

HPVITQ2016-111 - External Contracted Medical Imaging Services Prequalification - Industry Briefing Questions Register

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ITQ Process		
1	Do Health Services have to put their Request For Quote (RFQ) out to all suppliers on the panel?	Health Services will be encouraged to offer their RFQ to the whole panel. Any suppliers who are not capable of servicing the required geographic area or providing the required modality need not respond.
2	Will Suppliers who request departures to the Master Agreement automatically be excluded?	No. Suppliers are able to request departures to the Master Agreement and are not automatically excluded for doing so.
3	Option period - Are Health Services able to take up option periods on existing contracts or are they mandated to use the panel once they come out of the principal period?	Health Services are able to take up any option periods on existing contracts and will make their own assessment as to whether they take up any option periods or go out to market via the panel for their services.
4	If a supplier does not initially qualify for the panel, will they be able to apply again?	Suppliers are able to re-apply to qualify for the panel. The re-application can be at any time. HPV will process applications on a quarterly basis.
5	Will Health Services have to obtain HPV approval once they make a decision following a subsequent RFQ?	No. Health Services will not be required to obtain HPV approval. All approvals will be made by Health Services in line with the Health Purchasing Policies and their internal delegation of authority.
6	Will all hospitals have to use this contract?	Yes, it is a mandated contract. All Public Health Service will have to use it.
7	Will Health Services conduct their own tendering?	Health Services will conduct their own tendering using the HPV panel.
8	What is the Master Agreement?	The Master Agreement is a state wide agreement governing the terms and conditions of the External Contracted Medical Imaging Services contract.
9	When does use of the panel become compulsory for Health Services?	HPV is expecting the panel to be live as of 1 September 2017.
10	What happens to any current agreements for medical imaging services which Health Services have in place?	Current agreements will remain in place. When a Health Service comes out of contract, they will be required to transition to the new framework. Health Services will make their own determination if they wish to take up any Option Period in an existing contract
11	Once a supplier is accepted onto the panel, are they required to submit a tender?	No. Suppliers need only tender for any business they want.
12	Radiologists doing the reporting need to be able to bill under Medicare and have the facility to do it. Medicare guidelines need to be covered and vendors should be registered in Australia. Will these criteria be taken into consideration during the prequalification process?	Yes. The Overview of Requirements document (Part 5 of the tender suite) will outline the requirements for a supplier to be successfully qualified to the panel.
13	What happens if a supplier has an increased scope in their business? Eg, a new geographic area that is able to be serviced, since the original qualification?	Suppliers will be able to update their profile to reflect this change in geographic service area or in modalities capable of being provided.
14	What if a Health Service has in-house medical imaging services?	The panel of suppliers is only for external contracted suppliers. This does not affect in-house medical imaging services. Public Health Services can continue to use their own in-house medical imaging services.
15	What if a health service is using another health service as a supplier for medical imaging services	This service model can continue, public health services are not required to use the panel if it is using another public health service for medical imaging services. This contract is intended for external private providers to provide medical imaging services to public health services.