USAID GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM
Procurement and Supply Management

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Request for Information
Health Commodity Transportation Services

RFI Number: RFI-Deliver-Return-2025-001

Description: Health Commodity Transportation Services

For: USAID Global Health and Supply Chain – Procurement and Supply Management
                      Project (GHSC-PSM)

Point of Contact: Transport-RFI-2025@ghsc-psm.org

Release Date: December 18, 2024

Deadline for Responses: January 17, 2025

Background

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) for the provision of health commodity transportation services worldwide is to identify **U.S. small businesses that can self-certify that they qualify as a relevant small business socio-economic concern designation (i.e. small disadvantaged business, etc.) per the "Eligibility" language below** and solicit information on capabilities for the transportation of health commodities that require a) cold chain and b) non-cold chain transportation services for temperature-sensitive pharmaceuticals, laboratory reagents/consumables, non-medical consumables, and other health products to and from multiple countries worldwide. Service providers which meet the Eligibility criteria below with the most suitable technical capabilities will have an opportunity to participate in a Request for Quotation (RFQ) to be issued at a later date as a next step.

The Global Health Supply Chain Program – Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project is a USAID-funded project implemented by prime contractor Chemonics International Inc. The purpose of GHSC-PSM is to ensure uninterrupted supplies of health commodities in support of U.S. government-funded public health initiatives around the world (the List of countries is in Annex A: GHSC-PSM Countries Served). The project provides procurement and supply chain management support to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), and Population and Reproductive Health (PRH). GHSC-PSM supports health programs through the supply of a wide range of health commodities, including contraceptives and condoms, essential drugs; and select commodities for HIV/AIDS malaria, maternal and child health, and infectious diseases.

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Eligibility

Eligibility to respond to this RFI is restricted to U.S. small businesses that can self-certify that they qualify as a small-disadvantaged business concerns (including U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) certification of small business, which is known as 8(a) certification, Native Corporations, and Tribal Enterprises), women-owned small business, Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HubZone), or Service-Disabled Veteran-owned small business, etc. per the definitions in FAR 52.219-8 (available at https://www.acquisition.gov/far/52.219-8). The primary NAICS[1] code for this solicitation is: 488510. Please include the signed self-size certification in the proposal, using the template contained in Annex B of this RFI. Any responses received without this self-size certification will not be considered.

Instructions

Service providers interested in responding to this RFI should register with Chemonics by sending an email to Transport-RFI-2025@ghsc-psm.org, along with a point of contact, company name, address, e-mail, and phone number with the subject line as "2025 GHSC-PSM Health Commodity Transportation RFI Request - <Company Name>" on or before December 27, 2024, 12:00 PM US Eastern Time. Once registration is complete, Chemonics will provide requesters a copy of the detailed RFI via email.

RFI responses will be due by Friday, January 17, 2025 5:00PM US Eastern Time.

Information Requested (see also Annex A)

Question No.	General Terms and Requirements: please indicate Yes/No.	Yes	No
1.	Please confirm your acceptance of the following statement: To be considered eligible under any future Invitation to Bid, Requests for Quotations, or Requests for Proposals, Interested Parties must meet the following criteria and submit certifications of compliance as required. The Technical Interest and Capability response must include statements from the Interested Party that it:		
1.1	Is not debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, by the U.S. Government or who proposes to do business with firms or firms' principals who are debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by the U.S. Government, in the performance of the requirement of this activity.		

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[1] NAICS 2017

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1.2	Is legally registered and recognized under the laws of the United States and is compliant with all applicable civil, fiscal, and other applicable regulations.		
1.3	Agrees to work under U.S. Government and USAID regulations applicable to future Invitations to Bid or Requests for Quotations or Proposals.		
1.4	Qualifies under the authorized USAID geographic code for the Project, which is Code 935. All commodities and services supplied for any work awarded under future Invitations to Bid or Requests for Proposals must meet this geographic code in accordance with the US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 22 CFR §228.		
2.	Does your company have any existing/active or expired/past contractual agreements or subcontracts with Chemonics International, Inc., or the USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program – Procurement and Supply Management (GSHC-PSM) Project?		
3.	Does your company provide or utilize any telecommunications equipment from any of the following companies (or their subsidiaries and affiliates)?		
	a. Huawei Technologies Company		
	b. ZTE Corporation		
	c. Hytera Communications Corporation		
	d. Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company		
	e. Dahua Technology Company		
Question No.	**Narrative Response Questions**		
4.	Please describe your experience in handling international shipments to support USAID or other U.S. Federal Government/Non-Profit Organizations sponsored aid program(s).		
5.	Total Number of ocean shipments handled via U.S. Flag during Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024), including in support of U.S. Federal Government programs.		
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7.	Total Number of Air shipments handled during Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024), including in support of U.S. Federal Government programs..		
8.	Total Number of Land shipments handled during Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024), including in support of U.S. Federal Government programs.		
9.	Do you have Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) capabilities established with other customers? How do you share shipment status updates if you do / don't have EDI? Please also describe other technical solutions (APIs, web services etc.) used for data exchange with your supply chain partners and the general technical framework for onboarding new partners with in-transit visibility requirements.		

