Request for Proposal

Medical Student Question Banks:
COMLEX and USMLE
RFP 19-01

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Administrative Information

All questions must be submitted via email, with the RFP title subject heading:

“RFP 19-03 Medical Student Question Banks: COMLEX & USMLE”

Questions or inquiries regarding RFP information should be sent to: bids@rowan.edu. All questions submitted will be answered on the Office of Contracting & Procurement website, on the date indicated below in the Schedule of Events Timetable.

Questions regarding opening any documents or accessing items on the website should be sent to:

Robert Yufer
Office of Contracting & Procurement
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Schedule of RFP Events

Due Date:
Requests for Proposals (RFP) must be received no later than the time referenced in the Schedule of Events Timetable below. Please refer to the Submissions Requirements section of this document for details.

Request for Proposal Timetable

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For the RFP Opening, interested parties can meet at the Office of Contracting & Procurement, located on the Glassboro, NJ Campus, in Bunce Hall Suite 208.

In order to be considered for the award, all information must be received by the required date and time. Any RFP not received on time may be rejected.
**Required Procurement Documents**

The documents below are Procurement documents mandated by State regulation and University policy. All documents as listed must be included with your submission package in order for your proposal to be deemed responsible for this offering.

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**Notes:** All documents listed are required whether the proposer is a New Jersey entity or not. 

Please Direct any questions you have on the above information to the assigned Buyer for this project.
Project Overview

Rowan University invites proposals from qualified Firms to provide medical student question banks for the Comlex assessment and United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

I. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

A. Medical Student COMLEX and USMLE Question Bank Requirements

1. **COMLEX Level-1** (Must contain a minimum of 2000 questions that assess the following disciplines):
   - Anatomy
   - Physiology
   - Microbiology
   - Biochemistry
   - Pharmacology
   - Pathology
   - Behavioral Sciences
   - Osteopathic principles and practices
   - Public Health

2. **COMLEX Level-2** (Must contain a minimum of 2000 questions that assess the following disciplines):
   - Surgery
   - Obstetrics / Gynecology
   - Psychiatry
   - Family Medicine
   - Pediatrics
   - Internal Medicine
   - Emergency Medicine
   - Osteopathic principles and practices

3. **USMLE Step-1** (Must contain a minimum of 2000 questions that assess the following disciplines):
   - Anatomy
   - Physiology
   - Microbiology
   - Biochemistry
   - Pharmacology
   - Pathology
   - Behavioral Sciences
   - Public Health

4. **USMLE Step-2** (Must contain a minimum of 2000 questions that assess the following disciplines):
   - Surgery
   - Obstetrics / Gynecology
   - Psychiatry
   - Family Medicine
   - Pediatrics
   - Internal Medicine
   - Emergency Medicine

B. The University anticipates purchasing between 180 – 200 twelve-month subscriptions of each type of question bank per year (COMLEX Level-1; COMLEX Level-2; USMLE Step-1; USMLE Step-2)
C. Firms are not required to propose a solution for the COMLEX and USMLE question banks and may choose only one type to provide a valid submission. However, if submitting a proposal for the COMLEX question banks, firms are required to provide a solution for both Level-1 and Level-2; and if submitting a proposal for the USMLE question banks, firms are required to provide a solution for both Step-1 and Step-2.

1. The University will separately evaluate and score proposals for the COMLEX and USMLE question banks.

D. **Vendor Requirements**

1. Qualified firms must have a minimum of ten-years of experience with creating and having success with any question banks proposed as a response to this RFP.

2. Qualified firms must provide a mechanism (such as a website portal) for the University to monitor student progress and completion.
   a. Firms should detail any proposed solution and provide a means for reasonable evaluation (for instance, a temporary username/password to view a portal).

3. Ability to activate student accounts within 3-5 business days.

II. **PRICING**

A. Pricing will be based on fixed-fees (see the Proposal Page of this RFP for details). Costs must include all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, coordination efforts and all other associated or related items necessary for the successful completion of this project.

B. Pricing will not be based on any minimum quantities to be ordered

C. Pricing must be all inclusive. Delivery costs are the responsibility of the awarded vendor and must be included in the proposal pricing. The University will not pay separate shipping costs in addition to the product prices quoted.

D. Proposal pricing must remain valid for no less than ninety (90) days from the submission due date. If awarded, pricing must remain valid for the term of the contract.

E. All costs must be detailed on the Proposal Page of this RFP in the format provided. Any edited or dissimilar formats may not be accepted.

