



Request for Information (RFI)

RFI Number: **PSM-V-PrEP-2019-001**

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Deadline for Questions: **12:00PM US Eastern Standard Time, May 17, 2019 to bling@ghsc-psm.org**

Deadline for Responses: **5:00PM US Eastern Standard Time, May 22, 2019 to bling@ghsc-psm.org**

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

The Global Health Supply Chain Program – Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project (alternately referred to herein as “Chemonics” or “GHSC-PSM” or “Buyer”) is an official project of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) implemented by Chemonics International and its consortium members. The GHSC-PSM project is soliciting information regarding potential suppliers’ capabilities and interest in supplying V for PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) kits. The supplies are intended for Zimbabwe, and potentially other PEPFAR-supported countries moving forward.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to identify potential suppliers and collect information from interested organizations regarding their capacity to procure and assemble the individual components into a kit for GHSC-PSM procurement.

Interested organizations are invited to submit information in response to this RFI as per the specifications detailed in *Section 3: Information Requested*. Issuance of this RFI does not in any way obligate Chemonics or USAID to award a contract nor does it commit Chemonics or USAID to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of any response. By issuing this RFI, Chemonics does not express an intent, commitment, or promise to purchase any supplies or services. Responses to this RFI will not be considered by Chemonics as offers to enter into a contract; this RFI is for information collection purposes only.

Background

The purpose of GHSC-PSM is to ensure uninterrupted supplies of health commodities in support of USG-funded public health initiatives around the world. The project provides direct procurement and supply chain management support to the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI), and the USAID Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH). GHSC-PSM supports health programs through the supply of a wide range of health commodities, including commodities for HIV/AIDS, malaria, maternal and child health, and infectious diseases.

About V for PrEP

V for PrEP is a kit based on an innovative, human-centered approach aimed to increase demand and adherence to oral PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), a once-daily HIV prevention pill, among high risk adolescent girls and young women in Africa. Components of the kit are designed to help users feel part of an empowered community and to prevent the stigmatization associated with HIV.

Specifically, V for PrEP is a kit containing a reversible makeup bag, a pill carrying case for the PrEP drug (Tenofovir/Emtricitabine 300mg/300mg tablets), a label sticker, a loyalty card, and a box for the pill bottle. GHSC-PSM is supporting the initiation of a USAID pilot study in Zimbabwe. The kit procured will not contain the PrEP tablets. The results of this pilot study will inform the potential for larger roll-out in other USAID- and PEPFAR-supported countries.

Refer to the V website for more details: https://www.conrad.org/launchingv/v_experience/initiation/

Objective of the RFI

The main objective of this RFI is to directly identify potential suppliers who would be interested in providing the kits. GHSC-PSM may proceed to issue a formal solicitation for offers following the RFI. Technical requirements of the components are summarized below. Refer to links below for the specifications.

- i. **Reversible Makeup Bag:** Two-sided pattern cosmetic pouch with gold reversible zipper.
- ii. **Pill Carrying Case:** Clear medical grade plastic jar containing a molded silicone insert. The insert should have 7 pill slots. The jar cap should have an integrated liner seal.
- iii. **Label Sticker:** See V website for design
- iv. **Loyalty Card:** Plastic card printed on both sides. See V website for design
- v. **Box for Pill Bottle:** See V website for design

Refer to the V website for more information on product designs and specifications:

- Design and Specifications:
https://www.conrad.org/launchingv/v_experience/initiation/
- Product Dimensions and Additional Information:
<https://www.conrad.org/launchingv/implementation/>

SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERESTED PARTIES

- **Response submission:** All responses to this RFI must be received via email to bling@ghsc-psm.org no later than **5:00PM US Eastern Standard Time, May 22, 2019**.
- **Questions:** Questions must be submitted via email to bling@ghsc-psm.org no later than **12:00PM US Eastern Standard Time, May 17, 2019**. Responses to all questions submitted will be shared in a summarized document on May 20, 2019.
- **Required information:** Section 3 below provides details on the information to be included in submitted responses. Please note that organizations are not required to submit responses to all questions; however, interested parties are encouraged to submit as much information as possible. Information and all correspondence and documents relating to the offer shall be in English or French.

SECTION 3: INFORMATION REQUESTED

A MAXIMUM OF 4 PAGES SHOULD BE PREPARED AS A RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW (APPROXIMATELY 1-PAGE PER QUESTION/SUB-QUESTION)

1. The following information should be included at the beginning of the RFI response:
 - Organization's Name
 - Organization's Address
 - Organization's Website (if available)
 - Organization's DUNS Number¹ (if available)
 - Name of Organization's Point of Contact (POC)
 - POC's Title
 - POC's Email Address
 - POC's Phone Number
2. Please briefly summarize your experience in less than one page on providing kitted products, especially where part(s) of the kit need(s) to be separately sourced from medical grade plastic suppliers. Please include 2-3 key reference project sheets in an annex on companies or organizations with which you have worked, and include any technical qualifications.
3. Based on your experience, please provide best unit price estimates regarding the following components of the kit by volume tier:

Component	Unit Cost / Kit 15,000 – 25,000 Kits	Unit Cost / Kit 75,000 – 100,000 Kits
Reversible Makeup Bag		
Pill Carrying Case		
Label Sticker		
Loyalty Card		
Box for Pill Bottle		
Kitting		
Total		

4. Based on your experience, please provide best production lead time estimates, in days, regarding the following components of the kit by volume tier:

Component	Lead Time (Days) 15,000 – 25,000 Kits	Lead Time (Days) 75,000 – 100,000 Kits
Reversible Makeup Bag		
Pill Carrying Case		
Label Sticker		
Loyalty Card		
Box for Pill Bottle		
Kitting		
Total		

SECTION 4: CONFIDENTIALITY

Information provided through the RFI will be shared with all stakeholders of the GHSC-PSM project, including but not limited to USAID.