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BID BULLETIN NO. 2023-80
24 November 2023
for the Supply and Delivery of Sutures
for Charity in-Patients
BAC1-2023-10-0078

Pursuant to Section 22.5.1 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184, the Bids and Awards Committee 1 is issuing this bid bulletin to modify or amend the following items in the Bid Documents in response to and address the request / clarification of the prospective bidder/s who attended the pre-bid conference held on 10 November 2023:

1. *The following should be modified in the Bid Data Sheet (Section III):*

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5.3.a	Supply and Delivery of Sutures for Charity in-Patient	Supply and Delivery of Sutures / <u>Medical Supplies for Charity in-Patient</u>

2. *The following should be modified in the Bid Data Sheet, Schedule of Requirements, Technical Specifications and in the Price Schedule (Annex) as:*

a. Specifications:

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6	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 3-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 26mm 1/2 circle, taper point needle	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 3-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with <u>25-26mm</u> 1/2 circle, taper point needle
7	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 4-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 22mm 1/2 circle, taper point round needle	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 4-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with <u>20-22mm</u> 1/2 circle, taper point round needle
8	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 2-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 24mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 2-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with <u>24-26mm</u> 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle
11	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 6-0, 18inches (approximately 45cm) in length, 11mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 6-0, 18inches (approximately 45cm) in length, <u>11-12mm</u> 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle
14	Suture, sterile, midterm synthetic, absorbable, monofilament, dyed,	Suture, sterile, midterm synthetic, absorbable, monofilament, dyed,

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	poliglecaprone or equivalent, 2-0 at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 1/2 circle, 26mm taper point round needle	poliglecaprone or equivalent, 2-0 at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 1/2 circle, 26mm taper point round needle, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
15	Suture, sterile, midterm synthetic, absorbable, monofilament, undyed, poliglecaprone or equivalent, 3-0 at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 1/2 circle, 26mm taper point round needle	Suture, sterile, midterm synthetic, absorbable, monofilament, undyed, poliglecaprone or equivalent, 3-0 at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 1/2 circle, 26mm taper point round needle, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
16	Suture, sterile, monofilament, antibiotic impregnated, triclosan coated, undyed, poliglecaprone or equivalent, 4-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle	Suture, sterile, monofilament, antibiotic impregnated, triclosan coated, undyed, poliglecaprone or equivalent, 4-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
24	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 3-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 26mm 1/2 circle, taper point needle, SH or equivalent	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 3-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 26mm 1/2 circle, taper point needle, SH or equivalent, <u>single arm or double arm</u>
25	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 4-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 17mm 1/2 circle, taper point needle, RB1 or equivalent	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 4-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 16- <u>17mm</u> 1/2 circle, taper point needle, RB1 or equivalent, <u>single arm or double arm</u>
28	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 6-0, at least 24 inches (approximately 60cm) in length, with double arm, 9.3mm 3/8 circle, taper point needle, BV1 or equivalent	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 6-0, at least 24 inches (approximately 60cm) in length, with double arm, <u>9.0-9.3mm</u> 3/8 circle, taper point needle, BV1 or equivalent
30	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, 7-0, with double arm, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, 9.3mm 3/8 circle, cardiovascular needle, everpoint BV1 or equivalent	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, 7-0, with double arm, at least <u>24-30 inches (approximately 60-75cm) in length, 8.0-9.3mm 3/8 circle,</u> cardiovascular needle, everpoint BV1 or equivalent
43	Suture, sterile, surgical, black, monofilament polyamide Nylon, 5-0, at least 18 inches (approximately 45cm) in length, with 16mm 3/8 circle cutting needle, PC-3 or equivalent	Suture, sterile, surgical, black, monofilament polyamide Nylon, 5-0, at least 18 inches (approximately 45cm) in length, with 15- <u>16mm</u> 3/8 circle cutting needle, PC-3 or equivalent
45	Suture, sterile, surgical, black, monofilament polyamide Nylon, 10-0, at least 12 inches (approximately 30cm) in length, with double arm, with 6.5mm 3/8 circle spatulated, reverse cutting needle (for SOJR) Brady	Suture, sterile, surgical, black, monofilament polyamide Nylon, 10-0, at least 12 inches (approximately 30cm) in length, with double arm, with 6.5mm 3/8 circle spatulated, reverse cutting needle (for SOJR) Brady
47	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone with Triclosan, size 0, 60 inches (approximately 150cm) looped suture, with 48mm 1/2 circle taper point needle	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone with Triclosan, size 0, 60 inches (approximately 150cm) looped suture, with <u>48-50mm</u> 1/2 circle taper point needle
48	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone, size 0, 60 inches (approximately 150cm) looped	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone, size 0, 60 inches (approximately 150cm) looped suture, with 40mm 1/2 circle taper point

