

SOLICITATION AMENDMENT #2				
YH 16-0013 Medicaid School-Based Claiming	Solicitation Due Date: February 24, 2016 3:00 pm Arizona Time	Procurement Officer: Jennifer Roberts jennifer.roberts@azahcccs.gov		

A signed copy of this amendment must be returned with the proposal and received by the State of Arizona on or prior to the Solicitation due date and time.

- 1. The attached Answers to Questions are incorporated as part of this solicitation amendment.
- 2. The following unit fee requirement is hereby added to Exhibit A: Pricing Schedule, 2. Price Proposal, page 61 of Solicitation YH16-0013:

2. PRICE PROPOSAL

The Offeror must state a firm, fixed pricing option for services for each program component provided under this agreement. The unit fee for 2.2 "For Medicaid School-based Claiming Direct Medical Services" must end in an even number of cents. The fee cannot end in an odd number of cents nor a fraction of a cent.

OFFEROR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND	THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS HEREBY
UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SOLICITATION	EXECUTED ON THIS DAY, IN PHOENIX, AZ.
AMENDMENT.	
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	Procurement and Contracts Manager
DATE:	DATE:
	February 4, 2016



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED CLAIMING - RFP # YH16-0013

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2016 AT 3:00 P.M. ARIZONA TIME

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1.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	5		Is it a requirement to have a dedicated project website?	No, this is not a requirement.
2.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	5.2.2		5.2.2.1 – 5.2.2.14?	AHCCCS has not outlined a required frequency and forum requirement as it relates to training. It will be up to the Contractor to provide necessary training for the contacted LEAs to ensure compliance with the program.
3.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	5.5.3			Please see 8.4, Claims Denial for Direct Medical Services, page 13 of the RFP.

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4.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	5.6	8	Is it a requirement to have an electronic pre- payment review system available for LEAs on July 1, 2016? If yes, is the system required to have a HIPAA complaint 278 data transfer?	Yes. Please see the Business Associate Addendum on page 57 of the RFP for HIPAA compliance.
5.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	6 – 8	9 – 13	Is the Contractor required to have a formal change control and system development lifecycle for system development?	AHCCCS does not have a requirement to have a formal change control and system development lifecycle for system development
6.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	6.1	9	identify unique work schedules by LEA, school location, and provider type?	It is not a requirement of the Contractor to have a system to be able to have unique work schedules by LEA, school location, and provider type.
7.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	8	10		The Contractor cannot serve as a billing agent to the LEAs for school based Medicaid related services or transportation claims in the state of Arizona. This would be considered a conflict of interest.
8.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	8.3	13	Is it mandatory that all LEAs are issued payments electronically? If yes, does this also apply to administrative claims (MAC) and annual reconciliation payments?	It is not mandatory that LEAs are issued payments electronically. However, AHCCCS considers this a best practice.
9.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	8.4	13		The Contractor will need to be able to transmit void and replacement claims electronically. The system should be up and running on July 1, 2016.

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10.	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	14		Is the Contractor required to have a local office in the Phoenix metropolitan area? If yes, is a majority of the project team required to work in the Phoenix area office?	No.
11	Public Consulting Group (PCG)	Amendment		Performance Bond Form at the time of proposal submission or upon the award?	Per the Special Terms and Conditions, Performance Bond, "This security must be in the possession of the Contracting Officer within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of notice of award."
12.	Rokay	N/A		proposal for this solicitation. Can you pleaseprovide the following dates?Anticipated selection of Contractor	Please see the Uniform Instructions, Award, page 29 of the RFP. The anticipated contract award date is around April 1, 2016, which is subject to change. The contract effective date is July 1, 2016.
13.	Rokay	N/A		Federal audit of the State's Medicaid School- Based Claiming program?	AHCCCS has an open audit from HHS/OIG covering the period January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2008 for both the MAC and DSC programs. AHCCCS is not aware of an upcoming Federal audit for the MSBC program.
14.	Rokay	2		program returned \$3.9m to LEAs. For the previous 4 fiscal years (2011-2014), can you please provide: • Number of LEAs who participated in the	 The numbers below are based on the actual payments made for each of the State Fiscal Year's (SFY). Each year may vary to the actual number of quarters that were processed. The number can range from three to five quarterly payments to the LEA within the SFY. SFY 2011 – 124 LEAs participated and \$2.6 million was paid.

