



## Call for Expressions of Interest for Supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen Systems Equipment

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### Introduction

The Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) is supporting the strengthening of medical oxygen ecosystems, including the improvement of medical oxygen availability and supply systems in over 27 countries through support of Unitaid, ELMA, and the Gates Foundation. CHAI's support will include the purchase of equipment related to the use of liquid oxygen at health facilities to improve access to oxygen services.

Low blood oxygen, or hypoxemia, is a life-threatening complication of many illnesses such as pneumonia and malaria, as well as preterm birth, surgery, labor and delivery, and other conditions. Hypoxemia contributes to over a million preventable deaths in low-income countries every year. Providing concentrated medical oxygen, known as oxygen therapy, can prevent many of these deaths.

We support governments and health administrators to improve hypoxemia screening, through training and access to critical tools like pulse oximeters, and in reforming national policies and financing to sustain these improvements. As part of our work, it is critical that the supply, distribution, and storage of medical oxygen is sustainably planned for; this includes the storage of liquid medical oxygen.

CHAI invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from vendors interested and capable of supplying and/or servicing liquid medical oxygen storage equipment (VIE tanks) and/or vaporizers, across multiple countries, including but not limited to: Burkina Faso, Cambodia Cameroon, DRC, Ecuador, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The purpose of this call for Expressions of Interest is to:

- Provide information to potential suppliers on CHAI's potential future needs and requirements.
- Solicit information from potential suppliers on their product offerings, production capacity, current lead times, pricing, and other information pertinent to procurement planning.

- Gather information on the current market for Liquid Medical Oxygen Systems equipment to assist in the preparation of an expected Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of Liquid Medical Oxygen storage equipment and vaporizers for the delivery of medical oxygen at health facilities in the countries noted above; and
- Evaluate submissions to identify and shortlist qualified potential suppliers for future RFPs.

## **Submissions**

Interested organizations must submit their EOI (electronically) to the email ID [gempurchase@clintonhealthaccess.org](mailto:gempurchase@clintonhealthaccess.org) quoting RFQ/CHAI/OxS/0122 in the subject line no later than **8/12/2022 EDT**. When preparing your submission please be guided by the form attached as annex A and B and CHAI code of conduct and ethics for suppliers in Annex C.

For any clarification / queries please write to us at [gempurchase@clintonhealthaccess.org](mailto:gempurchase@clintonhealthaccess.org) with EOI reference number in the subject line by 08/04/2022. CHAI may contact respondents for further discussions regarding submissions and to elicit feedback on potential RFPs.

Should your submission exceed 2Mb and cannot be sent by email, send an email to request an upload link with the subject 'Requesting upload link' to [gempurchase@clintonhealthaccess.org](mailto:gempurchase@clintonhealthaccess.org)

**Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.**

## **Disclaimer**

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## **Annexes**

### **Annex A: Format for Expression of Interest**

Please follow this link: [Vendor details and shipping](#) to the excel spreadsheet, download, complete and submit.

### **Annex B: LOX VIE System components: General Specifications**

Please follow this link: [Technical specifications checklist](#) to the excel spreadsheet, download, complete, and submit

### **Annex C: CHAI code of conduct for suppliers**

The CHAI code of conduct for suppliers is a minimum set of requirements that suppliers must meet to qualify to do business with CHAI and remain in good standing with the organization. Please read the document via this link: [Supplier Code of Conduct](#) and apply for this solicitation only if your organization can comply with these requirements.