



**Solicitation Information
5 July 2012**

Addendum #1

Request for Proposals # 7457783

Title: External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Services

Submission Deadline: 16 July 2012 @ 11:30 AM (Eastern Time)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO
7/16/12 AT 11:30 AM.

Attached are vendor questions with state responses.

No further questions will be answered.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerome D. Moynihan', is located below the text.

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Administrator of Purchasing Systems**

RFP Reference	Questions	Response
Instructions and Notifications to Offerors. Page 4.	Is it mandatory that bidder subcontract a portion of its proposed budget for this work to a Rhode Island-certified MBE? If so, what criteria will be used to evaluate MBE participation? Will the State be awarding bonus points for MBE participation?	As specified on p. 4 of the RFP, it is “the State’s goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE’s in all State procurements.” The Offerer must state how it will meet the MBE requirement as stated in Section 4 (Corporate Experience and Qualifications) on p. 18 of the RFP. For further information about the State’s MBE requirements, contact the MBE Administrator at (401) 574-8253 or visit the website at www.mbe.ri.gov .
Section II. Background. Page 7.	Regarding dental care, does the State intend for the EQR to conduct any projects related to dental care provided to children receiving Medical Assistance Services, either through RItE Smiles/Dental Benefit Manager, or through Medical Assistance directly?	RItE Smiles is a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP). As such, by Federal regulation it is not subject to EQR (Task A on page 9 of the RFP). It is possible that another task could be directed towards dental care (e.g., Task F on page 12 of the RFP).
Section III. Scope of Work. Page 8.	The RFP states “the contract period for this effort is a three-year period beginning July 1, 2012,” which is prior to the proposal submission date of July 9, 2012. Please clarify the start date of the three-year contract period.	The actual contract start date will be adjusted upon contract award.
Section 4. Staffing. Page 14.	Regarding core project staff (Project Manager, Nurse Reviewer, Physician Consultant, Statistician, Data Analyst/Programmer), may one individual fulfill more than one role, if qualified and hours required permit?	Yes, but the Offeror must demonstrate that any such individual is qualified by training and work experience.
Section 4. Staffing. Page 14.	Is contractor limited to only the five staff positions (Project Manager, Nurse Reviewer, Physician Consultant, Statistician, Data Analyst/Programmer), or can we propose additional staffing necessary to execute the work?	The State does not believe additional types of staff categories would be required. In the event that dental care would be the subject of a task under this contract, for example, the State would expect that a dental consultant could be accommodated under the “Physician Consultant” category.
Section 5. Technical Proposal. Page 18. #4.	May client references be included in an appendix that will not count against the page limitation specified for the Technical Proposal?	Within the 7-page limitation described in Section 4 (Corporate Experience and Qualifications) on p. 18 of the RFP, the Offeror should list the names of three (3) references from current or past contracts and products conducted. Client reference letters may be attached as an appendix.