant is requesting bids. Select all that apply. If appropriate, enter a bandwidth range for each service the applicant is requesting.

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Block 5: Bid Evaluation (cont.)

Criteria: **Cost**

Minimum Requirement:

Criteria: **Other (Completeness of requested information for project)**

Minimum Requirement:

Respond to Evaluation, Request, Pricing and Cost, Information on Implementation, Schedule, and guarantee descriptions and Agreement Provision

Criteria: **Other (Understanding of technical specs of required hardware on services)**

Minimum Requirement:

Provide knowledge background through reference or example of similar services provided to other health system clients. Two years of providing similar services required.

Criteria: **Other (Meets technical specs of required hardware)**

Minimum Requirement:

Required to meet 100% of need for each category vendor bids on.

Criteria:

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