F. Refer to the Proposal Page for additional information.

III. **TERM OF CONTRACT**

A. The anticipated contractual period will be for one (1) year with two (2) potential renewals of one-year each, subject to budgetary approval on a yearly basis. Rowan reserves the right to alter this time period upon review of all proposals.

1. Year One (Fiscal Year 2019): The initial start date will begin on the date of award and continue through June 30, 2019.

2. Year Two (Fiscal Year 2020): July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

3. Year Three (Fiscal Year 2021): July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

B. The University reserves the right to terminate the awarded contractor’s services for cause or convenience at any time during the term of the contract.

C. In the event that the University terminates services, written notice will be provided thirty (30) days in advance of termination date.

IV. **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS & AMENDMENTS**

A. The awarded vendor will comply with all procedural instructions that may be issued from time to time by the Contracting Officer of the University or her designee.

B. During the contract period, no change is permitted in any of its conditions and specifications unless the awarded vendor receives written approval from the Contracting Officer or her respective designee.

C. Vendors must supply Rowan University with all applicable warranty information, whether expressed or implied.
D. Should the awarded vendor find, at any time, that existing conditions make modification in requirements desirable, it shall promptly report such matters to the Contracting Officer or designee of the University for consideration and decision.

E. During the period of contract or any extension thereof, the University reserves the right to add or delete specific services.

F. Rowan University may make changes in the general scope of the contract services provided by the vendor by written notice. The vendor shall promptly comply with the notice and shall bring all subsequent services in conformance with the notice.

G. If any such changes causes a material increase or decrease in the vendor’s cost of operation or the time required for attainment of required service level agreements specifying time parameters for response time, system upgrades and troubleshooting, along with service level commitments, an equitable adjustment in the contract cost or time allotted for fulfillment of the contract shall be negotiated and the contract modified accordingly. Any change, alteration or modification of any contract will be valid and binding only if a submittal of a proposal, vendor hereby agrees to negotiate on good faith.

H. The awarded vendor’s engagement partner and/or manager might be required to meet periodically with the Contracting officer or her representatives to discuss services.

V. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. Vendor agrees to obtain and maintain, at its sole expense, the insurance coverage described below. All insurance must be placed with an insurance company licensed to conduct business in the State of New Jersey and maintaining an A.M Best Rating of “A” or better with a financial size rating of Class XI or larger. All insurance required herein shall be written on an Occurrence basis, unless otherwise noted, shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Rowan University and the State of New Jersey, and will be in effect no later than 12:01 A.M. at the start of the day of the contract and must remain in effect for the duration of the contract, including any extensions.

B. Vendor agrees that no insurance policy will be cancelled, reduced, or revised without thirty (30) days prior written notice to Rowan University. In addition, required insurance will be primary to any other insurance available and any limitations of Vendor’s insurance will not relieve the Vendor of its indemnification responsibilities to Rowan University and the State of New Jersey per Section IX. Indemnity.

C. Insurance Required:

1. Workers’ Compensation Insurance with statutory limits applicable to the laws of the State of New Jersey and any other State or Federal jurisdiction required to protect the employees of Vendor who will be engaged in the performance of work under this contract.

2. Employers’ Liability Protection with a limit of liability not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) bodily injury, each occurrence; one million dollars ($1,000,000) disease, each employee; and one million dollars ($1,000,000) disease, aggregate limit.

3. Commercial General Liability written on a current ISO Occurrence Form or equivalent. The General Liability policy will include, but not be limited to, coverage for bodily injury (including death) and property damage arising from premises and operations liability, products and completed operations liability, personal injury and advertising liability, sexual abuse and molestation, contractual liability, and fire legal liability. Vendor agrees to maintain the following general liability limits of coverage:
   - Per occurrence: $1,000,000
   - Products/completed operations aggregate: $3,000,000
   - Personal and advertising injury: $1,000,000
   - General aggregate: $3,000,000

4. A “per location or Project endorsement” shall be included so that the general aggregate limit applies separately to the Rowan location or Project.
5. Comprehensive Automobile Liability insurance written on an occurrence basis covering owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles. The limits of liability shall not be less than a combined single limit of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence.

6. Excess Liability, umbrella insurance, follow form, applying excess of the commercial general liability, commercial automobile liability and employer’s liability insurance in minimum amounts of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence, one million dollars ($1,000,000) general aggregate, and one million dollars ($1,000,000) products/completed operations.

