

General Information

HCP or Consortium: 93978 - Louisiana Independent Hospital Network Coalition
Application Number: RHC46100022500
FCC Registration Number: 0029487725
Address: 8585 PICARDY AVE , BATON ROUGE, LA 70809
Application Nickname: 461 - Heartland Sites 5-15
Funding Year: 2026
Funding Priority: Priority 8

Consortium Participating Sites

HCP Number	Name	LOA Expiry
135200	Heartland Family Service Glenwood Office	06/30/2029
135201	Heartland Family Service Harlan Office	06/30/2029
135202	Heartland Family Service Bridges	06/30/2029
135203	Heartland Family Service Homes	06/30/2029
135204	Heartland Family Service H. Lee Gendler Center	06/30/2029
135206	Heartland Family Service Logan	06/30/2029
135208	Heartland Family Service Peer Support Center (Iowa)	06/30/2029
135209	Heartland Family Service Therapeutic Education Center	06/30/2029
135210	Heartland Family Service Transitions	06/30/2029
135211	Heartland Family Service Sarpy	06/30/2029
135205	Heartland Family Service Iowa Family Works	06/30/2029

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	500	50	500	Mbps	Yes
Installation							
Equipment							
Network Management Services							

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, This is preferred
Will the HCP consider bids for month-to-month contracts?: Yes, This is preferred
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?: 7 Day(s)

Bid Evaluation

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

Criteria	Description	Evaluation Weight (%)	Minimum Requirement
Price		40	Price of Service
Personnel qualifications, including technical excellence		30	3 References for Same or Similar Services
Other	Service Capacity & Scalability	20	To Extent Possible
Technical support		10	Single Point of Contact

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

Disqualifying factors: No 498ID

Main Contact

Name	Organization	Title	Phone	Email	Address
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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?: Yes

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

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Summary of the HCP's requested services. :

The Consortium Member is soliciting proposals for the provision of primary and redundant public Internet access services, as well as long-term leased or owned private network (Intranet) services. The scope includes the design, engineering, implementation, and ongoing management and monitoring of a secure broadband network infrastructure. Proposed solutions must include all components necessary to ensure full functionality of the services, along with a detailed breakdown of all associated costs. The member is not seeking a single provider solution. Bidders may propose a solution related to the particular services and/or equipment for which they have the capacity to provide. Requested Contract Term: Month to month and up to 3 years

Additional Documentation

Document Type	Description for Other	Document	Uploaded On
Network Plan		LIHNC_NetworkPlan_FY26_Heartland.docx	3/17/2026 4:49 PM EDT

Declaration of Assistance

Name	Organization Type	Title	Employer	Nature of Relationship	Email	Telephone
Chrystal Matthews	Consultant	CEO	Elite Program Specialists	Consultant	chrystal@elitemprogramspecialists.com	(337) 302-3764
Caitlyn Bass	Consultant	Executive Assistant	Elite Program Specialists, LLC	Paid Service	caitlyn@epsfirm.com	(225) 494-3635

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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