

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Hearing Aid Providers

September 1, 2011

**New RFQ process date Sept 22nd and
Information Session date Sept 28th**

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The current Hearing Aid Provider Services contracts will expire on February 29, 2012. WorkSafeBC will not be extending the contracts and as a result will be initiating a competitive qualification process.

A Request for Qualification (RFQ) document will be available no later than **September 22, 2011**. Respondents (Providers) will have four (4) weeks to complete and submit a response to the document.

The RFQ document will be posted and made available for downloading at the following websites:

BC Bid website (Word):

<http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/open.dll/welcome>

WorkSafeBC website (PDF):

http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/bid_opportunities/current_bid_opportunities/default.asp

Note: WorkSafeBC will NOT send you the RFQ documents you must download.

An RFQ Pre Bid Information Session will be held on **September 28** from 2:00 - 3:30 in Richmond to provide information about the Hearing Aid Provider contract and to provide information on the RFQ process. Interested Hearing Aid Providers will have the option to attend in person or via teleconference, and minutes of the session will be posted online for those unable to attend.

More details regarding the Information Session will be provided in the RFQ document.

RFQ responses will be evaluated and successful providers will be advised if they will be awarded a contract to provide Hearing Aid Services for WorkSafeBC's Injured Workers. Only those clinics that are successful in their response will be eligible to offer hearing aid provider services to WorkSafeBC's Injured Workers beyond February 29, 2012.

All existing qualified clinics in BC who possess a WorkSafeBC payee number and currently provide Hearing Aid Provider Services must respond to the competitive qualification process if they want to be eligible to provide Hearing Aid Services for WorkSafeBC beyond February 29, 2012.

Hearing Aid Clinics that currently do not have a contract with WorkSafeBC must also respond to the same competitive qualification process if they wish to be eligible to provide Hearing Aid Services for WorkSafeBC.

WorkSafeBC is committed to the following principles:

- Maintaining a fair, open, and competitive supply environment
- Attaining the best value that serves the interest of WorkSafeBC

We encourage you to register for automatic notification emails in order to be notified when the RFQ is posted on the BC Bid and the WorkSafeBC site.

To subscribe to the “Notification of Bid Opportunities”, please visit:

www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/bid_opportunities/default.asp and click on “health care bid notifications.”

Thank you.

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