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					 SFY 2012 – 120 LEAs participated and \$5.5 million was paid. SFY 2013 – 110 LEAs participated and \$2.7 million was paid. SFY 2014 – 107 LEAs participated and \$4.2 million was paid. SFY 2015- 103 LEAs participated and \$4.8 million was paid.
15.	Rokay	2		returned \$21m to LEAs (not including cost	The number of LEAs participating in the program is the same as in the question above. AHCCCS only tracks the number of unit paid as it relates to the payment to the Third Party Administrator. • SFY 2011 – • \$28,866,010 paid • 6,494,299 units • SFY 2012- • \$18,304,019 paid claims • 4,411,898 units • \$8,960,113 cost settlement • SFY 2013: • \$16,545,518 paid claims • 4,875,162 units • \$15,779,278 cost settlement • SFY 2014: • \$18,794,814 paid claims • 6,232,538 units • Cost settlement is not complete at this time.

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16.	Rokay	5.2.1.2	6	for the qualifying covered services…" (emphasis added). Is this a contract for a single billing agency in the State? If LEAs utilize the services of billing agents today, will they be required to	This is not a contract for a billing company. This is a contract for a single Third Party Administrator (TPA). Currently, some LEAs utilize the service of billing agents and we don't anticipate that relationship to end with a new TPA. However, the company chosen for the TPA contract cannot be contracted as a biller for any LEA at the same time. This would be a conflict of interest.
17.	Rokay	5.6	8	store all IEP services from all LEAs?	Yes. It is not a requirement to build and support electronic interfaces to LEAs special education administrative software.
18.	Rokay	6	9	Is the Contractor required to manage and process the cost reconciliation process for any incomplete fiscal years managed by the current contractor? If so, is the current contractor required to assist or provide any services?	It is a requirement that the current Contractor will complete the Cost Based Reconciliation process through SFY2016.
19.	Rokay	7.3.1	10	What is the AHCCCS administrative fee for MAC claims?	The current administrative fee for the MAC claim is 1.5 percent.
20.	Rokay	7.3.3	10		The current Contractor's fee for the MAC claim is 20 percent.

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21.	Rokay	8.1	11	pending/planned SPAs to add additional	AHCCCS does not have any outstanding/pending/ planned SPA changes for the MSBC program at this time.
22.	Rokay	8.1	11	· · ·	AHCCCS does not have plans to incorporate reimbursement for non-special education direct services into the current program.
23.	Rokay	8.2.1		AHCCCS accept/deliver all transactions in	AHCCCS will only accept/deliver all transactions in accepted HIPAA transactions as it relates to the Contractor.
24.	Rokay	8.2.2		aware of potential third-party payer obligations/arrangements for students?	AHCCCS will provide an electronic weekly enrollment file and a weekly TPL file. Note the file is a new historical file each week. Data files are in a fixed length format which will be provided to the awarded Contractor.
25.	Rokay	8.2.2.12	11	 Is it AHCCCS's expectation that all billable IEP services are pre-approved? Is the Contractor required to accept and store all IEP services from all LEAs? Is the Contractor required to build and support electronic interfaces to LEA special education administrative software? If so, can AHCCCS please 	This is a duplicate of #17 above.

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				provide a list of all IEP software vendors with accounts in Arizona?	
26.	Rokay	8.2.4	12	processing at a single time?	AHCCCS typically limits the number of claims received to 40 thousand per week. There are certain circumstances that it could change due to system projects on a particular week. AHCCCS will notify the Contractor in advance of any limitations.
27.	Rokay	8.3	13		The AHCCCS administrative fee for the DSC program currently 1.5 percent.
28.	Rokay	8.3	13	Is there a separate/different fee for providing	The current Contractor's administrative fee for the DSC program is .64 cents per unit. This does include the fee for annual Cost Based Reconciliation process.
29.	Rokay	8.3	14	records that AHCCCS can process and send to the Contractor at a single time?	The only limit we have is based on the actual number of claims we received in the 837 from the Contractor. AHCCCS will generate a corresponding 835 the following week.
30.	Rokay	8.3	14	 clean claims to send out payments to LEAs. Will AHCCCS turn around the payments quickly enough for contractor to meet this obligation? 	AHCCCS processes 835 on a weekly basis as long as there is a corresponding 837. If there is a system issue stemming from AHCCCS this will be taken into account before we would hold the Contractor accountable for not sending out payments within the required timeline.