7. Pollution Legal Liability insurance policy, if applicable to the services performed under this contract, in minimum amounts of two million dollars ($2,000,000) per occurrence. If this policy is written on a claims-made policy form, Vendor agrees that upon termination of the claims-made policy a retroactive reporting policy (tail policy) will be purchased to provide coverage for losses that occurred during, or as a result of, the provision of Vendor’s services under this contract, but are not discovered until after completion of services under this contract.

8. Cyber Breach/Privacy Liability Insurance providing coverage for 1) Privacy Liability, Network Security Liability, and Regulatory Liability; 2) Payment Card Industry (PCI) Fines, Penalties, and Assessments; 3) Breach Response Costs including Data Forensics, Public Relations, and Privacy Counsel, and 4) Notification, Credit Monitoring, and Identity Theft Restoration Costs. Limits of liability will be in minimum amounts of five million dollars ($5,000,000). If this policy is written on a claims-made policy form, Vendor agrees that upon termination of the claims-made policy a retroactive reporting policy (tail policy) will be purchased to provide coverage for events that occurred prior to the termination date of the claims-made coverage and are not reported until after the termination date.

9. Professional (Errors & Omissions) Liability insurance, if applicable, in minimum amounts of five million dollars ($5,000,000) per claim. If this policy is written on a claims-made policy form, Vendor agrees that upon termination of the claims-made policy a retroactive reporting policy (tail policy) will be purchased to provide coverage for losses that result from the professional services provided during the term of this contract regardless of when a claim is made.

D. The General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall each name Rowan University and the State of New Jersey as additional insureds.

E. Vendor shall bear all costs of all policy deductibles.

F. Vendor may, if they so desire, include with their proposal the applicable certificates of insurance. This will expedite the contract award process for the awarded vendor.

G. Within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of intent to award contract, and if applicable, annually thereafter until contract termination, Vendor will furnish Rowan University with Certificates of Insurance evidencing all required insurance.

1. Certificates must evidence the Additional Insured language.

2. Certificates will be submitted to the Senior Director of Contracting and Procurement, Rowan University, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

H. The awarded vendor shall assume all responsibility for its actions and those of anyone else working for it while engaged in or traveling to or from any activity connected with this agreement. The successful proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Rowan University and its officers, agents, staff members and employees, from all actions, claims, and demands whatsoever that may be asserted by, or on behalf of anyone, against the University, its officers, agents, staff members and employees because or as a result of, any accident, injury or illness that may occur to or be sustained by any person, agency, or company that arises out of the activities conducted under this RFP by the proposer, their employees or anyone acting on the proposer’s behalf.

I. Rowan University, as a State funded University, will not indemnify vendors in any form.
**VI. COMPLIANCE LAWS**

A. The vendor must comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to this contract and to the work to be done hereunder. Including, but not limited to:
   1. Vendors are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.
   2. If awarded a contract, winning vendor will be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10-5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.
   3. Rowan University is committed to affirmative action and equal opportunity in all areas of operation. Those submitting proposals must certify that their vendor has an updated affirmative action/equal opportunity program.

B. All vendors submitting proposals must not be barred or otherwise suspended from doing business with government entities as evidenced by the System for Award Management (SAM) database.

C. All vendors shall be able to comply with the requirements of Public law 2005, Chapter 51, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13-25 (Formerly Executive Order 134) and Executive Order 117 (2008).

**VII. REPRESENTATIONS & WARRANTIES**

In submitting a proposal for this offering, the vendor expressly warrants that:

A. The vendor has legal capacity to execute and perform any Agreement arising from this RFP.

B. Any Agreement arising from the award of this RFP is a valid and binding Agreement, enforceable against the vendor according to its terms.

C. The execution and performance of an Agreement by the vendor does not and will not violate or conflict with the terms of any existing Agreement or understanding of which the vendor is a party.

D. The execution and performance of an Agreement by the vendor does not, and will not, violate or conflict with any law, rule, regulation, judgment or order of any court or other adjudicative entity binding the vendor.

E. The vendor knows of no reason, or is any way physically, legally, or otherwise precluded from performing the obligations under an Agreement arising from this RFP, in accordance with its terms; including without limitation those relating to health and safety.

F. Such warranties shall survive and shall not be deemed waived by delivery or acceptance of, or payment for the goods and services.

G. The proposer warrants and represents that the items, when delivered, shall meet or exceed all applicable standards as mandated by State and Federal regulation.

