

ADDENDUM #01

RFB 163603 – WIC Mobile Service Unit

06/04/2025

SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY JUNE 10, 2025, BY 3:00 P.M. CT TO BE CONSIDERED.

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FROM INTERESTED PARTIES:

1. What would exact services you will be providing on this Mobile clinic?

The WIC Mobile Clinic is designed to expand access to essential WIC services for individuals in rural areas where a clinical office is not available. Operating within the Cherokee Nation boundaries, this mobile unit serves as a fully equipped office, ensuring families receive comprehensive support without the need to travel long distances.

- **Available Services:** The mobile clinic provides the same high-quality services as a traditional WIC office, including:
 - **Certifications** for eligible participants
 - **Benefit renewal** to maintain continued support
 - **Height and weight checks** for growth monitoring
 - **Nutrition education** tailored to individual needs
 - **Breastfeeding support** for mothers and caregivers

By bringing WIC services directly to communities, the mobile clinic helps reduce barriers to access, improve maternal and child health outcomes, and strengthen nutrition education efforts across the Cherokee Nation.

2. What is the terrain that the clinic will be driven by?

Wherever services are needed, whether along highways, in parking areas, or on rural roadways, the WIC Mobile Clinic is dedicated to reaching families where they are. By eliminating transportation barriers and delivering essential support directly within communities, this initiative ensures that all eligible participants have access to the care they need without limitation.

3. What is the climate that the clinic will be driven in?

The climate in rural eastern Oklahoma where the Cherokee Nation reservation is located is classified as humid subtropical. This means the WIC Mobile Clinic vehicle will be operating in conditions that include:

- **Hot summers often exceeding 90°F (32°C), along with humid conditions.**

- **Mild winters with occasional freezes, and heavy spring rainfall contributing to seasonal flooding risks.**

Given these factors, the vehicle will need to be equipped for extreme heat, heavy rain, and potential severe weather to ensure safe and reliable service across the Cherokee Nation.

4. Do you currently have a mobile clinic that is or has been in service?

This mobile unit will be the first of its kind for the program and the participants we serve. By introducing this new service, we aim to expand accessibility, eliminate transportation barriers, and bring essential WIC support directly to rural communities that previously lacked clinical office access.

5. How many people will be in the clinic at the same time?

The mobile clinic will accommodate up to **six people** at a time, including two WIC staff members and a mother with her children. This setup ensures enough space for efficient service delivery, allowing staff to provide certifications, benefit renewals, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support in a comfortable and accessible environment.

6. If this is your first program, will you need additional help with:
 - a. program planning and launch – **No additional assistance needed at this time.**
 - b. vehicle maintenance – **The Cherokee Nation WIC Program relies on the Cherokee Nation Fleet Service Center to maintain its vehicles, ensuring they receive regular servicing and upkeep. This system allows for efficient management, helping to keep the mobile clinic in optimal condition for continued service to rural communities.**