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Job and Family Services

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Dear Vendor:

This letter is to announce the release of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Request for Proposals (RFP)#: R-1011-07-8046, DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL (DSH) payments, for the purpose of obtaining auditing services from a certified Independent Public Accounting (IPA) firm. The successful vendor will design and conduct an audit of DSH payments, made to hospital providers certified under the Ohio Medicaid program. The source of documents for the reviews will be primarily Medicare and Ohio Medicaid cost reports, filed by hospitals and interim settled by ODJFS, and DSH data used to calculate DSH payments to hospitals under the DSH program.

As more fully enumerated in Section III of this RFP, vendors eligible for consideration must have experience with similar DSH audits, must be independent of any hospitals/hospital systems or hospital associations, and must have extensive experience evaluating claims and cost reports, evaluating rate calculations for Medicaid and or Medicare, and or the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

If you are interested in submitting a bid for this important project, please obtain the RFP through the ODJFS web site at <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/>. If you do not have Internet access to this document or experience problems opening the above referenced ODJFS URL, please contact the RFP/RLB Unit at the following telephone number:

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Responses must be prepared and submitted in strict accordance with the requirements and time frames given in the RFP. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) for:
DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE
HOSPITAL PAYMENT AUDITING SERVICES**

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SECTION I. GENERAL PURPOSE & VENDOR INFORMATION

1.1 Purpose

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS), Office Of Ohio Health Plans (OHP) releases this Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of obtaining auditing services from a certified Independent Public Accounting (IPA) firm. The successful vendor will design and conduct an audit of disproportionate share hospital payments (DSH), made to hospital providers certified under the Ohio Medicaid program. The source of documents for the reviews will be primarily Medicare and Ohio Medicaid cost reports, filed by hospitals and interim settled by ODJFS, and DSH data used to calculate DSH payments to hospitals under the DSH program.

As more fully enumerated in Section III of this RFP, vendors eligible for consideration must have experience with similar DSH audits, must be independent of any hospitals/hospital systems or hospital associations, and must have extensive experience evaluating claims and cost reports, evaluating rate calculations for Medicaid and or Medicare, and or the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The proposals must demonstrate how the auditing services are designed and will be provided in accordance with the provisions of Sections II, III and IV, of this RFP to enable ODJFS' compliance with the DSH Auditing and Reporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455, published in the federal register on December 19, 2008 (73 Fed Reg. 77904). ODJFS intends to award one contract resulting from this RFP.

Within this RFP, references will be made to auditing firms that may choose to respond to this RFP as vendors. The terms 'contractor' or 'selected vendor' will be used when referring to the one auditing firm to be selected through this RFP process for the award of the contract.

1.2 Issuing Office

This RFP is released by and the subsequent contract will be with ODJFS. The Office of Ohio Health Plans which will administer the contract, is responsible for state level supervision. The contract expected to result from this RFP process will be an agreement between ODJFS and the selected IPA firm (also referred to as 'the contractor'). The Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) involvement is limited to providing support by publishing this RFP and its related documents on the State of Ohio procurement opportunities web site, which it manages. This consolidated web site is intended to provide vendors with the convenience of a single web site from which to search all procurement opportunities offered by any State of Ohio governmental agency.

If interested vendors have a need to communicate regarding this RFP, they must contact **ODJFS** using one of the mechanisms provided for in **Sections 1.6, Internet Question and Answer Period/RFP Clarification Opportunity, or 1.8, Communications Prohibited**, of this RFP. Vendor proposals must be submitted to ODJFS in strict accordance with proposal submission instructions provided in **Section 5.1, Proposal Submission**. Vendors are cautioned that communication attempts which do not comply with these instructions will not be answered, and that ODJFS will not consider any proposals submitted to any address other than the one provided in Section 5.1 of this RFP.

1.3 Background

Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Act) authorizes Federal grants to States for Medicaid programs that provide medical assistance to low income families, the elderly and persons with disabilities. Section 1902(a)(13)(A)(iv) of the Act requires that States make Medicaid payment adjustments for hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low income patients. Section 1923 of the Act contains more specific requirements related to such disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments, including aggregate annual state specific limits on Federal financial participation under Section 1923(f), and hospital specific limits on DSH payments under Section 1923(g). Under those hospital specific limits, a hospital's DSH payments may not exceed the costs incurred by that hospital in furnishing services during the year to Medicaid patients and the uninsured, less other Medicaid payments made to the hospital, and payments made by uninsured patients ("uncompensated care costs"). In addition, Section 1923(a)(2)(D) requires States to provide an annual report to the Secretary describing the payment adjustments made to each disproportionate share hospital.