**VIII. INDEMNITY**

A. The awarded vendor agrees to indemnify, protect, save harmless, and defend Rowan University, its governors, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, damages, and expenses, including legal costs and attorney fees, and demands of any kind whatsoever, whether for bodily injury, including death, damage to property, including the loss of work performed by the Proposer, its agents or employees, alone or with others, or resulting from or arising out of services provided jointly by the Proposer, its agents or employees or servants.

B. Vendor shall reimburse, and make good to the University all monies, which the University or its representatives shall pay, or cause to be paid, or become liable to pay, by reason of such claims, or in connection with any litigation, investigation or other matters connected therewith.

C. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.
IX. **DEFAULT**  
In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract(s) terms and conditions, Rowan University, after due oral or written notice, may procure substitute goods or service from other sources and hold the contractor(s) responsible for any resulting purchasing and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other solution, which Rowan University may have.

X. **VENDOR PERSONNEL**  
A. While on University property:  
   1. All personnel shall observe all rules and regulations in effect at Rowan University governing safety and personal conduct.  
   2. Vendor employees shall be subject to control of the University, but under no circumstances, shall such persons be deemed employees of the University.  
B. Vendor personnel shall not represent themselves or be considered as employees of Rowan University or the State of New Jersey.  
C. **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE MANDATORY** for all non-university personnel performing work on the Rowan University Campus. Vendors, consultants, contractors and subcontractors are required to take all reasonable steps to assure that their employees do not represent a threat to the campus community. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in immediate termination of any award or contract.  
D. The proposer shall be solely responsible for all damage or unauthorized destruction to any Rowan University buildings, equipment, premises or facilities; lease, lent, or in the care, custody or control of the University or State.  
E. The Vendor shall remove from the Rowan University work place, any of its employees who are found to be unacceptable by the University. Such requests will not be unreasonable.  
F. At all times, vendor personnel shall be in professional attire with clear identification of the company’s name, logo, and person’s name.  
G. All vendor motorized vehicles shall be identified with the company’s name and/or logo in clear view.

XI. **SALE OR BANKRUPTCY OF BUSINESS**  
A. If during the life of this Agreement, the awarded vendor disposes of its business by sale, transfer, force of law or by any means to another party, all obligations are transferred to such purchaser.  
B. In the event of the institution of any proceedings by or against the awarded vendor, voluntarily or involuntarily, in bankruptcy or insolvency, or under the provisions of the Federal bankruptcy Act, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or an assignee for the benefit of creditors of the property of the vendor, Rowan University shall have, in addition to the rights previously stated, the right to cancel this agreement forthwith.

XII. **GENERAL**  
A. Rowan University may need to issue one or more addenda related to this RFP. Such addenda shall be added to the original RFP document and posted on The Office of Contracting & Procurement website. It will be the responsibility of the prospective contractors and other interested parties to familiarize themselves with the web site and visit it regularly during the RFP process for updated information or addenda related to this RFP.  
B. Short procedural inquiries may be accepted by telephone by the buyer noted for this project. However, oral explanations or instructions given over the telephone shall not be binding upon the University. Proposers shall not contact any person within the University directly, in person, or by telephone, other than the assigned buyer, concerning this project.  
C. If a joint venture is submitting an RFP, the agreement between the parties relating to such joint venture shall be submitted with the joint venture’s proposal.
D. The vendor(s) shall not sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of this contract to any third party for the performance of work.

E. Rowan reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract to obtain the most advantageous situation for Rowan. In addition, Rowan reserves the right to suspend or terminate the procurement process described in this RFP at any time (in its sole discretion). If terminated, Rowan may determine to commence a new procurement process or exercise any other rights provided under applicable law without any obligation to the Respondents.

F. **Patents:** The Suppliers shall hold and save the University, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expense for or on account of any patented or unpatented invention, article, or applicable manufacturer or use in materials and forms of construction as will satisfy the University's requirements.

