

Amendment #1
Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 3160003470
Dental Services

Amendments to the IFB are as follows:

1. **2.3. Term**

The anticipated term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, beginning on September 1, 2020, and ending on August 31, 2021. The contract may be renewed at the discretion of MDHS upon written notice to Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to each contract anniversary date for a period of two (2) successive two-year periods **according to the pricing provided in Contractors response to IFB 3160003470 and under the same prices**, terms, and conditions as in the original contract, and subject to approval by the PPRB. The total number of renewal years permitted shall not exceed four (4) or extend past August 31, 2025.

Renewal years are subject to the needs of MDHS, as well as the availability and appropriation of funds. The Chief Procurement Officer shall notify the contractor, on a timely basis, that funds are or are not available for the continuation of the contract for each succeeding fiscal period. A multi-term contract will be canceled if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support the continuation of performance in any fiscal period succeeding the first; however, this does not affect either the State's rights or the contractor's rights under any termination clause in the contract.

Compensation for services will be in the form of a Firm Fixed Price Agreement. A unit price shall be given for each service, and that **unit price shall be consistent with pricing provided in Contractor's response to IFB 3160003470.**

2. **Attachment B. Bid Form**

Pricing Structure: All pricing for Dental Services includes all associated costs with no additional or hidden fees. Compensation for services will be in the form of a Firm Fixed Price Agreement. A unit price shall be given for each service, and that unit price shall be **consistent with pricing provided in Contractor's response to IFB 3160003470.**

3. **5.1 Post-Award Vendor Debriefing** – Reference Section 7-113 through 7-113.07, not 7-114 through 7-114.07.

4. **Attachment H – OPTIONAL CLAUSES FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS RESULTING FROM THIS IFB, 37. Renewal of Contract**

The Contract may be renewed at the discretion of the MDHS upon written notice to Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to each Contract Anniversary date for a period of two (2) successive two-year periods **according to the pricing provided in Contractors response to IFB 3160003470 and under the same prices**, terms, and conditions as in the Original Contract and/or Subsequent Contracts. The total number of renewal years permitted shall not exceed four (4) years or extend past August 31, 2025.



5. Please see attached Questions and Answers.

Please acknowledge receipt of Amendment #1 by returning it, along with your bid package, by April 9, 2020, at 9:00 AM. This acknowledgement should be enclosed in your bid package. **Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of the bid package.**

Name of Company

Authorized Official's Typed Name/Title

Signature of Authorized Official
(No stamped signature)

Date

Should an amendment to the IFB be issued, it will be posted on the MDHS website (www.mdhs.ms.gov) in a manner that all bidders will be able to view. Further, bidders must acknowledge receipt of any amendment to the solicitation by signing and returning the amendment with the bid package, by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on this form, or by letter. The acknowledgment must be received by MDHS by the time and at the place specified for receipt of bids. It is the bidder's sole responsibility to monitor the website for amendments to the IFB.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Section 1.3.2 of the IFB states that the price quoted shall include all required equipment/material. Currently, the incumbent does not provide dental equipment or supplies – all are provided by MDHS. Will it be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide dental equipment and supplies under the new contract?

ANSWER: No.

2. Section 2.2.8 of the IFB states that students may be referred for Oral Surgery, Endodontics and Periodontics in extreme cases. Will the Contractor be responsible for the cost of such referrals?

ANSWER: No; however, it is requested that the providers scope of ability limits the need for referrals and only refers those youth who need immediate care of additional services.

3. Section 2.2.14 of the IFB requires the Contractor to submit staff credentials prior to assigning to OYDC Health Services Coordinator (Nurse Chief). Would you like bidders to provide credentials of proposed staff members with responses to the IFB?

ANSWER: Section 2.2.14 states: “Submit proof of staff credentials with bid and submit credentials of any new proposed staff prior to assigning to OYDC Health Services Coordinator (Nurse Chief).” Also, the last bullet under Section 4.1.9 requires submission of certifications, licenses as required within specifications. Therefore, Respondents should provide this information as part of the response to the IFB.

4. Section 2.3 of the IFB states that “[t]he contract may be renewed . . . for a period of two (2) successive two-year periods under the same prices, terms, and conditions as in the original contract” Given that dental staffing costs increase each year, will MDHS consider price increases for the renewal periods at the time of renewal or should the contractor include estimated cost increases for renewal periods in the base year quote?

ANSWER: MDHS will allow for price increase for renewals; however, Respondents will be required to submit those prices as part of the response to the IFB. The chart format in Attachment B of the IFB must be used. All charts should be submitted with bid identifying period of performance (i.e. renewal period, year) and signed.