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	suture, with 40mm 1/2 circle taper point needle, MO2 or equivalent	needle, MO2 or equivalent, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
50	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone, size II 5-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with double arm 13mm 1/2 circle taper point needle	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone, size II 5-0, at least 30 inches (<u>approximately 70-75cm</u>) in length, with double arm 13mm 1/2 circle taper point needle
53	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 0, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with 36mm 1/2 small to medium half needle	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 0, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with 36mm 1/2 small to medium half needle, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
54	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 0, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with 36mm 1/2 circle taper point needle	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 0, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with <u>36-37mm</u> 1/2 circle taper point needle, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
55	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 1, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with 36mm 1/2 circle taper point needle	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 1, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with <u>36-40mm</u> 1/2 circle taper point needle, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
56	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 2-0, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with 36mm 1/2 circle round bodied needle, taper cut or equivalent	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 2-0, at least 36 inches (approximately 90cm) in length, with <u>36-40mm</u> 1/2 circle round bodied needle, taper cut or equivalent, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
57	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 2-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 26mm 1/2 circle taper point needle	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 2-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 26mm 1/2 circle taper point needle, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
58	Suture, surgical, synthetic, absorbable, sterile, co-polymers, 3-0 with 1/2 circle taper point 26mm, coated	Suture, surgical, <u>polyglactin 910 or equivalent</u> , synthetic, absorbable, <u>27 inches or 70cm suture length</u> , sterile, co-polymers, 3-0 <u>SH or equivalent</u> with 1/2 circle taper point 26mm, <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
59	Suture, surgical, synthetic, absorbable, sterile, co-polymers, 3-0 with 1/2 circle taper point 26mm, RB1	Suture, surgical, <u>polyglactin 910 or equivalent</u> , synthetic, absorbable, <u>27 inches or 70cm suture length</u> , sterile, co-polymers, 3-0 <u>RB1 or equivalent</u> with 1/2 circle taper point <u>17mm</u> , <u>with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>

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60	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co - polymers, size 4-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 17mm 1/2 circle taper point needle	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co - polymers, size 4-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with <u>16-17mm</u> 1/2 circle taper point needle
61	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 4-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle reverse cutting needle PC5	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 4-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle reverse cutting needle PC5 <u>or equivalent, with antibacterial triclosan coated suture with WHO and CDC recommendation</u>
62	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co - polymers, size 5-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 17mm 1/2 taper point round needle RB1	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co - polymers, size 5-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 17mm 1/2 taper point round needle RB1 <u>or equivalent</u>
64	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 6-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 17mm 1/2 taper point round needle double spatulated	Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 6-0, at least <u>17.7 inches (approximately 45cm)</u> in length, with <u>8mm 1/4 circle needle</u> double spatulated
65	Suture, surgical, synthetic, absorbable, sterile, co-polymers, 7-0 micropoint spatulated 1/2 circle taper point 5.5mm needle	Suture, surgical, synthetic, absorbable, sterile, co-polymers, 7-0 micropoint spatulated <u>1/4 circle taper point 5.5mm to 6.5mm</u> needle
66	Suture, surgical, synthetic absorbable, sterile, co-polymers, 8-0 spatulated 1/2 circle taper point 6.5mm needle	Suture, surgical, synthetic absorbable, sterile, co-polymers, 8-0 spatulated <u>1/4 circle taper point 6.5mm needle</u>

b. Terms and Conditions:

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3	<p>Suppliers are required to submit at least three (3) pieces of sample/s in original packing. This will be subject for evaluation and as basis for inspection. The result of the evaluation shall be submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) as part of the post-qualification report of the Technical Working Group (TWG).</p> <p>Submission of sample/s shall be one (1) week before opening of bids. Non-submission of samples on the set deadline shall disqualify the supplier in the bidding. (Sample submitted by the non-winning bidder/s shall be returned upon award to the winning bidder).</p>	<p>Suppliers are required to submit at least three (3) pieces of sample/s in original packing. This will be subject for evaluation and as basis for inspection. The result of the evaluation shall be submitted to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) as part of the post-qualification report of the Technical Working Group (TWG).</p> <p>Submission of sample/s shall be <u>on 29 November 2023</u>. Non-submission of samples on the set deadline shall disqualify the supplier in the bidding. (Sample submitted by the non-winning bidder/s shall be returned upon award to the winning bidder).</p>