G. Any modification(s) to the RFP documents prior to award may invalidate the entire submission

H. **Submission as Public Information and Property of Rowan**
   1. The information in each submission may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to State and Federal law.
   2. All submissions will become the property of Rowan. Submitted packages will not be returned to respondents.
   3. Submissions will be held confidential during the RFP process until such time as the final contract is executed, upon such time the RFP submittals may be subject to the Open Public Records Act for non-proprietary information.
   4. **It is the responsibility of the prospective vendor to indicate what submitted information is proprietary.**

I. In submitting a RFP, the Vendor agrees, unless specifically authorized in writing by an authorized representative of Rowan University on a case by case basis, that it shall have no right to use, and shall not use, the name of Rowan University, its officials or employees, or the Seal of the University:
   1. In any advertising, publicity, promotion;
   2. To express or imply any endorsement of agency’s services;
   3. To use the name of the State, its officials or employees or the University seal in any manner (whether or not similar to uses prohibited by (a) and (b) above) except only to manufacture and deliver in accordance with this agreement such services as are hereby contracted by the University.

J. The preparation of an RFP shall be at the expense of the respondent. Rowan University will not reimburse firms for any costs associated with the preparation or submittal of a response.

K. By responding to this RFP, firms acknowledge and consent to the conditions set forth herein relative to the submission, review and consideration of your response.

L. Submissions which, in the sole judgment of Rowan, fail to meet the requirements of the RFP or which are in any way conditional, incomplete, obscure, contain additions or deletions from requested information, or contain errors may be rejected.

M. Rowan University will not accept jurisdiction in any State except New Jersey.

N. The vendor shall be solely responsible for all damage or unauthorized destruction to any Rowan University buildings, equipment, premises or facilities; lease, lent, or in the care, custody or control of the University or State.

O. Rowan University reserves the right to reject any or all submissions or to award in whole or in part if deemed in the best interest of the University to do so.

P. Unless specifically noted within this RFP, **Rowan’s Standard Terms and Conditions** take precedence over any special terms and conditions contained in this RFP.

Q. This RFP is not binding on the University.

R. No party, including any respondent to this RFP, is granted any rights hereunder.

S. Rowan University does not allow payment of attorney fees for litigation regardless of disposition of matter.
T. The proposal submitted by the vendor shall be binding on the vendor.

U. Proposers assume sole responsibility for the complete effort required in this RFP. No special consideration shall be given after RFPs are opened because of a proposer’s failure to be knowledgeable of all the requirements of this RFP. By submitting a RFP in response to this offering, the proposer represents that it has satisfied itself, from its own investigation, of all the requirements of this RFP.

V. Rowan University has the option, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of work for any task or subtask called for under this contract. In such an event, the Senior Director of Contracting and Procurement (Senior Director) shall provide advanced, written notice to the vendor.

W. Upon receipt of such written notice, the vendor will submit, within five (5) working days to the Senior Director of Contracting & Procurement, an itemization of the work effort already completed by task or subtasks. The vendor shall be compensated for such work effort according to the applicable portions of its cost proposal.

X. The Senior Director may, for valid reason, issue a stop order directing the vendor to suspend work under the contract for a specific time. The vendor shall be paid until the effective date of the stop order. The vendor shall resume work upon the date specified in the stop order or upon such other date as the Senior Director may thereafter direct in writing. The period of suspension shall be deemed added to the vendor’s approved schedule of performance. The Senior Director and the vendor shall negotiate an equitable adjustment, if any, to the contract price.

Y. Rowan University reserves the right to cancel this contract with thirty (30) days written notice to the consultant(s) with or without cause.

Z. Protest of restrictive specifications or improprieties in the solicitation, by an interested party, must be received by the Procurement Department in writing not less than ten (10) working days before the closing date for receipt of proposals.

AA. The vendor will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by the University in utilizing any replacement firm because of the Vendor’s failure to perform under the resulting contract.

XIII. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. In order to be considered, vendors must submit a complete response to this RFP.

B. Submissions should be concise and shall be organized in a manner so the selection committee may quickly access pertinent information.
   1. Every effort should be made to avoid duplicating the information presented in the submission.
   2. Each team’s RFP must include an index and be organized by discrete sections corresponding to the criteria and in the same order as listed below.
   3. Submissions in any other format will be considered informal and may be rejected.
   4. Conditional submissions will not be considered.

C. Submission Format:
   1. Table of Contents
   2. Cover Letter
      a. Submittal responses must have a cover letter that should include, at a minimum it should include:
         ● Indication that the proposed vendor understands the needs of the University.
         ● The primary name and contact information of the individual in your firm that the University should contact if required.
   3. Proposed Question Bank(s) Information
   4. Vendor Experience & Expertise
      a. Detail the experience and expertise of the company and any individual (s) who will directly be servicing the University.
5. **References**
   a. Provide three (3) references with examples of related projects, preferably of similar scope and size that would best assist in assessing if your solution as the most suitable for the University.

