Due: On or before November 15, 2013 at 2:00 PM CST

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

A. Receipt of this Addendum shall be acknowledged on the Bid Form.

B. **Bidders are required to sign this addendum acknowledging receipt and return a copy by email.** Corresponding email for this purpose is Kim Sadler, UHS Purchasing, Contract Specialist, at kim.sadler@uhs-sa.com

C. This Addendum is part of the RFP-213-09-049-SVC documents for the above referenced project and shall be incorporated integrally therewith.

D. Each bidder shall make necessary adjustments and submit their proposal with full knowledge of all modifications: clarifications and supplemental data include therein.

Company Name: ______________________________________________________

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Vendor Signature    Date: ____________________________________________________________________________
1. **Question**: Will you provide biding vendors a copy of the most recent pharmacy inventory summary by location?

**Answer**: No, UHS has not performed an annual inventory in over years.

2. **Question**: Are there separate inpatient and outpatient areas?

**Answer**: There are separate inpatient and outpatient areas, but this RFP is for the inpatient area only.

3. **Question**: Do you participate in the 340B program? If so, are the items segregated from the regular stock? If yes, will you supply a separate file for 340B pricing?

**Answer**: We do participate in 340B but we keep a virtual inventory through the Morris & Dickson split bill software. Valuation will be based on GPO acquisition costs.

4. **Question**: What is the estimated value for the Central Pharmacy Department?

**Answer**: Approximately $1 million.

5. **Question**: What is the preferred month of service for the physical counts?

**Answer**: December 2013. November for subsequent years.

6. **Question**: Are you able to provide a 24 month purchase history, direct and special pricing electronically at least 21 days prior to the physical count?

**Answer**: Yes.

7. **Question**: Which pharmacy drug wholesale company do you use?

**Answer**: Morris and Dickson.

8. **Question**: Are there specific start and end times for the count?

**Answer**: Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

9. **Question**: What resources have been utilized in the past to complete all counts in one day (e.g. number of counters and number of hours)?

**Answer**: UHS has not performed an annual inventory in over 10 years.
10. **Question:** The RFP states that maximum time to complete counts is one day. Is there flexibility on this?

   **Answer:** No.

11. **Question:** What is the estimated line count?

    **Answer:** 2,700 line items.

12. **Question:** What is the estimated value for the Pyxis units?

    **Answer:** $500,000.00.

13. **Question:** Are the 66 inpatient care area Pyxis units to be physically counted or provided electronically for inclusion in the report? If submitting electronically, do the Pyxis lists contain current NDC numbers?

    **Answer:** We can provide an electronic inventory, but there are no NDC numbers listed on the reports. We do have a crosswalk file that contains M&D numbers. This will require some creative planning.

14. **Question:** Please provide a complete list of locations.

    **Answer:** Central Pharmacy only.

15. **Question:** Can the awarded vendor provide the on-site inventory reporting on a USB flash drive rather than physically printing?

    **Answer:** Yes.

16. **Question:** Page 11 suggest the company doing the inventory would need to get credentialed by VCS. Is this necessary and if so at what cost?

    **Answer:** This would not be required by Pharmacy. VCS is a Purchasing policy, but Pharmacy would support waiving this requirement.

17. **Question:** What would be the count method? Usually it is done in tenths.

    **Answer:** If your company counts in tenths, then this would be acceptable.

18. **Question:** You stated the 66 Pyxis Medstations are located all over the hospital. Do you want them counted or just the report you can run and we can include it into the final numbers? If you want them counted individually this increases the time which is supposed to be completed in one day.

    **Answer:** We can use a Pyxis inventory report for Pyxis so a physical inventory would not be needed.
19. **Question**: What is the total dollar volume of all counted pharmacy areas? This price is based on volume and I need a breakdown of the areas and the volume (dollar) for each.

**Answer**: We have not done a physical inventory in over 10 years. We approximate $1 million in inpatient pharmacy and $500,000.00 in Pyxis. Because of the unknown value we would prefer a bid based on “per $1000” of inventory.

20. **Question**: Is there any 340B pricing involved? If so which areas and what percentage is 340B pricing.

**Answer**: We use a virtual 340B inventory thru M&D split bill software. Valuation for this inventory will be based on GPO acquisition.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1