

RFP 200000062 - Dental Director - Questions & Answers

#	Question	Response	Source	
1	Are interested professionals required to have state licensure at the time of contracting / be currently practicing in the state?	Refer to SEC. 1.04 (1) and SEC. 1.08 (f) for licensing requirements.	SEC. 1.04 SEC. 1.08 (f)	Prior Experience Proposal Contents, Licensing Requirements
2	May the Dental Director work together with their dental practice's staff to assist with gathering information and reporting?	The Dental Director position requires specific prior experience, as well as experience and qualifications (SEC 1.04 & SEC 4.05), which cannot be fulfilled by another individual. The duties and deliverables (SEC 3.03) must be performed by the Dental Director. Subcontractors and Joint Ventures (SEC 3.08 & 3.09) are not allowed.	SEC. 1.04 SEC. 3.03 SEC. 3.08 SEC. 3.09 SEC. 4.05	Prior Experience Deliverables Subcontractors Joint Ventures Experience and Qualifications
3	What duties would this position entail and what are the expectations?	Refer to SEC. 3.01 and 3.03, which outline the scope of work and deliverables that the contractor will be required to perform.	SEC. 3.01 SEC. 3.03	Scope of Work Deliverables
4	Will this position have influence or control over Medicaid dental policy such as setting what is covered and limits to coverage?	No, the Dental Director will represent DPH as a subject matter expert. Refer to SEC. 3.01, Scope of Work, and SEC. 3.03, Deliverables, which detail the role of the Dental Director.	SEC. 3.01 SEC. 3.03	Scope of Work Deliverables
5	Would you further define the interaction between the Public Health Specialist and the Dental Director? As indicated in SEC. 3, there is a FTE Public Health Specialist who is dedicated to oral health issues. Is this position already with the department?	The Public Health Specialist I will be part of the team in the Division of Public Health working on oral health related activities and will manage the HRSA grant that supports this contract. Yes, this position has been established in the Department.	SEC. 3.01 SEC. 3.03	Scope of Work Deliverables
6	What does WCFH stand for?	Women's, Children's, and Family Health (WCFH) is a section within the State's Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health (DPH). http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/default.aspx	SEC. 3.03	Deliverables

7	<p>Is the contract for 3 or 4 years? In SEC. 8 the total proposed cost indicates “all four years (adding up years 1 through 3).”</p> <p>Under the cost proposal, the dates are from Oct. 15, 2019 - Aug. 2020. Is the first term 10 months or 11?</p>	<p>There is a typo in SEC. 8 Cost Proposal: the total contract term should read as three (3) years.</p> <p>Per SEC. 1.02 this is a “three (3) year project.”</p> <p>SEC. 3.02 sets the Contract Term as “October 15, 2019 through August 31, 2020 plus two renewals to be exercised at the sole discretion of the State.”</p> <p>For the purposes of this RFP, consider 11 months for the first year’s cost.</p>	<p>SEC. 1.02 SEC. 3.02 SEC. 8.02</p>	<p>Budget Contract Term and Work Schedule Cost Proposal</p>
8	<p>Do you cover any of the travel associated with this contract? If and when travel is involved, are these expenses billable to SOA, apart from the contract? Are hours spent traveling, or at national meetings billable?</p>	<p>Yes, travel costs are covered.</p> <p>Per SEC. 3.01, SEC. 3.03 (15) and SEC. 8, the Dental Director is expected “to work approximately 20 hours per month (excluding travel time).” Associated travel costs should be included in the cost proposal and may not be billed separately.</p> <p>When travel may be required for services of the contract, the State sets the Approved Travel Guidelines (SEC. 3.07).</p> <p>The Dental Director is required to attend an annual National Oral Health Conference. Time spent at meetings or conferences is considered time worked, not travel time, and are billable.</p>	<p>SEC. 3.01 SEC. 3.03 SEC. 3.07 SEC. 8</p>	<p>Scope of Work Deliverables Location of Work Cost Proposal</p>
9	<p>Who was the previous Dental Director?</p>	<p>Dr. Brad Whistler was the previous Dental Director and he served as the Dental Official/Consultant for the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services.</p> <p>The primary responsibilities of this position were to provide oral health leadership in the state; development and implementation of a state oral health surveillance system; develop a statewide oral health coalition; manage and promote fluoridation and dental sealant programs, and to develop funding mechanisms and partnerships to expand oral health infrastructure in the department and develop/advance oral health policy in the state. The position</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Historical Reference</p>

		worked directly with federal and other state agencies on oral health policy, surveillance and dental access issues.		
10	Was the previous Dental Director position Full Time?	Yes, the previous Dental Director was a full-time Health Program Manager III position. This position was not filled, as state and federal funding were not available, in August 2017 when the position was vacated.	N/A	Historical Reference