

Queensland Centre for Mothers and Babies - Expression of Interest

Industry Briefing – 4pm, Thursday 13th December

Venue: Training Room 2, Floor 3, Queensland Health building, 147 Charlotte St Brisbane

Queensland Health is seeking expressions of interest from non-government bodies interested in establishing and managing the proposed Queensland Centre for Mothers and Babies.

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Further information

As part of the review of maternity services in Queensland, the Queensland Government has committed to the establishment of an independent Queensland Centre for Mothers and Babies.

The focus of the Centre will be to develop information and resources for and about mothers and their babies to inform their care choices including information on performance of maternity services in Queensland, and to develop, design and evaluate models of maternity services based on evidence of best clinical practice and consumer concerns in conjunction with health services.

The Centre will have a strong consumer focus.

The Centre will be led by a Director with an international reputation in the fields relevant to maternal and child health. The Centre will provide regular reports to the Ministerial Advisory Council – Maternity which is appointed by and reports to the Minister for Health.

Queensland Health is seeking expressions of interest from non-government bodies or agencies interested in establishing and managing the Centre. Interested parties would need to demonstrate:

- a commitment to the aims of the Centre;
- a commitment to informing and empowering health care consumers;
- an ability to manage a Centre with an annual budget of \$1M in the first year increasing to \$2M
- capacity to support the independent role of the Centre;
- capacity to attract a high quality Director;
- commitment and high level capacity for research in fields directly relevant to the focus of the Centre;
- capacity to influence policy and practice in the health sector; and
- opportunity to leverage from the core investment in the Centre.

It is envisaged that Queensland Health would enter into a 4 year contract with the body/agency covering the core costs of the Centre including management and administration.

A biannual activity based funding component linked to the priorities of the Queensland Government and Queensland Health would form part of the contract.

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