Section 1001(d) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108173, enacted on December 8, 2003) added Section 1923(j) to the Act to require States to report additional information about their DSH programs. Section 1923(j)(2) of the Act requires States to have their DSH payment programs independently audited and to submit the independent certified audit annually to the Secretary.

Under Section 1923(j) of the Act, Federal matching payments are contingent upon a State's submission of the annual DSH report and independent certified audit. CMS released its final rule implementing Section 1923(j) of the Social Security Act on December 19, 2008 (73 Fed. Reg. 77904) in which CMS established new independent state audit requirements for DSH (42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455). The requirement for an independent State audit necessitates the services of an external entity to perform services as briefly described above.

In advance of submitting a proposal, a vendor must review the requirements of the federal audit regulations contained in 42 CFR parts 447 and 455 and must be familiar with generally accepted government auditing standards. (GAGAS). Also in advance of submitting a proposal, a vendor should gain a working familiarity with the present program integrity efforts of ODJFS. Briefly, they are the following. OHP has for several years operated its own compliance efforts around DSH reporting by hospitals, and the establishment of DSH payments to hospitals.

Ohio operates two separate programs under the Medicaid DSH program: 1) the Hospital Care Assurance Program (HCAP) for general hospitals; and 2) the Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) DSH program for psychiatric hospitals. HCAP is Ohio's version of the federally required Disproportionate Share Hospital Program for general hospitals. The state share of HCAP is funded by provider taxes. The IMD program is similar to HCAP, but applies to all Medicaid-participating psychiatric hospitals. The state share of IMD is funded by certified public expenditures (CPE) of state-owned psychiatric hospitals. The Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) certifies the expenditures of all participating state-owned

IMDs to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. These expenses are used to claim federal matching funds. If a private IMD's data supports an IMD DSH payment, a DSH payment is made to the facility with the state share coming from ODJFS.

Within 180 days after the end of a hospital's cost reporting period, most of which have a calendar year end, hospitals are required to submit an annual cost report (form JFS 02930) to the ODJFS/OHP-Cost Reporting Unit that accurately reflects the charges and costs of the hospital. The cost reports are signed and certified by a Fiscal Officer of the hospital. JFS provides detailed instructions to each hospital to ensure the cost reports are completed correctly. For each "as filed" cost report, a Staff Auditor attests that the reconciliation of each schedule of the "as filed" Medicaid Cost Report to the Medicare Cost Report was completed to ensure the settlement amount is accurate and complete as evidenced by their signature on the route slip. The Lead Auditor performs a preliminary review of the work performed on the "as filed" cost report by the Staff Auditor to ensure accuracy and completeness as evidenced by his signature on the route slip. Once the desk review has been completed and all adjustments/corrections, if any, have been made, the "as filed" cost report is renamed the "interim" cost report and mailed to the hospitals.

The Ohio Medicaid Cost Report is used as the primary source for all cost and uncompensated care data. The Medicare Cost Report (2552-96) is used as a source for all total facility and cost center specific costs and charges. The step-down process is as specified for calculating Medicaid costs. Specific instructions for completing the cost report and the reporting of uncompensated care data are rule filed in OAC 5101:3-2-23.

Additionally, hospitals are required to have their uncompensated care data reviewed by an independent third party auditor. The auditor is required to perform the "Agreed Upon Procedures" outlined in the cost report instructions for Schedule F of the Medicaid Cost Report.

1.4 Overview of the Project

ODJFS is seeking one qualified accounting firm to design and conduct reviews of disproportionate share hospital payments (DSH), in accordance with DSH Auditing and Reporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455, published in the federal register on December 19, 2008 (73 Fed Reg. 77904), and the General DSH Audit and Reporting Protocol published by CMS. The selected vendor will perform the "designed" "audits" for individual state plan years (SPY) from 2005- 2009. The "audits" must cover all applicable requirements established by CMS for DSH payments. The work product resulting from these auditing services will be used by the ODJFS, Office of Ohio Health Plans to meet the statutory CMS audit certification and reporting requirements, and to educate hospitals, for purposes of enhancing their DSH reporting. Interested bidders must demonstrate a clear understanding of the hospital DSH program and DSH auditing requirements, and will be expected to conduct analysis including statistical analysis of hospital cost report/DSH payment data, and use the findings of the analysis to inform its design of the "audit" program to be recommended to the department.

