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# Applicant Conference

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**Request for Applications No. HHS0016736  
Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Mobile Stroke Unit  
January 14, 2026, at 11:30 AM CST**



# Introductions

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- **Dedra Williams**, Grants Specialist  
Sole Point of Contact for RFA  
Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Procurement and Contracting Services (PCS)



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# Agenda

1. Housekeeping Items
2. Project Overview & Scope
3. Funding Stream Updates & Tracking
4. Grant Term
5. Program Requirements & Allowable Activities
6. Prohibitions
7. Closing Comments



# Procurement Roles

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- Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Procurement and Contracting Services (PCS) is responsible for all procurement and solicitation activities.
- Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services (CRS) is responsible for contract management activities throughout the life of the Grant Agreements including, contract development, execution, and monitoring. CRS is also responsible for project scope, requirements, performance, and results.



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# Schedule of Events



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Event	Date/Time
Deadline for Submitting Questions or Requests for Clarification	January 16, 2026 by 5:00PM Central Time
Tentative Date Answers to Questions or Requests for Clarification Posted	January 19, 2026 by 5:00PM Central Time
<b>Deadline for Submission of Applications</b>  <b>NOTE: Applications must be <u>RECEIVED</u> by HHSC by this deadline if not changed by subsequent Addenda to be considered eligible.</b>	<b>February 6, 2026 by 10:30 a.m. Central Time</b>
Anticipated Notice of Award Date	May 2026
Anticipated Project Start Date	June 2026



# Solicitation Access

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HHSC will post all official communication regarding this RFA on the following website, including the notice of award:

- The HHS Grants website is located at <https://resources.hhs.texas.gov/rfa/hhs0016736>

HHSC reserves the right to cancel this RFA, or to make no award if it determines such action is in the best interest of the State.

HHSC may, in its discretion, reject any and all applications or portions thereof.



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# Sole Point of Contact

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- All communications relating to this RFA must be directed in writing to Dedra Williams, Sole Point of Contact at [dedra.Williams@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:dedra.Williams@hhs.texas.gov).
- All communications between applicants and HHSC staff members, or any other HHS staff members, concerning this RFA are **strictly prohibited**.
- Failure to comply with these requirements may result in application disqualification.



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# Executive Summary of Program

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- The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the System Agency, and Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services, is accepting applications for funding from stroke facilities that hold at a minimum a comprehensive (Level 1) stroke designation for the implementation and operation of Mobile Stroke Units (MSU).
- A Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU) is a specially equipped ambulance, vehicle, or platform that combines conventional emergency equipment, telemedicine capabilities, a CT scanner, diagnostic tools and a team of trained specialists to make an emergent decision to treat thrombolysis where the patient is found or in route to a medical facility.
- Applicants should reference **Section II, Scope of Grant Project**, for further detailed information regarding the purpose, background, eligible population, eligible activities, and requirements.



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# Available Funding

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- The total amount of state funding available for the CRS Mobile Stroke Unit grant program is \$4,000,000.00 for the entire Project Period. It is the System Agency's intention to make multiple awards to applicants that successfully demonstrate the ability to provide mobile stroke unit services.
- Resulting Contract(s) from this RFA shall not exceed \$500,000.00 total contract value for existing MSUs. Funds will be dispersed as follows: \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2027. All expenditures shall be for services and equipment outlined in Form D, Requested Budget Template. Additional funding for start-up MSUs may be permitted. HHSC reserves the right to determine the allocated amount upon contract negotiations and/or award.



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# Source Documentation & Tracking Funds

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- The funding is from SB1, HB4743, and Rider 11.
- State funds for this Grant Project are authorized under Senate Bill No. 1, General Appropriations Act, 89th Legislature Article 95.
- All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated state funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.



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# Grant Term

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- The Anticipated Project Start Date is May 1, 2026.
- The Project End Date is August 31, 2028.



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# Eligible Applicants

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1. Applicant and all of its identified subsidiaries intending to participate in the Grant Agreement are eligible to perform grant-funded activities, if awarded, and are not subject to suspension, debarment, or a similar ineligibility determined by any state or federal entity;
2. Applicant is in good standing under the laws of Texas and has provided HHS with any requested or required supporting documentation in connection with this certification;
3. Applicant shall remain in good standing and eligible to conduct its business in Texas and shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Texas Secretary of State and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts;
4. Applicant is currently in good standing with all licensing, permitting, or regulatory bodies that regulate any or all aspects of Applicant's operations; and
5. Applicant is not delinquent in taxes owed to any taxing authority of the State of Texas as of the effective date of this Grant Agreement.



