



LEGAL NOTICE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Roseann Martoccia, Executive Director
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INVITATION TO BIDDERS FOR ELDER MEAL SERVICES

The WestMass ElderCare Title IIIC Older Americans Act Nutrition Program is seeking bids from food service providers for the provision of traditional and medically tailored, congregate and home delivered meals to elders in its region.

Meals are to be provided five days per week, approximately 250 days per year, Monday through Friday, excluding designated holidays, from December 3, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

WestMass ElderCare serves Holyoke, Chicopee, Ludlow, Ware, Granby and South Hadley. The average daily number of meals to be provided is 1,200 home delivered meals and 70 congregate meals. These numbers may fluctuate, and bidders will be required to demonstrate flexibilities needed to accommodate operational changes due to COVID-19 and other unforeseen circumstances (i.e. weather emergencies, etc).

Provider(s) will be required to transport meals to designated sites in each community at designated times. Bids will be received for the following types of meals: hot-bulk, hot-individual prepackaged, cold-individual prepackaged, frozen individual prepackaged, emergency individual shelf stable, hot ethnic Latino, cold-individual prepackaged Latino, and medically tailored meals.

Interested parties may request a Bid Application package from Lisa Lovell, Nutrition Program Director, WestMass ElderCare, Inc., 4 Valley Mill Road, Holyoke, MA 01040, telephone 413-538-9020 or email rfpnutrition@wmeldercare.org. Deadline for receipt of bids is November 5, 2021 no later than 1:00 p.m. A Bidder's Conference will be held virtually Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. For further information contact Lisa Lovell.

WestMass ElderCare reserves the right to reject any or all bids, call for new bids, and waive any formality in the bidding. Faxes of bids will not be accepted.

Bids from Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Business Enterprises (WBEs), Minority and Women Nonprofit Organizations (M/WNPOs), Veteran Business Enterprises (VBEs), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises (SDVOBEs), Disability-Owned Business Enterprises (DOBEs), and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Business Enterprises (LGBTBEs) are encouraged. Information to bidders regarding completion of Supplier Diversity Office certification is available through WestMass ElderCare, Inc. AA/EEO.