

STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Health
Division of Public Assistance



EIS Modernization Consulting

RFP 2024-1600-0039

Amendment #1

August 10, 2023

This amendment is being issued to revise the deadline for receipt of proposals to **15:00 Alaska Time on August 25, 2023**.

It also serves to answer questions submitted by potential offerors, update SEC 1.02, and to provide an updated cost proposal.

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SEC. 1.02 BUDGET

DPA estimates an initial budget of \$1,164,072.00 dollars for two (2) years for Quality Assurance and Project Management Support Services. Proposals priced at more than this amount will be considered non-responsive.

Upon completion of the initial term (2 years) of the contract, the State may choose to exercise eight (8) annual renewal options at the sole discretion of the State. ~~The anticipated value of a renewal is \$582,036.00 annually. If the full ten (10) year term is executed, the value of the contract is estimated to be \$12,687,746.~~

Cost Adjustments

Consumer Price Index (CPI): Contract prices will remain firm through the end of the first two (2) year initial term.

The contractor or state may request price adjustments, in writing, 30 days prior to the contract renewal date. Requests must be in writing and must be received 30 days prior to the contract renewal date. If the contractor

fails to request a CPI price adjustment 30 days prior to the contract renewal date, the adjustment will be effective 30 days after the state receives their written request.

Price adjustments will be made in accordance with the percentage change in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for All Urban Consumers, All Items, Urban Alaska.

The price adjustment rate will be determined by comparing the percentage difference between the CPI in effect for the base year six-month average (January through June **OR** July through December 20__); and each (January through June **OR** July through December 20__ six-month average) thereafter. The percentage difference between those two CPI issues will be the price adjustment rate. No retroactive contract price adjustments will be allowed.

All price adjustments must be approved by both the contractor and the procurement officer prior to the implementation of the adjusted pricing. Approval shall be in the form of a contract amendment issued by the procurement officer and signed by the contractor.

Approval or continuation of a contract resulting from this RFP is contingent upon legislative appropriation.

Questions submitted by potential offerors and answers from the State:

#	RFP Section	Issue, Question or Comment	State Response
1	3.07	Are we correct in understanding that any costs associated with travel, following the State's guidelines, would be reimbursed outside of the contract's firm fixed price? That is, bidders should not account for travel costs in their price proposal?	The State will cover costs associated with travel per the criteria listed in section 3.07. Travel must be included in your cost proposal. Travel costs are not included in the evaluation scoring process.
2	3.07	Will Alaska pay for a consultant's time traveling to Juneau? That is, in addition to the flight, hotel, etc., will Alaska pay for consultant time during travel?	The consultant's role should be clearly outlined in the Cost Proposal. Travel costs need to be clearly outlined in the Cost Proposal.
3	1.02	Will the state adjust the annual dollar value to reflect increases in the cost of living?	Amendment 1 modifies Section 1.02. We have added verbiage for CPI. Also we have provided an updated Cost Proposal.
4	1.02	Can you explain the estimated 10-year contract value if \$12,687,746?	Amendment 1 modifies Section 1.02. We have added verbiage for CPI. Also we have provided an updated Cost Proposal.
5	General	In several places the RFP indicates a need for "ad hoc" services, such as policy consulting. Can the state provide any estimates around the amount of ad hoc consulting services it might require? In the context of a firm fixed price contract, it would be helpful to get a sense of the state's expectations around ad hoc consulting.	See Section 3.03 Deliverables for Business Analyst services

6	1.08	Could DOH please clarify whether the Department defines “employed by the state” as an individual who is directly employed by the State of Alaska or if this definition includes individuals who are currently (or recently) engaged on contract work with the State?	Directly employed by the State of Alaska.
7	1.08	Could DOH please elaborate on the requirement that offerors “identify all known federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the evaluation, and the contract”? Would DOH like offerors to describe our understanding of the federal regulations that apply to this scope of work?	Yes, offerors should identify and describe all known federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the evaluation, and the contract.
8	4.06	Does DOH have a preference regarding the number of references offerors should include in our proposal?	DPA prefers more than one, but we do not have a limit.
9	3.07	There is a statement in the budget section that says if the contract ends up being the full 10 years, then the value is approx. \$12M, That’s almost twice the Approx \$550K annual value. Is the \$12M based on additional work/enhancements that is expected of this vendor?	See response for Question # 3 and 4.
10	3.15	Article 1. Indemnification. The language does not have any limitation of liability – Would the state consider a LOL of 2X?	No.
11	3.16	Article 2.4. Professional Liability Insurance of \$5,000,000 – Would the state consider an industry standard offering of \$1 million with \$2 million aggregate as the value of this contract is only about \$1.1 million?	Yes. The Liability has been adjusted.
12	1.01	Based on the background included in Section 1.01 it appears that the system may not have previously required CMS certification. Can you please confirm that it is a correct assumption or can clarification related to previous CMS certification be provided?	CMS approval was obtained at the time that ARIES was implemented. Implementation of product roadmap increments are subject to the rules outlined within the CMS Streamlined Modular Certification process.

13	General	Can the State clarify where the State is currently at in its three-year authorization cycle with your current ATC? The Security and Privacy Assessment Services Deliverable, bullet 4, indicates that a full assessment of MARS-E controls will be required each year.	At the time that the contract is anticipated to start, we will be in the middle of year 1 of the three year ATC.
14	3.01	Within the deliverables table under Project Plan Deliverables, bullets indicate the vendor will be responsible for “developing and maintaining” this set of plans. However, section 3.01 indicates that the vendor will need to “provide input” into the Communications Plan, Issues Management Plan, Risk Management Plan, Requirements Management Plan. Please clarify if the vendor is responsible for developing the project plan deliverables or review and provide input.	In Section 3.03, we are addressing the offerors required deliverables. We expect the vendor will develop and maintain these plans. In Section 3.01, we are addressing the QA services required to review and provide input for project plan documents, which may or may not include a technical contractor's work product.

End of Amendment #1