1.5 Project Objective

The objective of the contract resulting from this RFP is to provide ODJFS with the resources necessary to enable ODJFS' compliance with the DSH Auditing and Reporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455, for SPY 2005 – 2009. The vendor must perform statistical analysis to determine the use of full and limited desk reviews for targeted disproportionate share hospitals, and to support its recommended audit program.

1.6 Anticipated Procurement Timetable

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
May 18, 2010	ODJFS Releases RFP to Potential Vendors on ODJFS Web Site; Q&A Period Opens - RFP becomes active - Vendors may submit inquiries for RFP clarification
May 27, 2010	Vendor Q&A Period Closes, 10 a.m. (for inquiries for RFP Clarification) - No further inquiries for RFP clarification will be accepted
June 7, 2010	Vendor proposals must be received by ODJFS, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services by this deadline. - This is the proposal opening date, beginning the ODJFS process of proposal review. LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE.
June 17, 2010	ODJFS Issues Contract Award Notification Letter (<i>estimated</i>) - Vendors that submitted proposals in response to this RFP will be sent letters stating whether their proposal was accepted for award of the contract. The date on those letters initiates the time-limited protest opportunity for non-selected vendors.
July 19, 2010	Controlling Board Review of Contract (<i>estimated</i> —if applicable). -Contract with the selected vendor requires review and approval
July 26, 2010	Implementation* (<i>estimated</i> —following notification of all contractual and funding approvals) - ODJFS contracts are not valid and effective until the state Office of Budget Management approves the purchase order.
December 1,, 2010	Project Completion** - All work must be completed and approved by ODJFS Contract Manager, for SPYs 2005, 2006, and 2007.
December 15, 2010	ODJFS sends "Certification documents" to CMS .

ODJFS reserves the right to revise this schedule in the best interest of the State of Ohio and/or to comply with the State of Ohio procurement procedures and regulations and after providing reasonable notice.

*** According to requirements of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 126.07, ODJFS contracts are not valid and enforceable until the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) certifies the availability of appropriate funding, as indicated by the approval of the Purchase Order (P.O.). The contractor may neither perform work nor submit an invoice for payment for work performed for this project for any time period prior to the P.O. approval date. The ODJFS Contract Manager will notify the selected vendor when the requirements of ORC Section 126.07 have been met.**

*** * Subject to approval by the Controlling Board, the contract period is expected to run from approximately early July, 2010 through June 30, 2015, with a renewal contract to be in effect, contingent upon satisfactory performance, continued availability of funding, and all required approvals, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2020. Since state law prohibits ODJFS from making financial commitments beyond the fiscal biennium (e.g., 7/01/09 through 6/30/11), the contract with the selected vendor will be subject to multiple renewals. All renewals are subject to approval by the Controlling Board.**

1.7 Internet Question & Answer Period; RFP Clarification Opportunity

Potential vendors or other interested parties may ask clarifying questions regarding this RFP via the Internet during the Q&A Period as outlined in Section 1.5, Anticipated Procurement Timetable. To ask a question, potential vendors must use the following Internet process:

- * Access the ODJFS Web Page at <http://jfs.ohio.gov//>**
- * Select "About JFS" on the front page;**
- * Select "Doing Business with ODJFS;"**
- * Select "Requests for Proposals, Letterhead Solicitations, and Other Invitations;"**
- * RFP Number *JFS-R1011078046***
- * Follow the link to the dedicated web page;**
- * Select "Submit Inquiry" near the bottom of the web page;**
- * Follow instructions there for submitting questions.**

Questions about this RFP must reference the relevant part of this RFP, the heading for the provision under question, and the page number of the RFP where the provision can be found. The name of a representative of the potential vendor (or other interested party), the company name, phone number, and e-mail address must be provided to submit an inquiry. ODJFS may, at its option, disregard any questions which do not appropriately reference an RFP provision or location within the RFP, or which do not include an identification for the originator of the question. ODJFS will not respond to any questions submitted after **10:00 a.m.** on the date the Q&A period closes.

ODJFS responses to all questions asked via the Internet will be posted on the Internet website dedicated to this RFP, for public reference by any interested party. ODJFS will not provide answers to directly to the vendors (or any interested party) that submitted the question. All questions about this RFP that are submitted in accordance with these instructions will be answered on the RFP's dedicated web page.

