

ADDENDUM 1 QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Date: February 16, 2024

To: All Bidders

From: Carrie DeFreece, Procurement Contracts Officer
Department of Health and Human Services

RE: Addendum for Request for Proposals Number 118155 O3, EMS Patient Care Reporting and Trauma Registry Information Systems (REBID 2) to be opened February 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Central Time

Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above-mentioned Request for Proposal. The questions and 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.

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

RFP Section Reference	RFP Page Number	Question	Answer
RFP – I.A. General Information	1	<p>The State’s January 23, 2024 notice cancelling the previous RFP (114658 O3 - 1ST REBID) stated, “<i>After the bid opening, an inadvertent posting error related to a material document was discovered. Consequently, bidders did not have access to all documents associated with the solicitation. To ensure fairness to bidders and make all relevant documents available, the State is exercising their option to rebid.</i>” This missing document was noted again during the February 9, 2024 State EMS Board council meeting.</p> <p>To ensure we provide a responsive and informed proposal, can the State provide the name and location of this now-available document within the new RFP 118155 O3 materials?</p>	<p>Bidders may access all the documents related to this solicitation at the following link:</p> <p>https://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing/118155%20O3/118155%20O3.html</p> <p>Any documents included or inadvertently omitted from a prior solicitation are <u>not</u> applicable to the new solicitation and should not be pursued or accessed.</p> <p>Bidders are strongly encouraged to review all project documents found under the link provided above.</p> <p>Bidders shall disregard any documents used in previous solicitations. All requirements for this solicitation are outlined within the attachments included under RFP 118155 O3.</p>
RFP – I.A. General Information	1	<p>After a review of RFP Number 118155 O3 – 2ND REBID and a comparison to the State’s previous RFP (114658 O3 – 1ST REBID), we noted minor changes to the Cost Proposal documents. Can the State provide a summary list of other documents/sections with significant changes from the previous rebid?</p>	<p>The State does not provide a summary list of documents <u>or</u> contents within documents to delineate any edits or variations between the new and prior solicitation. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to <u>fully examine</u> all new documents and follow instructions. This practice is to ensure responsiveness to the requirements as outlined in the RFP document, related attachments, and all subsequent addendums.</p> <p>Bidders shall disregard any previous similar solicitations and carefully review the requirements associated with this RFP document, related attachments, and all subsequent addendums. Attempts to repurpose documents from a prior solicitation would not position a bidder to be responsive.</p>

RFP – I.C. Schedule of Events	12	The timeline for the notice of award is April 1, 2024. The contract finalization and execution phases are roughly a two-week period of time. Is the State of NE planning to expediate contracting, negotiation / review / approvals, security assessments and formal agreement execution to achieve this timeline?	While the State expects to adhere to the procurement schedule shown under Section (I)(C) of the RFP document, all dates are approximate and subject to change. If the State identifies that additional time is needed, accordingly there would be an addendum or adjustment to amend the impacted dates. Such change would occur at the appropriate time and any necessary notification would follow.
RFP – I.C. Schedule of Events	12	Based on the schedule of events provided, what are the defined timelines or desired expectations for a vendor to initiate onboarding / implementation and achieve a go live status for a new solution?	The Schedule of Events in Section (I)(C) of the RFP relate only to the procurement solicitation for the services request. Each system has a section outlining the expected due dates and timelines. These items can be negotiated and mutually agreed up by the successful bidder and DHHS.
N/A	N/A	Will this solution be deployed/mandated to all 367 EMS services and 268K annual calls or will it be an "opt-in" scenario where the state will pay for the solution if an agency wants to use emsCharts.	The solution will be deployed and available to all Nebraska EMS services. Each EMS service is able to decide if they want to utilize the selected DHHS solution or utilize their own software. Regardless of that decision, every Nebraska EMS service is required to submit their data either directly or by importing their data into the DHHS solution within 72 hours of the EMS service responding to a call. If the EMS service does not utilize the state solution, the EMS service will be financially responsible for the purchase of their own solution as well as any data connections to ensure their data is imported into the state solution.
N/A	N/A	For the "Hospital Data Interface," our proposed solution is typically purchased by, and resides with the individual hospitals. For this RFP, would the DHHS be paying for the Hospital Data Interface? If so, how many hospitals? And would they all want to come onboard at the same time or would this be an "opt-in" situation for the various hospitals?	DHHS is looking to procure an <u>entire solution</u> . The Hospital Data Interface should be available to all hospitals to receive EMS patient care reports for their utilization. This should be available for all hospitals and it is the hospital's decision if it is utilized or if they "opt-in".