

ADDENDUM ONE QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Date: November 21, 2022

To: All Bidders

From: Connie Heinrichs, Buyer
AS Materiel State Purchasing Bureau (SPB)

RE: Addendum for Request for Proposal Number 6729 Z1 to be opened December 2, 2022, 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.

Question Number	RFP Section Reference	RFP Page Number	Question	State Response
1.	C, 9 Chart	30	Definition of Rural Access Standard	The industry standard is 1 provider within 20 miles for rural access. Rural Access Standard is the access to network providers based on the distance parameters.
2.	C, 10 Geo-access analysis	31	Can you send us a current network analysis?	See Attachment 5, Provider Utilization table, for utilization report and reference.
3.	C, 1 -Project Requirements	29	Do you want us to match current plan designs for the Basic and Premium plans?	Yes
4.	General Question		are COBRA and Retirees a separate bill?	Yes
5.			Can we get 36 months of monthly premium, claims, and lives data?	Premiums paid for: PY 2019/2020 \$1,484,912 PY 2020/2021 \$1,515,184 PY 2021/2022 \$1,502,132 See Attachment 5: Utilization for two years of information.
6.			Can we get the current plan design (cert, plan summary)?	The current plan design can be accessed at the following link: https://das.nebraska.gov/personnel/wellness/benefits/docs/2021/VPD-ERISA-StateofNebraska0221.pdf
7.			Can we get renewal rates?	The renewal rates for current vendor are in the contract – link to current contract is included in RFP in Section V. B. Project Environment.

8.			Should any tech or IC credits be included? (I didn't see these mentioned anywhere)?	This request is out of scope for the RFP.										
9.			Can you please provide a census that includes tier elections?	See Attachment 4 (November Census).										
10.			Should we be quoting any commissions?	No										
11.			Can you provide service utilization? (Last 2 calendar years of experience)	See Attachment 5										
12.			Are physical cards a must-have for members or can access to electronic cards be available in lieu of the physical card?	Refer to RFP Section V.C.4.c.: The State requires the contractor to mail a physical copy to the member's address, however access to electronic cards should be available.										
13.			<p>Please confirm that our understanding of the coverage tier structure aligns with our labels:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Current</td> <td><i>Redacted Name</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employee Only (Single Coverage)</td> <td>Employee Only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employee + Spouse (Two-Party Coverage)</td> <td>Employee & Spouse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employee + Dependent Children (Four-Party Coverage)</td> <td>Employee & Child(ren)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employee + Spouse+ Dep Children (Family Coverage)</td> <td>Employee & Family</td> </tr> </table>	Current	<i>Redacted Name</i>	Employee Only (Single Coverage)	Employee Only	Employee + Spouse (Two-Party Coverage)	Employee & Spouse	Employee + Dependent Children (Four-Party Coverage)	Employee & Child(ren)	Employee + Spouse+ Dep Children (Family Coverage)	Employee & Family	Yes
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14.	Project Requirements	8	Will network size and disruption be included in the scoring	Yes, network size is referenced, and a bidder response table is provided in RFP Section V.C.8. Response will be scored.										
15.	VI Proposal Instructions	35	<p>The Proposal Instructions state that the content requirements for the Technical and Cost Proposal are presented therein, but I only see the requirements for the Technical in subsection A, Proposal Submission.</p> <p>Are there requirements for the Cost Proposal beyond filling out the Excel file labeled "Attachment 1 Cost Proposal?"</p>	<p>Technical requirements consist of RFP Section V.C-E.</p> <p>No, there are no additional requirements for cost in addition to Attachment 1.</p>										
16.	II. Terms and Conditions and VI Proposal Instructions	9 and 35	Do you want our response to the RFP Terms and Conditions as part of the Technical Proposal? Or should this be a response separate from the Technical and Cost proposals?	Sections II through IV can be included with the Technical Proposal or submitted separately.										
17.	V. Project Description and Scope of	28 and 35	The instructions for Section VI say to include the Project Description and Scope of Work, but they are not identified in the "A. Proposal	Bidders can determine the layout of proposal submission that includes all requirements within the RFP.										

	Work and VI Proposal Instructions		Submission” subsection on pages 35-37. Do you want the items listed in “V. Project Description and Scope of Work” to be labeled as subsection 3 of the Technical Proposal, following “2. Technical Approach”?			
18.	V. Project Description and Scope of Work B. Project Environment	35	The RFP notes current contractor utilization data should not be required to rate a fully insured vision plan. However, we believe for a large employer group such as the State of Nebraska, the most accurate and competitive quote can be provided with this information. Can a report showing up to the most recent three years of paid premium, paid claims, and enrollment data by month for each plan be provided?	See answer to question #5, #9 and #11.		
19.	Attachment 2 Census Data	N/A	Are you able to provide an updated census file including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator for which employees are electing the Basic plan and which employees are electing the Premium plan • For those electing vision coverage, the tier they belong to (Single, EE + SP, EE + Children, Family)? 	See answer to question #9.		
20.	V. Project Description and Scope of Work B. Project Environment	35	The enrollment breakdown indicates which plan COBRA and pre-65 retirees are in, but not which tier. Can this be updated to reflect which tier these 197 individuals have elected (Single, EE + SP, EE + Children, Family)?	Updated information as of 11/17/2022: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> COBRA Basic Plan Employee 10 Employee-Spouse 1 Premium Plan Employee 37 Employee-Spouse 12 Family 4 </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-left: 20px;"> Retirees Basic Plan Employee 22 Employee-Children 1 Employee-Spouse 18 Family 2 Premium Plan Employee 73 Employee-Children 4 Employee-Spouse 29 Family 1 </td> </tr> </table>	COBRA Basic Plan Employee 10 Employee-Spouse 1 Premium Plan Employee 37 Employee-Spouse 12 Family 4	Retirees Basic Plan Employee 22 Employee-Children 1 Employee-Spouse 18 Family 2 Premium Plan Employee 73 Employee-Children 4 Employee-Spouse 29 Family 1
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21.	Attachment 1 Cost Proposal	N/A	Attachment 1, Cost Proposal refers to an “Annual Communications Credit”. What does the state anticipate being covered by this credit?	Communication with our teammates across the state and printed materials to be used during the year/Open Enrollment as needed.		
22.	N/A	N/A	How long has the Vision coverage been with EyeMed?	EyeMed has been the State’s contractor since 7/1/2010.		
23.	N/A	N/A	Given that a TPA is used to collect premium from some groups, will extended grace period/premium drag be needed? If so, how long?	Grace period is 30 days.		
24.	N/A	N/A	Thank you for the enrollment info by tier. If possible, we would like to request enrollment tier information on the census file.	See answer to question #9.		

25.	Section I.H: Contractual Services Form	4	Can we provide an e-signature on this form?	The Request for Proposal for Contractual Services Form must be signed manually in ink or by DocuSign.
26.	Section VI.B: Financial Statements	35	We are happy to provide financial information requested in the RFP. However, we require the State to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) prior to releasing our financial statements. Please have the attached NDA completed, signed and returned. <i>Bidder specific NDA is redacted.</i>	Please refer to page 1 of the RFP document regarding "Proprietary Information". The State is unable to sign the redacted NDA.
27.	N/A	N/A	Are you able to provide Provider Utilization Data?	See answer to question #11.

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