

General Information

HCP or Consortium: 41634 - Essentia Health Consortium
Application Number: RHC46100022309
FCC Registration Number: 0024269300
Address: 400 E 3rd St Rm. 11165, DC 1, Duluth, MN 55805
Application Nickname: ESSN FY26 Ark Data & Staples
Funding Year: 2026
Funding Priority: Priority 7

Consortium Participating Sites

HCP Number	Name	LOA Expiry
134881	Essentia Health - Ark Data Center	
134882	Essentia Health - Staples Clinic	

Requested Services

Type of Services	Description for Other	Min Download Speed	Max Download Speed	Min Upload Speed	Max Upload Speed	Speed Unit	Allow Bids for Similar Services
Data		50	20000	50	20000	Mbps	Yes
Equipment							
Installation							
Network Management Services							
Construction							

Dates and Timing

What is the HCP's desired service contract length?: Up to 3 Year(s)
Will the HCP consider bids with contract extension language?: Yes
Will the HCP consider bids for month-to-month contracts?: Yes
What is the HCP's desired time to publicly post this request for services?: 28 Day(s)
What is the HCP's expected bid evaluation period after the public posting?: 2 Day(s)

Bid Evaluation

Select the criteria that will be used to evaluate the bids collected.

Criteria	Description	Evaluation Weight (%)	Minimum Requirement
Price		25	Price of RHC eligible products and services
Other	Prior Experience	24	Experience with similar projects and references; Experience with this applicant
Personnel qualifications, including technical excellence		10	Qualifications of management and staff
Other	Implementation and Timeline	15	Provide a plan for the build-out to remove or reduce downtime for Applicant. Projected timeline for completion of project and goals for meeting said timeline.
Other	Technical Merit	13	Quality/technical merit of the proposed solution to meet needs of the applicant. Service level agreement if applicable. Compliance with listed requirements, if the proposal includes all information requested, timelines met, services will commence as requested by applicant.
Contract modification provisions		13	Vendors must provide information as to the scalability of the proposed bandwidth service, specifically: Site and service substitution provisions as outlined in Section II(11) of the accompanying RFP.

Does the HCP have any disqualifying factors that will remove bids or bidders from consideration?: Yes

Disqualifying factors:

If the Vendor is under FCC red light status, does not have an FCC Form 498 ID (service provider identification number), or does not have Box 18 on Form 498 checked to take part in the RHC Program, Applicant reserves the right to disqualify the proposal. If the Vendor is not able to commence service by the date listed in the proposal specifications, the proposal may be disqualified in whole or in part by the Applicant health care provider. Failure to copy all email recipients listed on page 4 of the accompanying RFP document on all correspondence during the 28-day bid period including questions and proposal submission may result in disqualification. Vendor must specify any/all upfront costs including implementation fees, construction, installation,

configuration, etc. Applicant reserves the right to reject proposals that do not include specific information regarding upfront costs as described in this section.

Main Contact

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RFP and Summary

Is the HCP likely to request more than \$100 000 in program support from this request for services?: Yes

Do state, Tribal, or local procurement rules require the HCP to include an RFP with this request for services application?: No

Will the HCP be including an RFP with this application?: Yes

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Summary of the HCP's requested services. :

Dedicated symmetrical data/Internet transmission to the HCP locations listed on this Form 461 and the accompanying RFP document.

Additional Documentation

Document Type	Description for Other	Document	Uploaded On
Network Plan		ESSN_41634_Network Plan_FY2022/26/2026 10:08 AM EST 6.pdf	

Declaration of Assistance

Name	Organization Type	Title	Employer	Nature of Relationship	Email	Telephone
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Certifications

- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the healthcare provider or consortium.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that I have examined this request and all attachments, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements contained herein and in any attachments are true.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services has complied with any applicable state, Tribal, or local procurement rules.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that all requested RHC Program support will be used solely for purposes reasonably related to the provision of health care service or instruction that the health care provider is legally authorized to provide under the law of the state in which the services are provided.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services satisfies all of the requirements under section 254 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254, and applicable Commission rules.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking support has reviewed and is compliant with all applicable RHC Program requirements.
- ✓ I understand that all documentation associated with this request, including a copy of the signed Request for Services (FCC Form 461), any bids/contracts resulting from the FCC Form 461 posting, scoring sheet, and other information that was used in the decision making process, must be retained for a period of at least five years pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.631, or as otherwise prescribed by the Commission's rules.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services is a nonprofit or public entity that falls within one of the seven categories set forth in the definition of health care provider listed in 47 CFR §54.600 of the Commission's rules.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant seeking supported services is physically located in a rural area as defined in section 47 CFR § 54.600 of the Commission's rules, or is a member of a consortium which satisfies the majority-rural composition requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.607 of the Commission's rules.
- ✓ I certify under penalty of perjury that the services will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

Signature

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