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# Allowable Services

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The primary focus of the RFA is providing emergency stroke treatment to individuals in the local community. Each Applicant must include the provision of evidence-based services as part of its proposed Grant Project.

Primary services are evidence-based treatments and may include but are not limited to:

1. Personnel trained to diagnose strokes;
2. Ability to provide acute stroke treatment to individuals outside of a hospital setting;
3. Equipped with a mobile computed tomography scanner and other necessary medical equipment;
4. Medications for diagnosing and treating an individual who suffers a stroke;
5. Applicant must have a neurologist on board the mobile stroke unit;  
and
6. Offers telemedicine medical services.



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# Prohibitions

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Grant funds may not be used to support the following services, activities, and costs:

1. Any use of grant funds to replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-grant sources;
2. Inherently religious activities such as prayer, worship, religious instruction, or proselytization;
3. Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy (cf. 18 U.S.C. § 1913), whether conducted directly or indirectly;
4. Any portion of the salary of, or any other compensation for, an elected or appointed government official;




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# Prohibitions cont'd

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5. Vehicles for general agency use; to be allowable, vehicles must have a specific use related to Project objectives or activities;
6. Entertainment, amusement, social activities and any associated costs including but not limited to admission fees or tickets to any amusement park, recreational activity or sporting event unless such costs are incurred for components of a program approved by the grantor agency and are directly related to the program's purpose;
7. Costs of promotional items, and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs;
8. Food, meals, beverages, or other refreshments, except for eligible per diem associated with grant-related travel, where pre-approved for working events, or where such costs are incurred for components of a program approved by the grantor agency and are directly related to the program's purpose; 
9. Membership dues for individuals;



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# Prohibitions cont'd

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10. Any expense or service that is readily available at no cost to the grant Project;
11. Any activities related to fundraising;
12. Equipment and other capital expenditures such as capital improvements, property losses and expenses, real estate purchases, mortgage payments, remodeling, the acquisition or construction of facilities, or other items that are unallowable pursuant to 2 CFR 200.439;
13. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state, or local law; and
14. Other unallowable costs as listed under TxGMS, Appendix 7, Selected Items of Cost Supplement Chart and/or 2 CFR 200, Subpart E – Cost Principles, General Provisions for Selected Items of Cost, where applicable.



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# Submission of Forms

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Applicants must complete and submit the requested forms in accordance with the RFA, Article XIII, Submission Checklist.



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# Evaluation Process

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A three-step selection process will be used:

1. Eligibility screening based upon Section 3.3, Grant Award Eligibility, and Section 3.2, Application Screening Requirements
2. Evaluation based upon Section 9.4, Evaluation Criteria
3. Final Selection is based upon Section 10.1, Final Selection.



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# Specific Selection Criteria

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Applications will be evaluated and scored in accordance with the following scoring criteria using **Exhibit H, Evaluation Tool**.

Qualified Applications shall be evaluated based upon the following **Scoring Criteria**:

1. Application Organization (40%);
2. Technical Approach (40%); and
3. Cost (20%)



# Submission of Exhibits

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Applicants must complete and submit the requested exhibits in accordance with the RFA, Article XIII, Submission Checklist.



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# Delivery for Submission Options

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Applicant must correctly deliver Solicitation Responses by the method below:

- **Submission Option #1:** Applicant shall submit the application through the HHS Online Bid Room utilizing the procedures identified in Exhibit G, HHS Online Bid Room Instructions v.1.4.
- **Submission Option #2 with USB Drives:** Applicants shall submit each of the following on separate USB drives to the correct mailing address, which is dependent upon mailing method identified in this section (see mailing address options in the RFA, Section 8.3, Required Submission Method).



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# Questions and Answers

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All questions **must** be submitted in writing to the Sole Point of Contact using the formatting below from the RFA, Section 7.3, RFA Questions and Requests for Clarification:

- A. Identifying Solicitation number;
- B. Section number;
- C. Paragraph number;
- D. Page number;
- E. Text of passage being questioned; and
- F. Question;

Submit via email to: [dedra.Williams@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:dedra.Williams@hhs.texas.gov) **by 5:00PM on January 16, 2026.**



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# Question Deadline

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- Questions are due by **5:00PM on January 16, 2026.**
- Questions received after this deadline cannot be responded to.
- An addendum will be posted to the HHS Grants Website with the answers to questions **on or after January 19, 2026.**



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# Closing Comments

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- Applicants are responsible for meeting the RFA requirements, including any addendums.
- All Addendums must be signed and submitted with the original application.
- Applicants must check the HHS Grants website frequently for any addendums that may have been added to this solicitation.

## **HHS Grants Website**

The link is: <https://resources.hhs.texas.gov/rfa>



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# Thank you!

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