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Health Care Provider Tax Feasibility Study and Recommendation

Amendment #1

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Please alter the following language to match the amendment.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO OFFERORS: Only the following items referenced in this amendment are to be changed. All other sections of the RFP remain the same. This amendment serves to answer questions submitted by interested parties. A copy of the amendment is available on the State's Online Public Notice website.

- **The following revision has been made to RFP Section 1.01; remove the following statement, "Each copy of the proposal must come with its own DVD of creative materials for review."**
- **Vendor Questions have been answered as follows:**

Question: Would DHSS consider increasing the electronic document requirements to no larger than 10 MB each?

Answer: No, the State email system can only handle 5MB without coming back with a no delivery message.

Question: RFP Section 1.03 - What provider types does DHSS anticipate being included in the analyses for this project?

Answer: The feasibility study must evaluate possible taxes on the nineteen health care provider types identified in federal law. Please see 42 CFR § 433.55 and 42 CFR § 433.56.

Question: To meet the minimum qualification of at least "two consulting projects with states concerning health care provider tax evaluation, implementation, or revision in the past ten years," could direct experience on provider tax policy and implementation while working at a state agency or at the federal level, be considered to meet this requirement?

Answer: Yes, direct experience on provider tax policy and implementation while working at a state agency or at the federal level will be considered to meet this requirement.

Question: Under federal regulations there are 19 provider classes that may be assessed a health care provider tax, listed below. I have the following two questions around these items:

- a) Are all provider classes in-scope for this project or are certain classes not being considered and therefore should be excluded from the feasibility study?

A). Answer: Deliverable 1 requires a feasibility study that evaluates possible health care provider taxes allowed under federal law. The State is looking for an evaluation of all 19 classes and then a recommendation for the most feasible provider tax or taxes. Feasibility and non-feasibility can be determined from a variety of analyses, including review of what works in other states, and the State of Alaska's ability to administer a tax (for example, taxing a provider class with numerous providers who are predominately "small" is likely to be fiscally, economically, and operatically not feasible). The feasibility study and recommendation must include deliverables 1a-h.

- b) In order to satisfy all of the requirements of the feasibility study (RFP section 5.2.1), for all provider classes that are in-scope the consultants will need access to financial information from all eligible providers in the state. Does the State of Alaska have access to financial statements or reports for the provider classes that are in-scope? If not, will the state be able to collect the necessary information in a timely manner?

b). Answer: The State does collect financial reports from certain provider types. It is the responsibility of the contractor to develop a methodology that will produce a feasibility study that satisfies all of the listed deliverables. That methodology may include reviewing certain reports already collected by the State and surveying providers. If the contractor's methodology requires collection of information from the State and providers, it is the responsibility of the contractor to do the collection and accomplish it in a timely manner.

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