Questions submitted may be no more than 4,000 characters in length, but there is no limit on the number of questions submitted. The answers provided by ODJFS may be accessed by following the instructions above, but rather than selecting "Submit Inquiry," vendors and others should select "View Q and A." ODJFS strongly encourages vendors to ask questions early in the Q&A period so that answers can be posted with sufficient time for any possible follow-up questions.

Vendor proposals in response to this RFP are to take into account any information communicated by ODJFS in the Q&A process for the RFP. **It is the responsibility of all potential vendors to check this site on a regular basis for responses to all questions, as well as for any amendments, alerts, or other pertinent information regarding this RFP.**

Accessibility to questions and answers are clearly identified on the website dedicated to this RFP, **once submitted questions have been answered.**

IMPORTANT: Requests from potential vendors for copies of previous RFPs, past vendor proposals, score sheets or contracts for this or similar past projects, are Public Records Requests (PRRs), and are not clarification questions regarding the present RFP. PRRs submitted in accordance with directions provided in Section 1.8, Communication Prohibitions, will be honored. The posted time frames for ODJFS responses to Internet questions for RFP clarification do not apply to PRRs.

Vendors are to base their RFP responses, and the details and costs of their proposed projects, on the requirements and performance expectations established in this RFP for the future contract, NOT on details of any current or past related contract. Requirements under a current project may or may not be required by ODJFS under any future contract, and so may not be useful information for vendors who choose to respond to the RFP. If vendors ask questions about existing or past contracts using the Internet Q&A process, ODJFS will use its discretion in deciding whether to provide answers. Interested vendors should also refer to RFP Section 1.9, Time Frames and Funding Source, for related information.

There is an established time period for the Vendor Q&A process (see Section 1.5, Anticipated Procurement Timetable, above). ODJFS will only answer those questions submitted within the stated time frame for submission of vendor questions, and which pertain to issues of RFP clarity, and which are not requests for public information. ODJFS is under no obligation to acknowledge questions submitted through the Q&A process if those questions are not in accordance with these instructions.

* Should vendors experience technical difficulties accessing either the ODJFS website where the RFP and its related documents are published, they may contact the ODJFS Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, RFP/RLB Unit, at (614) 728-5693 for guidance.

1.8 Vendors' Library

Interested vendors may find additional information related to this project, such as information accessible from the following Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Ohio Revised Code (ORC), Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) links, helpful in preparing a response to this competitive opportunity.

- 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455, published in the federal register on December 19, 2008 (73 Fed Reg. 77904).
- Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Act), Section 1902(a)(13)(A)(iv)
- CMS-2198-F, General DSH Audit and Reporting Protocol published by CMS
- Ohio Medicaid Cost Report Instructions contained in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5101:3-2-23
- Sample Actual Ohio Medicaid Cost Report
- Sample Internal Program Integrity Review Process, for Cost Reports and HCAP
- Information from the HCAP website (<http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/bhpp/hcap/index.stm>), containing Background Information, Abbreviated HCAP payment information, Sample Uncompensated Care Review Reports, etc

1.9 Communications Prohibited

From the issuance date of this RFP, until the contract award has been formally announced by the ODJFS Director, there may be no communications concerning the RFP between any vendor which expects to submit a proposal and any employee of ODJFS in the issuing office, or any other ODJFS employee, or any other individual regardless of their employment status, who is in any way involved in the development of the RFP or the selection of the contractor.

The only exceptions to this prohibition are as follows:

1. Communications conducted pursuant to Section 1.6, Internet Question and Answer Period;
2. As necessary in any pre-existing or on-going business relationship between ODJFS and any vendor which could submit a proposal in response to this RFP;
3. As part of an interview necessary for ODJFS to make a final selection;
4. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, ODJFS will post those revisions, amendments, etc., to the website dedicated to this RFP;*
5. Any Public Records Request (PRR) made through the ODJFS Office of Legal and Acquisition Services.

* **Important Note:** Amendments to the RFP or to any documents related to it will be accessible to interested vendors through the original web page established for the RFP. All interested vendors must refer to that web page regularly for amendments or other announcements. ODJFS will not specifically notify any vendor of changes or announcements related to this RFP except through the website posting. It is the affirmative responsibility of interested vendors to be aware of and to fully respond to all updated information posted on this web page.

