



February 6th, 2024

Valerie Salerno

University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
1800 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Re: Request for competitive bidding information regarding IV Safety Catheters.

Dear Ms. Salerno:

This letter is provided in response to the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada's ("UMC") request for information about HealthTrust Purchasing Group, L.P.'s ("HealthTrust") competitive bidding process for IV Safety Catheters. We are pleased to provide this information to UMC in your capacity as a Participant of HealthTrust, as defined in and subject to the Participation Agreement between HealthTrust and UMC, effective August 3, 2016.

HealthTrust's bid and award process is described in its Contracting Process Policy [HT.008] available on its public website (<http://healthtrustpg.com/about-healthtrust/healthcare-code-of-ethics/>). As described in the policy, HealthTrust operates a member-driven contracting process. Advisory Boards are engaged to determine the clinical, technical, operational, conversion, business and other criteria important for each specific bid category. The boards are comprised of representatives from HealthTrust's membership who have appropriate experience, credentials/licensures, and decision-making authority within their respective health systems for the board on which they serve.

HealthTrust's requirements for specific products and services are published on its Contract Schedule on its public website. HealthTrust's requirements for vendors are outlined in its Supplier Criteria Policy [HT.010]. A listing of the minimum Supplier Criteria is also published on HealthTrust's public website, as well as an on-line form for prospective vendor submission.

The Contracting Process Policy includes criteria for the selection of contract products and services and documents and the procedures followed by HealthTrust's contracting team to select vendors for consideration. HealthTrust's Advisory Boards may provide additional requirements or other criteria that would be incorporated into the RFP (request for proposals) process, where appropriate. Vendor proposals submitted in response to RFPs are analyzed using an extensive clinical/technical review as described above, as well as a financial/operational review.



The above-described process was followed with respect to the IV Safety Catheters. HealthTrust issued RFPs and received proposals from identified suppliers in the category. Agreements were awarded to Smiths Medical, ICU Medical, Bbraun, Retractable Technologies and BD in September of 2022. I hope this satisfies your request. Please contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Craig Dabbs

Account Director, Member Services