

SOLICITATION ADDENDUM

Date: **1/5/2022**
Subject: **Mcare Section 715 Defense Counsel RFP**
Solicitation Number: **OGC-2021-20**
Due Date/Time: **January 13, 2022 @ 4:00 pm EST**
Addendum Number: **2**

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).]

The Issuing Office received the following question regarding the above-referenced RFQ and provides the following response:

Q.1. Is the goal for our firm to use SDB and VBE vendors to partner with for firm services (security, cleaning, discovery, etc.) that support the litigation work we’ve been assigned? Or are we to use SDB and VBE law firms to assist in actual litigation work that is assigned?

A.1. Section I-13 of the RFP states: “For this RFP, the Commonwealth will only consider commitments for the provision of professional or para-professional services towards the SDB participation goal and the VBE participation goal.” In addition, Section IV of SDB-1 and VBE-1, Instructions for Completing the SDB (and VBE) Participation Submittal and SDB (or VBE) Utilization Schedule both state: “The selected Bidder or Offeror may only count dollar amounts actually paid to an SDB for performance of a Commercially Useful Function (the performance of a distinct element of work required for the Contract, with the requisite skill and expertise) towards satisfying its SDB (or VBE) participation commitments.” Work performed by an SDB or VBE that is ancillary to the direct Contract work (such as security or cleaning) will not count toward meeting SDB or VBE commitments.

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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