6. **Required Procurement Documents**: Proposals should include all information requested on the Required Procurement Documents page of this RFP.
Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Selection of the awarded vendor(s) shall be based solely on the Review Committee’s evaluation of the submissions and the criteria set forth above. Rowan reserves the right to interview the respondents. Rowan also reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract to obtain the most advantageous situation for Rowan. In addition, Rowan reserves the right to suspend or terminate the procurement process described in this RFP at any time (in its sole discretion). If terminated, Rowan may determine to commence a new procurement process or exercise any other rights provided under applicable law without any obligation to the Respondents.

Submission of a Proposal against this RFP is your acknowledgement that subjective criteria will be used in the evaluation of proposals. Award shall be made to the responsible proposer that is determined to be the most advantageous to the University.

By responding to this RFP, firms acknowledge and consent to the conditions set forth herein relative to the submission, review and consideration of your response.

Requests for Clarification by the University: The University may request that any firm clarify or supplement any information contained in any Proposal. Proposers are required to provide a written response within two (2) business days of any request for clarification by the University.

The award of this RFP will be based upon a review and analysis of all proposals to determine which proposal/proposals best meet the University’s needs. The contract award will be based on a points-earned matrix derived from a service and financial evaluation:

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Note:

- If a vendor submits a proposal that does not provide detailed and coherent information regarding a specific scoring category, the vendor will be granted zero (0) total points for that category.

- The University reserves the right to conduct reference checks.
NOTE: THE UNIVERSITY IS ONLY ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS FOR THIS OFFERING. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS ORIGINALS AND WILL BE UTILIZED AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION FOR EVALUATION AND CONSIDERATION BY THE UNIVERSITY. EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE SO THEY ARE COHERENT AND EASILY VIEWABLE. ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS OFFERING MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.

In order to be considered for the award, Vendor must proceed with one of the following submission options by the appropriate date and time:

Submission Option #1: Submit RFP via email to bids@rowan.edu
- Enter the RFP Name and Company Name in the Subject Line (The University server can handle up to 50MB files at a time. If the RFP file is larger than this, please send multiple emails with, Part I, Part II, etc.)
- **DO NOT PROVIDE LINKS OR ANY EXTERNAL LOCATIONS FOR FILES TO BE DOWNLOADED OR RETRIEVED. THE UNIVERSITY WILL REJECT ANY SUBMISSIONS SENT IN THIS MANNER.**

Submission Option #2: Mail or hand deliver an envelope to the office of Contracting & Procurement with a USB drive or CD enclosed containing the RFP submission (Note: The University is not responsible for USB or CD drives that contain no information or fail upon use).
- Clearly label submission packaging with the RFP Name and Company Name.
- **Contracting & Procurement address:**
  - Bunce Hall, Suite 208
  - Rowan University
  - 201 Mullica Hill Road
  - Glassboro, NJ 08028

Note: Submissions will be accepted based on the time they are received by the University, and not the time they are submitted. This will apply for both email and delivery of a USB/CD.

**ALL ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS, WHETHER EMAILED OR SENT ON A USB OR CD, MUST BE IN PDF FORMAT AND PERFERABLY AS A SINGLE FILE.**

Respondents are cautioned that reliance on the US Postal Service, other mail delivery, and/or courier service for timely delivery of submissions, is at their risk. Mailing submissions should allow for normal mail delivery time and internal circulation within the University to ensure the timely delivery to the Office of Contracting & Procurement. The University will not be responsible for submissions which do not meet the scheduled deadline.

**Evaluation and Selection Criteria:**

An initial screening of all submissions will be conducted to determine overall responsiveness. Submissions determined to be incomplete or non-responsive may be disqualified. Submissions must include all information requested on the Required Procurement Documents page of this RFP.
PROPOSAL PAGE

The undersigned firm, in response to Rowan University's RFP 19-03 Medical Student Question Banks: COMLEX & USMLE, having carefully examined the RFP documents and being familiar with the requirements therein, hereby submits the following RFP to provide such services and materials meeting the requirements outlined in this RFP.

### COMLEX Pricing: Cost Per One Student Question Bank by Fiscal Year

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Note: Proposers do not have to submit pricing for both COMLEX and USMLE question banks. However, if pricing is provided for the COMLEX or USMLE, it must be for both levels or steps. If not providing pricing, please write “No Proposal” in the cost field.

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