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Office of the Secretary

March 14, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Richard Clark
Special Assistant to President
PIO, Office of the President

FROM: Secretary

SUBJECT: Open Bid Announcement for the Development of an FSM Opioid Prescription
Guideline for Chronic Pain

Kindly assist to put the attached bid announcement on your website to solicit interest from the general public.

Thank you very much and if you should require additional information, please call my staffs at FSM Behavioral Health and Wellness Program at telephone number 320-5520/5521.

Sincerely,



Mr. Marcus Samo

XC: Mr. Moses Pretrick, Assistant Secretary, DHSA
Mr. Benido Victor, FSM BHWP Director

Bids Request for Proposal

Title: Development of an FSM Opioid Prescription Guideline for Chronic Pain

Background: The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs is soliciting bid or Request for Proposal (RFP) from interested parties or individual to compile/draft/produce an FSM Opioid Prescription Guideline for Chronic Pain. The guideline will protect the population from over, under or irrational prescribing of opioid medications and thus reduces the likelihood of being exposed to opioid used disorder or opioid overdose.

The guideline will be in place for not only opioid prescribers but all physicians and other relevant health care providers as a tool and general guide when prescribing, dispensing and/or administering opioid medicines . Of course, this will not take away individualized/personalized prescribing of opioid medicines for patients that need. We all know that the most appropriate plan will be individualized based on the individualized needs of patients and clients.

General Scope of Work: The individual or the firm must be knowledgeable about opioids and all the sciences surrounding opioids and also have experience working with or developing treatment guidelines. Scope of work under this bid will include but not limited to the following:

1. reviewing existing FSM laws, guidelines, policies, etc. relevant to pain management to ensure that drafting of needed guideline is in line with aforementioned laws, guidelines, policies, etc.
2. reviewing of existing FSM pain treatment guidelines or previous works on pain management and relevant guidelines from other technical organizations such as CDC
3. consulting with physicians and relevant health care providers at the FSM States' hospitals and private clinics to obtain information on current pain management/treatment practices/opioid prescribing practices and current pain management references/guides being used.
4. conducting audit on opioid prescriptions to obtain relevant data and also help obtain information on current opioid prescribing practices/habits
5. develop, finalize and produce the FSM Opioid Prescription Guideline for Chronic Pain after all reviews and consultations by September 29, 2022.

Submission and Selection: Proposal for review must be submitted by emailing the proposal to Mr. Marcus Samo, Secretary of Health & Social Affairs at this email address: health@fsmhealth.fm and copy the same to Mr. Benido Victor, the FSM BHWP Director at bvictor@fsmhealth.fm. Such submission must include the following: an updated CV, detail cost estimate of the work, telephone number and facsimile numbers, including mailing and email address and writing sample.

Final Approval: The Department of Health and Social Affairs has the final say in approving the bid and reserves the right to reject all or part(s) of any submission.

Bid Open Date: **March 14, 2022**

Bid Closing Date: **April 8, 2022**