1.10 Time Frames & Funding Source

ODJFS is seeking to contract with a vendor to perform services as described in Section III., Scope of Work and Specification of Deliverables, of this RFP. The initial contract period is expected to be from approximately May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 subject to approval by the Controlling Board. The contract resulting from this RFP may be renewed, contingent upon satisfactory contractor performance, continuing programmatic need, and continued availability of funding from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

As state law prohibits ODJFS from making financial commitments beyond any fiscal biennium (e.g., 7/01/09 through 6/30/11), the contract with the selected vendor will be subject to renewal each biennium (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 and July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015). The contract resulting from this RFP is **intended** to be renewed for this entire time period, and the renewal contracts may be entered into by the parties, at their discretion, without any intervening competitive opportunity. However, ODJFS may, at its sole discretion, choose not to renew the contract at any time, due to such factors as poor contractor performance, significant programmatic change, funding changes, or due to changes in applicable law, and offer the contract to qualified vendors through another competitive opportunity.

SECTION II. VENDOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Vendors' proposals must address all the following minimum qualifications as well as organizational and staff experience and capabilities:

2.1 Mandatory Vendor Qualifications

In order to be considered for the contract expected to result from this RFP, an interested vendor must submit to ODJFS a proposal that demonstrates how, and to what degree, the vendor meets, at minimum, **all** the following qualification requirements. If a proposal fails to adequately address how the vendor at a minimum meets all the following mandatory criteria, that proposal will be disqualified from any consideration. Proposals must demonstrate that the vendor, at minimum:

- A. All assigned key professional staff must be properly certified as Independent Public Accountants (IPA). The proposals **MUST** include a photocopy of the certifications for key staff.
- B. Key professional staff, and management, and technical staff must have a minimum of three (3) years professional experience performing engagements of similar nature and scope for Medicare, Medicaid, and/or OIG compliance, and or Hospital/Health Care System financial statement attestation engagements.
- C. Key professional staff, and management and technical staff must have a high level of understanding and knowledge about hospital/health system financial reporting and cost reporting standards, and be very knowledgeable about the engagement to allow for their project performance, with negligible to no support from state staff.
- D. Provide a statement that the organization meets the standards governing independence are set forth in the generally accepted government auditing standards rules (GAGAS.)

Vendors which do not meet **ALL** the above experience and qualifications are not qualified for contract award. Additionally, vendors will be disqualified if they fail to meet either of the following requirements:

- E. The proposal must be submitted to the specified ODJFS location by the deadline for proposal submission established in Section 1.5, Anticipated Procurement Time Frames.
- F. The vendor may not be listed on the Auditor of State's website as a party excluded from contracting with ODJFS by O. R.C. § 9.24 for an unresolved finding for recovery.

Any vendor whose proposal fails to demonstrate that the vendor meets all the above experience and qualifications requirements will be disqualified from any further consideration for contract award. Vendors that meet these requirements will be evaluated for how well or to what degree the requirements are met, and for the clarity and thoroughness of the response.

2.2 Vendor Experience, Characteristics, and Capabilities

Proposals must document:

- A. demonstrate experience with similar DSH audits;

- B. demonstrate extensive experience evaluating claims and cost reports, and evaluating rate calculations for Medicaid programs, and or Medicare programs, and or the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (OIG).; and

The vendor must also demonstrate significant expertise by assigning staff to key leadership roles for this project. Proposals must include resumes (or curriculum vitae) for persons the vendor would place in key positions in the project. The vendor proposal must demonstrate, at minimum:

C. Vendor structure and business relations:

1. Size of the vendor's organization including table of organization;
2. Number and professional designation of the professional staff to be employed in these engagements on a full-time or part-time basis;
3. Location of the primary office from which the work on these engagements is to be performed;
4. Results of any federal or state desk/compliance reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years;
5. Circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the vendor during the past three (3) years with the state regulatory bodies or professional organizations, if applicable. If disciplinary action(s) have not been taken or are not pending against the vendor during the past three (3) years, the vendor shall provide a statement to this effect. The vendor shall provide full disclosure of any such actions and, upon review, may be disqualified at the discretion of ODJFS;
6. List and describe the vendor's professional relationships, if any, involving any Ohio Hospitals/Hospital Systems or by any of its affiliates for the past six (6) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the requested services.
7. Identify any professional staff the vendor intends to employ in these engagements on a full-time or part-time basis who had a professional relationship involving any Ohio Hospitals/Hospital Systems for the past six (6) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the requested services.

