

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

#### **PROJECT NO. 13-28**

#### PROJECT TITLE: Ultrasound Systems

Date: March 26, 2013

To: Prospective Bidder

From: Houston Community College, Kerry Doucette-Procurement Supervisor

Subject: Questions and Answers Invitation for Bid, HCC Project No. 13-28

1. **Question:** Could you please verify that each of the three (3) systems is to be supplied with all of the transducers/features as identified in Attachment 2, Item A?
  - A. The ultrasound system should have items and applications listed below:
    - 1) Transducers
    - 2) 2-5 MHz curved array
    - 3) 2-5 MHz sector curved array
    - 4) 7-9 MHz linear array
    - 5) 9-15 MHz linear array
    - 6) 2-5 MHz trans vaginal curved array
    - 7) Program/Software
    - 8) 2D imaging
    - 9) Color and power Doppler
    - 10) Vascular packet- pulse wave analysis
    - 11) M-mode imaging
    - 12) Measurement tools
    - 13) 3/4D imaging
    - 14) Harmonics
    - 15) Dicom compatible
    - 16) can be service by 3rd party
    - 17) Q-Lab

**Answer:** Yes, each of the three systems should be supplied with all of the transducers/features.

2. Also, with regards to the Price Proposal on page # 15, is the "Onsite training" referring to the initial Applications training (which for most vendors are a 1 -3 day standard feature included

with the system purchase) or are you asking about additional days of training beyond the scope of the initial applications training?

**Answer: Yes, "Onsite training" is referring to the initial Applications training of 1 -3 days, a standard feature included with the purchase. Yes, include pricing for additional days beyond the scope of the initial applications training. Training does not include installation time.**

3. In addition, does the "Advanced" training contemplate training at our training facility (in our case it would be in Indianapolis where we are headquartered) or back at your facility?

**Answer: "Advanced training" on the system would be some time after the initial Application training and faculty at Houston Community College have had time to work with the ultrasound machines. The training could be done at Houston Community College or at the vendor's headquarters.**

4. Good morning. We had an additional question as it pertains to the transducers shown below. You have asked that the systems be capable of 3D/4D but the requirements don't specify any 4D transducers? We most normally find that either a 4D convex probe for OB/GYN applications or a 4D linear array probe for vascular applications are transducers selected to utilize this 4D technology. However, these specialty transducers can always be purchased at a later date if the system mainframe has the 3D/4D software built into it. We just want to make sure we fully meet your expectations.

**Answer: HCC is interested in purchasing Ultrasound equipment equal to a Phillips IU22. We suggest that you visit: [www.philips.com/iU22](http://www.philips.com/iU22) for more information. Note: THE REFERENCED WEBSITE IS FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY; HCC IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR SIMILAR ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT PROVIDING COMPARABLE FEATURES TO BE USED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES AT OUR COLLEGE LOCATED IN THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.**