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11.	Please describe your capabilities to provide predictive ETA's (Estimated Time of Arrival) for your shipments from pickup to delivery status. Predictive ETA on a route map for the shipment predicts the final door delivery and updates that status throughout the shipment lifecycle. Please include integration of data from external influences such as weather, congestion, disruptions, etc. and historical performance information in addition to planned lead times. Please describe your approach and systems.
12.	Please describe your capabilities regarding the use of sensors/transponders to augment or create status information from geographical locations using geo-fencing and other mechanisms including temperature, humidity, and shock information.
13.	Please describe your experience with supporting GS1 processes for other customers you may have. Please also include maturity level of your GS1 capabilities. Does your company undertake any bar code scanning within the shipping operations? Please describe high level process and countries in which this service is in use.
14.	Please describe your experience and capabilities in managing transportation of Dangerous Goods via Air/Ocean/Land. Please highlight experience and capabilities specific to transportation of Medical Oxygen cylinders (Full and Empty returns) via Air/Ocean/Land.
15.	Please provide following details for each of the countries listed under Annex A. Please indicate countries where you have no experience or capability to serve. 15.1 FY 2024 (10/2023-09/2024) total inbound weight by air (in Kilograms)? 15.2 FY 2024 (10/2023-09/2024) total inbound TEU's by ocean? 15.3 FY 2024 (10/2023-09/2024) total inbound TEU by land? 15.4 Number of customers where you are securing import waivers for shipments? 15.5 How many cold chain customers (2 to 8 Celsius, 36 to 46 Fahrenheit) did you have in the Fiscal Year 2023? 15.6 Do you utilize a local clearing agent(s) for the countries listed in Annex A, or is this service in-house? Are you open to engage with an 'approved' agent if required by the program or government agency? If you use your own branch, please indicate this as "in house".

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Annex A: GHSC-PSM RFI-Deliver-Return-2025-001
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Annex B: GHSC-PSM Countries Served

AIR	
United Arab Emirates	Moldova
Afghanistan	Madagascar
Angola	Mali
Bangladesh	Myanmar
Belgium	Mongolia
Burkina Faso	Mauritania
Burundi	Malawi
Benin	Mozambique
Botswana	Namibia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Niger
Ivory Coast	Nigeria
Cameroon	Nepal
Colombia	Panama
Djibouti	Papua New Guinea
Dominican Republic	Philippines
Ecuador	Pakistan
Ethiopia	Poland
Georgia	Rwanda
Ghana	Sierra Leone
Guinea	Senegal
Guatemala	El Salvador
Guyana	Eswatini
Honduras	Togo
Haiti	Thailand
Jamaica	Tajikistan
Jordan	Trinidad and Tobago
Kenya	Tanzania
Kyrgyzstan	Uganda
Cambodia	United States
Kazakhstan	Vietnam
Laos	South Africa
Liberia	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe
SEA - USF	
United Arab Emirates	Mali
Afghanistan	Myanmar
Angola	Mauritania
Belgium	Malawi

Burkina Faso	Mozambique
Burundi	Namibia
Benin	Niger
Botswana	Nigeria
Ivory Coast	Nepal
Cameroon	Panama
Colombia	Philippines
Djibouti	Pakistan
Ethiopia	Poland
Fiji	Rwanda
Gabon	Sierra Leone
Ghana	Senegal
Guinea	El Salvador
Guatemala	Eswatini
Honduras	Togo
Haiti	Thailand
India	Tajikistan
Kenya	Tanzania
Cambodia	Uganda
Saint Kitts and Nevis	United States
Laos	Vietnam
Liberia	Yemen
Lesotho	South Africa
Moldova	Zambia
Madagascar	Zimbabwe
TRUCK	
Belgium	Nigeria
Burkina Faso	Nepal
Burundi	Poland
Botswana	Rwanda
Kenya	Eswatini
Lesotho	Tanzania
Malawi	Uganda
Mozambique	Zambia
Namibia	Zimbabwe

Annex C: Subcontractor Self-Size Certification Form

Subcontractor Size Self-Certification Form

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Primary NAICS Code: 488510

Company Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

UEI Number:

Contact Person:

Contact Phone Number:

Type of Entity

If you have difficulty ascertaining the business size status, please refer to SBA's website (www.sba.gov/size) or contact your local SBA office.

☐ Small Business ☐ Large Business ☐ Nonprofit/Educational ☐ Government ☐ Non-US

If "Small Business" is checked above, and if applicable, please identify any additional small business designations under which the company qualifies. You may wish to review the definitions for the below categories in the Federal Acquisition Regulation 19.7 or 52.219-8 (www.acquisition.gov/far/) to determine applicability.

☐ Small Disadvantaged Business   ☐ 8(a)
☐ HUBZone   ☐ Woman Owned Small Business
☐ Veteran Owned   ☐ Service Disabled Veteran Owned
☐ Alaskan Native Corporation   ☐ Indian Tribe

By signature below, I hereby certify that the business type and designation indicated above is true and accurate as of the date of execution of this document, and I further understand that under 15 U.S.C. 645(d), any person who misrepresents a business' size status shall (1) be punished by a fine, imprisonment, or both; (2) be subject to administrative remedies; and (3) be ineligible for participation in programs conducted under the authority of the Small Business Act.

_____   _____
Signature and Title (required)   Date

**********************CHEMONICS INTERNAL USE ONLY*********************

HUBZone Status has been verified in the System for Award Management database or Dynamic Small Business Database Search as of ____/____/____ conducted by: _____.