D. Health Care Experience:

List separately all significant engagements performed within the last six (6) years that are similar to the engagements (full and limited-scope audits), ranked on the basis of highest to lowest total staff hours, for engagements with Medicare or Medicaid providers. For each engagement, the vendor should indicate the scope of work, date, duration, engagement partners, total hours, and the location of the vendor's office from which the engagement was performed.

E. Staff Experience and Capabilities

The vendor must demonstrate significant expertise by assigning staff to key leadership roles for this project. Key positions will require profiles and curriculum vitae. The vendor must, at minimum:

1. Identify the principal management and supervisory staff, including engagement partners, managers, seniors and specialists, who would be assigned to the

- engagements. The vendor shall provide information on the auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this engagement;
2. Provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this engagement. The vendor should also indicate how the quality of staff over the term of the agreement will be assured; and
 3. Indicate the extent of on-site supervision which will be provided by staff with Medicaid, Medicare, OIG, or hospital financial statement audit experience.
 4. Engagement partners, managers, supervisory staff and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the vendor, are promoted or assigned to another office. Personnel named in the proposal may otherwise only be changed with the express written permission of ODJFS, which retains the right to approve or reject all replacements.

Other personnel may be changed at the discretion of the vendor provided that replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience.

Important: It is the affirmative responsibility of the vendor submitting a proposal to remove all personal confidential information (such as home addresses and social security numbers) of vendor staff and/or of any subcontractor and subcontractor staff from resumes or any other part of the proposal package. Following submission to ODJFS, all proposals submitted become part of the public record and are therefore open to the public. **ODJFS reserves the right to disqualify any vendor whose proposal is found to contain such prohibited personal information.**

SECTION III. SCOPE OF WORK & SPECIFICATIONS OF DELIVERABLES

3.1 Scope of Work and Specification of Deliverables

ODJFS intends to enter into a contract with one qualified accounting firm to design and conduct reviews of disproportionate share hospital payments (DSH), in accordance with DSH Auditing and Reporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455, published in the federal register on December 19, 2008 (73 Fed Reg. 77904), and the General DSH Audit and Reporting Protocol published by CMS. The selected vendor will perform the "designed" "audits" for individual state plan years (SPY) from 2005- 2009. The "audits" must cover all applicable requirements established by CMS for DSH payments. The work product resulting from this auditing services will be used by the ODJFS, Office of Ohio Health Plans to meet the statutory CMS audit certification and reporting requirements, and to educate hospitals, for purposes of enhancing their DSH reporting.

The selected vendor for this project will be required to design an audit/review program, and conduct reviews of disproportionate share hospital payments (DSH), made to hospital providers certified under the Ohio Medicaid program. Specifically, the contractor will be required to:

- 1 Design and Recommend a "audit/Review" program and process that will allow Ohio Medicaid to comply with the DSH Audit requirements in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455;

2. Perform actual reviews per the "audit/Review" program and process identified, in item 3.1.1 above for the purpose of issuing the certification required by the DSH Audit requirements in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455;
3. (i) Conduct front end hospital provider education on the "audit/Review" program and process, and the documentation requirements for items 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 above, (ii) conduct provider education on the review findings and best practices.
4. (i) Issue the required Certification to the department that will be forwarded to the CMS to demonstrate Ohio's compliance with the DSH Audit requirements as outlined in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455:
(ii) Issue a review report to the state that includes "Review" findings in general and that are specific to each hospital per the review program and process; and
(iii) Create the DSH report as specified 42 CFR 447.299 (c) for each state plan year.
5. The selected vendor will be expected to complete the audits and submit the certification and DSH reports to the department as follows:

Audits of SPY 2005, 2006 and 2007 by December 1, 2010;
Audit of SPY 2008 by September 30th, 2011
Audit of SPY 2009 by September 30th, 2012
Audit of SPY 2010 by September 30th, 2013
Audit of SPY 2011 by September 30th, 2014
Audit of SPY 2012 by September 30th, 2015

At the documented request of the vendor, the joint understanding of ODJFS and the vendor, and upon approval by CMS, the completion date requirement for each SPY may be adjusted to an acceptable new date, due to extraordinary circumstances.

