

Pete Ricketts, Governor

ADDENDUM THREE

Date: December 23, 2015
 To: All Bidders
 From: Teresa Fleming/Michelle Thompson, Buyers
 AS Materiel State Purchasing Bureau
 RE: Addendum for Request for Proposal Number 5165Z1
 to be opened January 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time

The answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Proposal. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the State Purchasing Bureau website for all addenda or amendments.

Question	State Response
<p>Responses to question 32 and 60 remove the term "business" from the 2-6 hour "business hour" requirement for Level I turnaround and noted an expectation for holiday coverage. This suggests that Level I decisions will be made 7 days per week, 365 days per year, and 24-hours per day, including holidays.</p> <p>Currently, the vendor's Level I web-based screening <i>technology</i> makes a significant proportion of <i>negative</i> Level I decisions 24/7/365. However <u>clinical review of triggered screens</u> (positive and potentially positive) occurs during business hours. If the Department is intending for the <u>clinical review</u> activity to also occur 24/7/365, then the project model will require staffing 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, significantly increasing state costs associated with Level I screening.</p> <p>a. Please confirm <u>whether the Department intended that web-based activity must be available for negative decisions 24/7/365 as currently provided with clinical review activity available during standard business hours</u></p> <p>—or—, alternatively</p>	<p>DHHS confirms that web-based activity must be available for negative decisions 24/7/365 as currently provided with clinical review activity available during standard business hours.</p>

<p>Whether the department is, in fact, <u>also requiring clinical staff be available 24/7/365.</u></p> <p>b. If 7/365 staff coverage for clinical review is required, please confirm that the Department is asking bidders provide <u>24-hour per day clinical staff coverage.</u></p>	
<p>Response to question 18 reduced the turnaround for Level II activity from seven business days to three days. This will also increase costs due to the increase in resources necessary to expedite turnaround, especially if this change shifted from business to calendar days (necessitating weekend coverage, as well).</p> <p>a. Please confirm <u>whether the three-day turnaround is referring to business days or calendar days.</u></p> <p>b. If calendar days, then a 7/365 staffing model, including staffing of psychiatrists and psychologists to develop summary reports, must be implemented on weekends and holidays—impacting state costs for Level II activity. <u>Please confirm that 7-day per week, 365-day per year project model is the intended model.</u></p> <p>c. If a 7/365 model is required, <u>would the Department consider final report development by Master prepared clinicians for all or for weekend reviews to occur (which is permitted under federal regulation), which would assist in mitigating costs to the State for this more costly model?</u></p>	<p>DHHS is referring to business days not calendar days.</p>

This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the Request for Proposal.