3. Clarification:

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8	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 2-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 24mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle <i>The prospective bidder requested to “at least 18 inches (approximately 45cm) with 24-26mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle”</i>	DENIED; shorter length of suture material disrupts workflow of the end-users and allows for an increase in consumption of sutures.
9	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 3-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle <i>The prospective bidder requested to “extend range to 19-26mm, 3/8 reverse cutting needle”</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to muscle memory” from what the end-users currently use.
10	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 4-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle <i>The prospective bidder requested to “extend range to 11-16mm, 3/8 reverse cutting needle”</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to “muscle memory” from what the end-users currently use.
11	Suture, sterile, non-absorbable, braided natural, Silk 6-0, 18inches (approximately 45cm) in length, 11mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle <i>The prospective bidder requested to “extend range to 11-16mm, 3/8 reverse cutting needle”</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to “muscle memory” from what the end-users currently use.
12	Suture, sterile, extra-long -term absorbable, monofilament synthetic, made of poly-4-hydroxybutyrate, size 0, 150cm looped suture length, 40mm 1/2 circle round bodied needle <i>The prospective bidder requested to “increase size range 40 to 50mm, ½ circle”</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to “muscle memory” from what the end-users currently use.
16	Suture, sterile, monofilament, antibiotic impregnated, triclosan coated, undyed, poliglecaprone or equivalent, 4-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle, reverse cutting needle <i>The prospective bidder is requesting to “revise to with or without antibiotic impregnated Triclosan”</i>	DENIED; There is mounting level 1 evidence of benefit using antibiotic-laden sutures as a factor in reducing SSSI.
24	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 3-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 26mm 1/2 circle, taper point needle, SH or equivalent	DENIED; Shorter length of suture material disrupts workflow of the end-users and allows for an increase in consumption of sutures.

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	<i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "at least 26-30 inches in length, 25-26mm circle taper point needle, SH or equivalent"</i>	
26	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 5-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with 17mm 1/2 circle, taper point needle, RB1 or equivalent <i>The prospective bidder is asking if "it is double arm and requesting to increase size range 16 to 17mm 1/2 circle"</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to "muscle memory" from what the end-users currently use.
28	Suture, sterile, surgical monofilament polypropylene, size 6-0, at least 24 inches (approximately 60cm) in length, with double arm, 9.3mm 3/8 circle, taper point needle, BV1 or equivalent <i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "extend to 9.3-10mm or 9.3-11mm 3/8 circle taper point needle, BV1 or equivalent"</i>	DENIED; BV1 equivalent and smaller than 9.3mm only
41	Suture, sterile, surgical, black, monofilament polyamide Nylon, 3-0, at least 18 inches (approximately 45cm) in length, with 19mm 3/8 circle cutting needle, PC5 or equivalent <i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "extend range 19-26mm 3/8 circle cutting / reverse cutting needle, pc5 or equivalent"</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to "muscle memory" from what the end-users currently use.
43	Suture, sterile, surgical, black, monofilament polyamide Nylon, 5-0, at least 18 inches (approximately 45cm) in length, with 16mm 3/8 circle cutting needle, PC -3 or equivalent <i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "increase suture length range 35-45cm"</i>	DENIED; Shorter length of suture materials disrupts workflow of the end-users and allows for an increase in consumption of sutures.
48	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone, size 0, 60 inches (approximately 150cm) looped suture, with 40mm 1/2 circle taper point needle, MO2 or equivalent <i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "increase needle size range 40 to 50mm, larger needles are more ideal for multi-layer closures"</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to "muscle memory" from what the end-users currently use.
49	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone, size II 2-0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 26mm 1/2 circle taper point needle <i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "increase size range 26 to 31mm"</i>	DENIED; Longer needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to "muscle memory" from what the end-users currently use.
51	Suture, sterile, surgical, Polydioxanone, size II 6-0, at least 30 inches (approximately 75cm) in length, with double arm 13mm 1/2 circle taper point needle	DENIED; Shorter length of suture material disrupts workflow of the end-users and allows for an increase in consumption of sutures.

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	<i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "increase suture length range to 35-45cm"</i>	
62	<p>Suture, sterile, surgical, synthetic, coated, absorbable, glycolide-L lactide (90/10) co-polymers, size 5 -0, at least 27 inches (approximately 70cm) in length, with 17mm 1/2 taper point round needle RB1</p> <p><i>The prospective bidder is requesting to "increase needle size range to 16 to 17mm, and suture length range to at least 17.7 inches (approximately 45cm)"</i></p>	DENIED; Shorter needle length disrupts workflow of the end-users. They have to relearn the process using said suture in contrast to "muscle memory" from what the end-users currently use. Inadequate length of sutures allows for more usage of sutures.

This shall form an integral part of the Bid Documents.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee 1

Received by the Bidder:

Signature over Printed Name

Name of Company

Date