The certified independent audit must verify:

- * The extent to which hospitals in the State have reduced uncompensated care costs to reflect the total amount of claimed expenditures made under Section 1923 of the Act.
- * That DSH payments to each hospital comply with the applicable hospital specific DSH payment limit.
- * That only the uncompensated care costs of providing inpatient hospital and outpatient hospital services to Medicaid eligible individuals and uninsured individuals as described in Section 1923(g)(1)(A) of the Act are included in the calculation of the hospital specific limits.
- * The State included all Medicaid payments, including supplemental payments, in the calculation of such hospital specific limits.
 - The State has separately documented and retained a record of all its costs under the Medicaid program, claimed expenditures under the Medicaid program, uninsured costs in determining payment adjustments under Section 1923 of the Act, and any payments made on behalf of the uninsured from payment adjustments under Section 1923 of the Act.

The vendor must perform statistical analysis to determine the use of full and limited desk reviews for targeted disproportionate share hospitals, and to support its recommended audit program.

The information above is a summary of the duties and responsibilities that would be contractually required of the selected IPA firm. In order to receive consideration for contract award, all aspects of the requirements described in this section must be addressed in **Tab 2** of the vendor's technical proposal.

The selected vendor should have a high level of understanding and knowledge about hospital/health system financial reporting and cost reporting standards, and be very knowledgeable about the engagement to allow for their project performance, with negligible to no support from state staff. Additionally, vendor proposals submitted in response to this RFP must reflect the vendor's understanding of, and commitment to, perform this Scope of Work fully. Each vendor's proposal must clearly demonstrate its understanding of the state's current DSH program integrity efforts, and demonstrate how this knowledge was used to determine its recommended "audit/review" program.

"Audit/review" working papers developed during the engagement must be legible and in sufficient detail to support the work performed and all findings. Working papers must indicate a purpose and identify the source of the information or documentation received. Conclusions must be clearly explained, well documented, and include the specific citation that serves as the legal authority for any adjustments.

"Audit/review" findings will be brought to hospitals' attention by the vendor, as they are discovered during the course of the audit and in total prior to the exit conference. An exit conference is to be conducted with the hospitals upon completion of the audit work. With the joint understanding of the hospital and the vendor, the requirement for an exit conference may be waived or authorization may be made to conduct the exit conference using other means, such as a telephone conference, fax, mail, or some combination thereof. Where an exit conference is held, any additional documentation furnished by the hospital at the exit conference shall be evaluated by the vendor and the evaluation noted in the audit working papers. A memorandum to the working papers shall indicate the date and location of the exit conference, who was in attendance, and summarize the issues discussed, including the hospital's position on them.

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP must reflect the vendor's understanding of, and commitment to, perform this Scope of Work fully. The vendor will be responsible for the deliverables as described above, including all preparatory and intervening steps, whether or not ODJFS has explicitly specified or delineated them within the RFP. In developing their proposals, all interested vendors must fully and appropriately plan and cost out their proposed projects, including all necessary preparatory and intervening steps.

3.2 Number of Participants

The universe of hospitals to be sampled/reviewed each DSH program year is approximately 200 participating hospitals in the DSH program. However, about thirty hospitals annually do not receive a DSH payment under Ohio's DSH program during. DSH payments to hospitals annually range from \$0 to \$36.4 million. The statistical sampling methodology used by the vendor must be clearly described, and must provide justification/support for the level of confidence.

3.3 Administrative Structures—Proposed Work Plan

Proposals are to include, at minimum, the following administrative structures and technical approach for the proposed work plan. The proposal shall:

- A. Provide a proposed timeline for the project, while taking the specified completion dates in Section 3.1.5 into consideration;
- B. Provide a status reporting procedure for reporting work completed, and resolution of unanticipated problems;
- C. Provide a current organizational chart of vendor staff that would be directly involved in this program, specifying the key management and administrative personnel who will be assigned to this project, and their roles; and,
- D. Demonstrate how the vendor, if awarded the contract, would design and perform the auditing services in accordance with the provisions of Sections II, III and IV, of this RFP to enable ODJFS' compliance with the DSH Auditing and Reporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455, published in the federal register on December 19, 2008 (73 Fed Reg. 77904). The contractor must review the requirements of the federal audit regulations. The audits conducted under the awarded contract must meet the requirements of 42 CFR parts 447 and 455 and must be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. (GAGAS).
- E. Submit a project budget that is in line with the cost proposal.

3.4 Deliverables

See Section 3.1

3.5 Compensation Structure

ODJFS anticipates compensating the selected vendor on a periodic basis for actual staff hours and expenses.