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				 If a delay on AHCCCCS's part does not enable Contractor to meet this obligation, would this be held against the Contractor as a failure to perform under this contract? 	
31.	Rokay	10	14	noted in this section?	In order to ensure that the awarded Contractor is able to meet the requirements outlined in the RFP, AHCCCS may conduct a readiness review. The factors would include any item identified in the RFP.
32.	Rokay	11	14		There has been one operation review of the current Contactor in the last five years.
33.	Rokay	15	17	Does the AHCCCS 1.5% administrative fee apply to all payments under this program including MAC, direct service interim payments, and direct service cost reconciliation?	The AHCCCS administrative fee is applied to all payments as it relates to the MSBC program.
34.	Rokay	11.1		Are respondents required to submit a list of any organizational contracts that were terminated for cause or breach or similar failure to perform?	Please see the Special Instructions, "Responsibility, Responsiveness and susceptibility," pages 34-35 of the RFP.
35.	Rokay	3.7		Will any materials created under the current contract and the property of the State be provided to the new Contractor as a starting point? This could include reports, manuals, procedures, training materials, etc. or other materials identified in Exhibit D.	Yes. Materials created for the MSBC program will be made available to the awarded Contractor.

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36.	Rokay	9.5.1	44	Does the Contractor have the right to reciprocity under this paragraph – to terminate the contract in whole or part due to the failure of the State to comply with terms or conditions of this contract?	No.
37.	SEAS	Overview Paragraph 4		Does the \$3.9 million received for MAC and the \$21 million for DSC received on behalf of the school districts represent the federal share?	The dollar amount identified represents the Federal Share.
38.	SEAS	Overview Paragraph 6	4		There are approximately 103 LEAs currently participating in both the MAC and DSC program.
39.	SEAS	Overview General		begin participating in MAC and/or DSC	AHCCCS has no way of knowing if inactive LEAs would want to participate in the Medicaid School Based Claiming (MSBC) program.
40.	SEAS	Overview General	4	Does AHCCCS expect the contractor to increase the amount of LEAs actively participating in the MAC and/or DSC programs?	Please see 5.2.1 Education, page 6 of the RFP.
41.	SEAS	Overview Paragraph 6		approximately 6.9 million units. Do we know the number of units processed in the previous 5 years?	SFY 2011–6,494,299 units SFY 2012- 4,411,898 units SFY 2013: 4,875,162 units SFY 2014 6,232,538 units SFY 2015–6,918,601 units
42.	SEAS	Overview Paragraph 6		structure for DSC program services (e.g., contingency-based)? What are the current Contractor's fee and fee structure for MAC	The current contract fee for the DSC program is paid based on the number of units for the paid claims. The fee is currently at .64 per unit. The LEA is responsible to pay half the contracted administrative fee for the DSC program.

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					The MAC program administrative fee is a percentage of the quarterly claim. The current fee is 20 percent of the quarterly claim. The administrative fees are taken out of the quarterly claim amount.
43.	SEAS	Scope of Work - Overview and Background Paragraph 4		FY 2015 for the MAC and DSC programs. What were the reimbursement amounts in FY 2014 and FY2013?	 SFY 2013: \$16,545,518 paid claims \$15,779,278 cost settlement \$2.7 million in MAC claims SFY 2014: \$18,794,814 paid claims Cost settlement is not complete at this time. \$4.2 million in MAC claims
44.	SEAS	Scope - Purpose of the RFP General		would AHCCCS allow the contractor to offer districts a billing system and account	AHCCCS will not allow the Contractor to provide districts a billing system and account management system. This could be a conflict of interest.
45.	SEAS	Contractor Responsibilities Section 5.1		Does AHCCCS expect the Contractor to have an office and a presence in Arizona, or will they be satisfied with a toll free statewide telephone number?	•
46.	SEAS	Overview and Background 5.1		AHCCCS and the TPA incumbent be provided (redacted as necessary) to respondents prior to	The current contract, AHCCCS16-102955, is available in ProcureAZ, the State's online procurement portal. The website address for ProcureAZ is: <u>https://procure.az.gov</u> .

