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ADDENDUM #2

RFP #: 7599780

**Title: Project Management and Analytic Tool Development Support for RI's
Integrated Data System Module of the Medicaid Information Technology
Enterprise**

Submission Deadline: October 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ET)

Notice to Vendors

**ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES. NO
FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED**

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Vendor Questions for RFP #7599780 Project Management and Analytic Tool Development Support for RI's Integrated Data System Module of the Medicaid Information Technology Enterprise

Question 1: What is the estimated budget for this project?

Answer to question 1: Estimated budget information is not provided as part of the RFP process

Question 2: Does this project have an incumbent vendor? If so, which vendor?

Answer to question 2: Yes, there is an incumbent vendor; it is Freedman HealthCare.

Question 3: Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like, from India or Canada)

Answer to question 3: No

Question 4: Whether we need to come over there for meetings?

Answer to questions: While some of the project management meetings may be attended remotely, the state would request that there be an onsite project management meeting at least monthly. Project staff managing the APCD Data Release Review Board, as well as project staff managing the Ecosystem Board, need to be in person for those meetings. It is also anticipated that the Technical Development team referred to on page 14 will be located on site at EOHHS in order to work side by side with EOHHS staff.

Question 5: Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA? (like, from India or Canada)

Answer to question 5: Please see response to question 3

Question 6: Can we submit the proposals via email?

Answer to question 6:

No, please refer to Section 8. Proposal Submission of RFP 7599780 for details.

Question 7: **SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION – Instructions 10. General, page 4:** Is an "Affirmative Action Policy Statement" to be included with our proposal?

Answer to question 7: No, it will be required of the winning bidder during the tentative selection phase

Question 8: **SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION – Instructions 10.b., page 4:** Are the Contract Compliance Report and Certificate of Compliance to be included with our proposal?

Answer to question 8: No, it will be required of the winning bidder during the tentative selection phase.

Question 9: **SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION – Instructions 10.b., page 4:** The RFP states that “Vendors further agree, where applicable, to complete the Contract Compliance Report.” Please clarify what is meant by "where applicable" if the “Contract Compliance Report” must be submitted with our proposal.

Answer to question 9: The Contract Compliance Report it will be required of the winning bidder during the tentative selection phase.

Question 10: **SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION – Instructions 14., page 6:** Please confirm if the vendor is required to be an "eligible entity" to carry out Exchange functions as defined by 45 CFR §155.110.

Answer to question 10: No, the vendor is not required to be an “eligibility entity”

Question 11: SECTION 2. BACKGROUND – Ecosystem and Partners and Vendors, page 9:

What is the current contract amount for this work?

Answer to question 11: The current contract amount for this work is \$817,460 for the period October 1 2019 through March 31, 2020.

Question 12: SECTION 3: SCOPE OF WORK AND REQUIREMENTS – 3. Activity 1.4: Analytic Tool Development Support and Staffing: Medicaid Data Ecosystem and HealthFacts RI, pages 14-15:

Will the vendor have access to the Medicaid Data Ecosystem and HealthFacts RI data to facilitate this activity? If the vendor will have access to the data, what mechanism will be used to provide access?

Answer to question 12: Yes, the vendor and staff will have access as needed to the underlying data via VPN and the on-site network.

Question 13: SECTION 4. PROPOSAL – A.1. Staff Qualifications, page 15:

The RFP references PowerBI as the tool that is likely required for developing the reports. Are there any other BI tools that the selected vendor should have capabilities or will PowerBI be the sole application used for report development?

Answer to question 13: PowerBI is the preferred Business Intelligence Tool but fluency with SQL, R, and Python are preferred for data manipulation and query tasks.

Question 14: SECTION 4. PROPOSAL – A.2. Capability, Capacity, and Qualifications of the Offeror, page 16:

Please confirm the minimum number of client references to be provided.

Answer to question 14: Please provide a minimum of three **relevant** client references

Question 15: **SECTION 4. PROPOSAL – B. Cost Proposal, page 16:**

What is the maximum budget for this project?

Answer to question 15: Please see the response to question 1.

Question 16: **SECTION 4. PROPOSAL – B. Cost Proposal, page 16 / Appendix B:**

Does the Budget Form only cover the initial contract period beginning 4/1/2020 for one year?

Answer to question 16: Yes, the Budget Form should only cover the initial contract period beginning 4/1/2020. Please provide any assumptions that would impact the budget for the three additional 12-month periods, should the state execute on them.

Question 17: **SECTION 4. PROPOSAL – B. Cost Proposal, page 16 / Appendix B:**

Should the Budget Form cover the initial contract period beginning 4/1/2020 for one year plus the three additional 12-month periods?

Answer to question 17: Please see response to question 16.

Question 18: **SECTION 4. PROPOSAL – C. ISBE Proposal, page 16:**

Is there a minimum ISBE Participation Rate for this project?

Answer to question 18: Please see page 18 of the RFP.

Question 19:

Context: The State anticipates needing a strong Technical Development team that would be comprised of the following full-time positions: 1 Data Architect ,1 Lead Data Developer ,1 Evaluation Developer, 2 Junior Developers.

Question:

Is it possible to add 2 Business Analysts with strong Pharmacy, Medical and Dental claims to support the data architects' model? HCH believe this is critical to enhance the Power BI analytic tool from the user perspective and develop reports user friendly for senior leadership.

Answer to question 19: Yes, though the positions cannot replace the architect(s).

Question 20:

Context: HealthFacts RI, Rhode Island's All-Payer Claims Database (APCD), is a large-scale integrated database that systematically collects and aggregates enrollment, medical claims, pharmacy claims, and provider data from private payers (e.g. commercial insurers) and public payers such as Medicare and Medicaid

Questions:

Can you describe the process to develop the Health Facts RI data infrastructure related to file layouts? Are file layouts from all payers exactly the same at this point?

Does the APCD includes the Medicaid MCOs data such as NHP etc?

Answer to question 20: We worked collaboratively with the submitters to develop a standard file layout. All MCO data is included as a separate submission from the payers themselves.