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Notice

The State of Idaho ("State") Department of Administration ("Department") is currently developing an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to select a contractor to implement and administer the state's employee health insurance plan. This notice is to inform suppliers of some high-level requirements to allow them to prepare to respond to the ITN when it is issued.

Anticipated ITN Issue Date

The Department's Division of Purchasing (DOP) is targeting to issue the ITN around the end of June 2022 and no later than the end of July. This timeline is not guaranteed but represents the State's best estimate.

Requirements

DOP is working closely with the Department's Office of Group Insurance (OGI) to develop the requirements for this ITN. Currently, the Department expects to require one (1) statewide solution that will be responsible for providing healthcare coverage across the entire State of Idaho. At a high level, this coverage will include medical, pharmacy, employee assistance program (EAP), vision benefits. Offers will be asked to propose solutions that include overall administration of the plan, COBRA administration, care/case management programs, and cost containment strategies.

After careful consideration, the Department has determined that interested suppliers must be able to provide all of these services for members statewide. The ITN will not allow for submission of standalone proposals/packages, which can only provide regional coverage, specialty services, or limited benefits coverage; however, the Department wants to encourage suppliers to consider innovative ways to propose the best possible solutions to the state, including offering regional or specialized benefits through collaboration (rather than standalone proposals).

DOP anticipates that suppliers may want to partner with one-another to be able to meet these overall requirements. The DOP encourages that specialty and/or regional carriers begin discussions with one-another to potentially team-up to provide a comprehensive and complete statewide package. This notice is intended to provide suppliers with additional time to begin discussions amongst one-another for partnerships. Please note that a single offeror will need to be identified to submit the proposal to the state and act as the state's single contractor; other entities will need to be identified as subcontractors.

Further details, including additional mandatory requirements will be provided in the subsequent ITN. The requirements included in the ITN shall take precedence over this Notice.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact Valerie Bollinger, DOP Administrator, at Valerie.Bollinger@adm.idaho.gov.