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47.	SEAS	Scope - Education 5.2.1.2	6	contract be made available to respondents	The current participating agreement is available on the PCG website: http://web.pcgus.com/azschools
48.	SEAS	Contractor Responsibilities – 5.2.3	7	assistanceas requested by the LEA. What is the technical assistance requirement for the contractor?	The Contractor is expected to assist contracted LEAs with any and all areas of the MSBC program that they are having difficulty. It is important that the Contractor support all the LEAs to ensure success with the program. There is a broad range of possibilities for technical assistance. Some examples could include helping LEAs in areas identified in a compliance review as well as noticeable trend with billing errors.
49.	SEAS	Scope – Compliance Review 5.5	8	Is AHCCCS satisfied with the current Compliance Review process and methodology?	AHCCCS is satisfied with the current compliance review process and methodology.
50.	SEAS	Scope – Compliance Review 5.5.1		etc., part of the SPA approved by CMS?	The requirement of the Third Party Administrator to have an Audit Function is part of the SPA. The actual Compliance Review Program created by the Contractor will be approved by AHCCCS.
51.	SEAS	Scope – Compliance 5.5.1	8	participating school districts be reviewed on an annual basis?	The Contractor will be required to submit an annual compliance review plan for AHCCCS approval that will outline the frequency the Contactor will be auditing the LEAs.
52.	SEAS	Scope – Pre Payment Process 5.6	8	process in place to ensure only eligible services identified in the active IEP are billed?	The current Contractor has an electronic system in place that approves certain services. Their prepayment review process works in conjunction with their claiming system.

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53.	SEAS	Scope – Cost based reconciliation 6.1	9	generated on a quarterly basis?	There are 3 different cost pools for the RMTS. The average number of moments generated range from 3,200 to 3,500 depending on the actual cost pool.
54.	SEAS	Scope – Cost based reconciliation 6.1	9		The three different cost pools response rate range from 90 percent to 97 percent.
55.	SEAS	Scope – Cost Based reconciliation Claiming process 6.4.4	9	previous years that PCG has the information	The current Contractor will be required to complete cost settlement through State Fiscal Year 2016.
56.	SEAS	Scope – Admin claiming 7.1	9	For LEAs participating in the MAC program, what is the statewide average response rate for answering random moments?	The average response rates for the each of the cost pools are typically above 95 percent.
57.	SEAS	Scope – Admin Claiming 7.1	9	moments generated for the MAC RMTS quarterly?	There are 2 different cost pools utilized for the MAC program. The average number of moments generated range from 3,200 to 3,400 depending on the actual cost pool.
58.	SEAS	Scope – Admin Claiming 7.2.1	10	Has the formula used to calculate the quarterly claim for admin claiming changed since listed in the 2009 Time Study Implementation Guide? Is so, how has it changed?	-
59.	SEAS	Scope-Direct Medical Services 8.1	11	Is there a current contact database of all participating LEAs (i.e., contact Information for LEA-level program coordinators) available for the selected Contractor?	The current list of participating LEAs would be available to an awarded Contractor.

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60.	SEAS	Scope-Direct Medical Services 8.1			The Contractor will receive electronic provider files on a weekly basis.
61.	SEAS	Scope-Direct Medical Services 8.2	11	. ,	be available to the Contractor prior to the Contractor sending payments to the LEAs.
62.	SEAS	Scope-Direct Medical Services 8.2.2			The Contractor will receive a weekly Eligibility file and weekly Third Party Liability file.
63.	SEAS	Scope of work – Claim submittal Paragraph 2		submitted by Contractor to AHCCCS does AHCCCS distribute funds/RA to Contractor?	Typically all 837 files will be processed at the end of a week. Once AHCCCS processes the 837, the Contractor should expect to receive the 835 and the payment within approximately 8 business days.
64.	SEAS	Operational Reviews 10	14	see the AHCCCS operational reviews to date, of PCG, in their role as the administrator?	Other than documents approved by AHCCCS as confidential or proprietary, State of Arizona documents are available as Public Record. The process begins with submission of the attached Public Records Request Form. Please see this form on page 16 below for further instruction.

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 65.	SEAS	Special Instructions 11.5			Please see the Special Terms and Conditions, Performance Bond, pages 51-52 for details. The Performance Bond is based on 100% of one month's total Medicaid School-Based program dollars. Historical data will be used to determine this amount. Therefore, the required amount is not available at this time. The Performance Bond currently in place is for \$2,223,777.
66.	SEAS	General		RFP process, possible demonstration dates,	Demonstration presentations are not an expectation. Please see the answer to #12 for anticipated award and contract effective dates.

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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

AHCCCS Contracts and Purchasing 701 E. Jefferson, MD 5700 Phoenix, AZ 85034

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