

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ADDENDUM # 1

ISSUED: 10/01/2012

**RFP NUMBER: CSP900414
INDEX NUMBER: DAS001**

The State of Ohio, through the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Procurement Services, for Department of Administrative Services, Benefits Administrative Services (BAS) is requesting proposals for a:

DENTAL PROGRAM FOR EXEMPT STATE OF OHIO EMPLOYEES

Attached are page(s) one (1) and three (3) to this Request for Proposal (RFP). Remove the corresponding page(s) from the existing RFP and replace with the attached.

Reason for Addendum. This addendum is issued to

Clarify the dates on the RFP; due to an error on the detail page of the RFP CSP900414 DAS001 on the Web site. The Inquiry period ends October 5, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. EDT.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE:	October 19, 2012 by 1:00 p.m. EDT
OPENING LOCATION:	Department of Administrative Services General Services Bid Desk 4200 Surface Road Columbus, Ohio 43228-1395

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RFP ISSUED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2012
INQUIRY PERIOD BEGINS: SEPTEMBER 21, 2012
INQUIRY PERIOD ENDS: OCTOBER 5, 2012
ELECTRONIC WEB RESPONSE DUE: OCTOBER 11, 2012 AT 8:00 a.m. EDT
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2012 BY 1:00 p.m. EDT

Proposals received after the due date and time will not be evaluated.

OPENING LOCATION: Department of Administrative Services
Office of Procurement Services
ATTN: Bid Desk
4200 Surface Rd.
Columbus, OH 43228-1395

Offerors must note that all proposals and other material submitted will become the property of the state and may be returned only at the state's option. Proprietary information should not be included in a proposal or supporting materials because the state will have the right to use any materials or ideas submitted in any proposal without compensation to the offeror. Additionally, all proposals will be open to the public after the award of the contract has been posted on the State Procurement Web site. Refer to the Ohio Administrative Code, Section 123:5-1-08 (E).

This RFP consists of five (5) parts and ten (10) attachments, one (1) supplement, totaling 57 consecutively numbered pages. Please verify that you have a complete copy.

A key objective of the State is the provision of a high quality, cost effective dental plan for its employees. The State is also interested in minimizing disruptions to existing patient/dentist relationships and has included network standards as part of the evaluation for this project. In addition to access to network providers, the State will be looking for competitiveness of network discounts and administrative fees, size and quality of provider panel, Offeror's proven capabilities in all administrative areas and account team's experience with similar-sized clients. Agents and brokers need not respond to this RFP.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS. The schedule for the Project is given below, and is subject to change. DAS may change this schedule at any time. If DAS changes the schedule before the Proposal due date, it will do so through an announcement on the State Procurement Web site area for this RFP. The Web site announcement will be followed by an addendum to this RFP, also available through the State Procurement Web site. After the Proposal due date and before the award of the Contract, DAS will make scheduled changes through the RFP addendum process. DAS will make changes in the Project schedule after the Contract award through the change order provisions located in the general terms and conditions of the Contract. It is each prospective Offeror's responsibility to check the Web site question and answer area for this RFP for current information regarding this RFP and its calendar of events through award of the Contract. No contact shall be made with agency/program staff until contract award is announced.

DATES:

Firm Dates

RFP Issued:	September 21, 2012
Inquiry Period Begins:	September 21, 2012
Inquiry Period Ends:	October 05, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. EDT
Electronic Web Response Due on HHR Website	October 11, 2012, by 5:00 p.m. EDT
Proposal Due Date:	October 19, 2012, by 1:00 p.m. EDT

Estimated Dates

Contract Award Notification:	TBD
Effective Go Live	July 1, 2013

NOTE: These dates are subject to change.

There are references in this RFP to the Proposal due date and Electronic Web Response. Prospective Offerors must assume, unless it is clearly stated to the contrary, that any such reference means the date and time (Columbus, OH local time) that the Proposals and Electronic Web Responses are due.

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