



FORMAL BID 23-0162

TO ESTABLISH A CONTRACT TO COMPLY WITH THE "INFANT FORMULA COST CONTAINMENT" REQUIREMENTS DEFINED IN 7 CFR § 246.16a FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (PRDH), ON BEHALF OF THE WIC PROGRAM

All persons, natural or legal, who meet the minimum requirements to contract with the Government of Puerto Rico are invited to participate in the request for proposal referenced above. Such requirements are established under Article 31 of Act No. 73 - 2019, as amended, known as the "General Services Administration (GSA) Act for the Centralization of Purchases of the Government of Puerto Rico of 2019" as well as the applicable provisions of the Uniform Regulations for Purchases and Bids of goods, works, and nonprofessional services of the General Services Administration of the Government of Puerto Rico, Regulation No. 9230, as amended.

QUESTION SUBMISSION DEADLINE.

Questions related to this Formal Bid must be sent by email to preguntas@asg.pr.gov on or before **friday, September 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm**. Emails must include the following information in the **SUBJECT: Bid 23-0162 and name of the bidder**. The email must include the contact information of the interested bidder.

The ASG will compile all the questions. Answers will be sent to the bidders who were invited and published on the ASG website, on or before Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

DATE, TIME, AND MANNER OF SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSAL.

Bid proposals must be **presented physically in the Office of the Bid Board** at Junta de Subastas, Centro Gubernamental Roberto Sanchez Vilella, Ave. De Diego, Torre Norte Floor 12, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-1269, **on or before Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1:00 pm.**

BID OPENING TIME AND DATE:

Bid Opening will be held on **Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 1:30 pm**. Every person interested in attending the Bid Opening, which will be held virtually, may access the same through ASG's website, Procurement Reform. In addition, interested persons must access the link to the above-referenced bid, which shall provide them with the option to connect to the "virtual bid opening."

AVAILABILITY OF BID DOCUMENTS:

Every bidder or person interested in participating in the bid may obtain the bid documents free of charge, by accessing ASG's website, Procurement Reform, where they shall find the link to the above-referenced bid. Said documents will be available as of **Friday, August 26, 2022, at 5:00 pm.**

PROTEST BID DOCUMENTS:

Any challenge to the Invitation and/or Documents of this Bid may be settled personally before the Assistant Administrator for the Procurement Area of ASG. The protest shall be filed within **three (3) business days** following the date on which the Board publishes this Bid's documents in the Single Registry of Bids (RUS, Spanish acronym). **All objections to the Invitation and/or Documents of this Bid submitted after the due date established herein will be rejected. Objections must comply with the provisions of Regulation No. 9230, supra.**

WARNINGS:

1. ASG and/or the Bid Board may order the partial or total cancellation of the formal bid regardless of the stage of the bid, provided, that it is prior to the execution of any contract or the issuance of a purchase order, if it is in the best interest of the Government of Puerto Rico.
2. ASG may amend any invitation to formal bid and/or formal bid documents, if it is in the best interest of the Government of Puerto Rico.
3. ASG shall not accept a bond in an amount less than the amount provided herein or in the name of an entity other than those provided in the Bid Documents. Failure to meet this requirement shall result in the rejection of the bid or the cancellation of the award.
4. The General Services Administration and the Bid Board shall comply with the public policy on procurement preference provided by law.
5. Any notice or amendment to the bid documents with respect to the date announced herein shall prevail over those stated in this invitation.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on August 26, 2022.



Edmarie Avilés Almenas
Secretary
Bid Board



* If you have any questions with regard to this Invitation to Formal Bid, you may contact the Office of the Secretary of the Bid Board at the following e-mail address: preguntas@asg.pr.gov.