



SOLICITATION ADDENDUM

Date: **August 7, 2023**
Subject: **Questions and Answers**
Solicitation Number: **PSERS RFP 2023-2**
Due Date/Time: **August 23, 2023**
Addendum Number: **3**

To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation “Addendum” as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals).

List any and all changes:

RFP 2023-2
CMS Part D Compliance Activities Services and Pharmacy Benefit Consulting
Questions and Answers

1. Please confirm the effective date of the Pharmacy Consultant contract.
*The effective date shall be the date on which all Commonwealth approvals have been secured.
The current contract expires January 31, 2024, so the target effective date is February 1, 2024.*
2. Page 7 – Conduct an online auction – has PSERS utilized an online auction process in the past for pharmacy consulting services?
Answer: No
3. Page 20 – Relative to Requirement J Provide Support to PSERS HIO and their PBM, TPA, health care consultant/actuary with respect to advising on audit processes and quality reviewing the data (i.e., census data, primary source verification data), as needed, is PSERS interested in Bidder including a quote for performing data validation auditing services (i.e., data validation contractor), or is PSERS only requesting annual consulting support for PSERS' data validation audit?
Answer: PSERS is only requesting annual consulting support for PSERS' data validation audit.
4. What is the expected frequency of the Prescription Drug Program Design Strategy and Planning Sessions? Should Bidder assume these are held once annually or more frequently?
Answer: There are formal strategic planning sessions scheduled twice a year with the possibility of additional sessions as needed.

5. Does PSERS expect to perform more than one PBM Assessment within the term of the contract?
Answer: No, PSERS does not expect to perform more than one PBM assessment within the initial two year term of the contract. PBM Assessments are performed every three to four years, with the most recent completed in 2022. Should the three additional optional years be used, then a second PBM Assessment may be performed.

6. Page 21 - Relative to Requirement P, Conduct Special Studies and Training, what types of studies or training have historically been provided?
Answer: Training is consistent with CMS requirements, directed to the PDP Compliance Officer, PSERS staff and Board members.

7. Please confirm when Optum's PBM contract expires? Are there additional option years to be exercised?
Answer: The Optum contract expires on December 31, 2024. There are three additional optional years.

8. Does PSERS expect to potentially perform a PBM RFP during the term of the contract?
Answer: Potentially, yes.

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous solicitation addenda, remain as originally written.

Respectfully,

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