Vendors are to propose their compensation using the Cost Proposal Form provided as Attachment F. to this RFP. All proposals for compensation must be presented in the format and categories as prescribed on that form. No other categories of costs will be considered by ODJFS. No additional fees or costs of any sort will be paid under this contract.

SECTION IV. CONDITIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Through this section of the RFP, ODJFS notifies vendors seeking award of a contract of certain conditions and requirements which may affect their eligibility or willingness to participate in any procurement (RFP, RLB, etc.) process; or their eligibility to be awarded a contract; and of requirements that would be in effect should they be awarded a contract.

4.1 State Contracts

Proposals must list any current contracts the vendor has with State of Ohio agencies. The list must indicate the purpose of the contract, the amount of the contract, the time period covered by the contract, and the percentage of the project completed. Vendors must complete a copy of the Required Vendor

Information and Certifications Document (provided as **Attachment A.**) to report this information and include the completed document in the vendor's proposal as specified in **Section 5.2 B., 1** of this RFP.

4.2 Interview/Presentation

Vendors submitting proposals may be required to participate in an in-depth presentation of the proposal and work plan as part of the evaluation process. The presentation, ~~if necessary~~, may include participants from ODJFS and/or other state agency staff or other representatives it may appoint, as appropriate. ODJFS reserves the right to select from responding vendors for presentations and will not interview all vendors submitting proposals. ODJFS anticipates inviting only the vendors with the two top scoring proposals to a presentation session. The vendor shall bear all costs of any scheduled presentation session.

4.3 Start Work Date

The selected vendor must be able to begin work no later than seven (7) working days after the time funds are encumbered and approved by the Office of Budget and Management. The selected vendor will be notified by the ODJFS contract manager when work may begin. **The vendor will NOT be compensated by ODJFS for any work begun prior to this notification.**

4.4 Proposal Costs

Costs incurred in the preparation of this proposal are to be borne by the vendor, and ODJFS will not contribute in any way to the costs of the preparation. Any costs associated with presentations will be borne by the vendor and will not be ODJFS' responsibility (see Section 4.2, above).

4.5 Trade Secrets Prohibition; Public Information Disclaimer

Vendors are prohibited from including any trade secret information as defined in ORC 1333.61 in their proposals in response to any ODJFS RFP, RLB or other procurement efforts. ODJFS shall consider all proposals voluntarily submitted in response to any ODJFS RFP (or etc.) to be free of trade secrets and such proposals shall, in their entirety, be made a part of the public record.

All proposals and any other documents submitted to ODJFS in response to this RFP shall become the property of ODJFS. This RFP and, after formal announcement by ODJFS of the results of this RFP process (e.g., notices provided to responding vendors regarding vendor selection, notice of project cancellation, etc.), any proposals submitted in response to the RFP are deemed to be public records pursuant to R.C. 149.43. For purposes of this section, "proposal" shall mean both the technical and the cost proposals (if opened by ODJFS) submitted by the vendor, cover letters, any attachments, addenda, appendices, or sample products.

Any proposals submitted in response to this or any ODJFS RFP which make claims of trade secret information shall be disqualified from consideration immediately upon determination that such unallowable claim has been made.

4.6 Contractual Requirements

- A. Any contract resulting from the issuance of this RFP is subject to the terms and conditions as provided in the model contract, which is included as **Attachment D.** of this RFP;

- B. Many of the terms and conditions contained in the model contract (See **Attachment D.**) are required by state and federal law; however, the vendor may propose changes to the model contract by annotating the model, and returning it with the vendor's proposal submission. Any changes are subject to ODJFS review and approval;
- C. Payments for any and all services provided pursuant to the contract are contingent upon the availability of state and federal funds;
- D. All aspects of the contract apply equally to work performed by any and all subcontractors;
- E. The contractor, will not use or disclose any information made available to them for any purpose other than to fulfill the contractual duties specified in the RFP. The contractor, and any subcontractor(s), agrees to be bound by the same standards of confidentiality that apply to the employees of ODJFS and the State of Ohio. Any violation of confidentiality will result in an immediate termination of the contract, and may result in legal action;
- F. As a condition of receiving a contract from ODJFS, the contractor, and any subcontractor(s), shall certify compliance with any court order for the withholding of child support which is issued pursuant to Section 3113.217 of the ORC. The contractor, and any subcontractor(s), must also agree to cooperate with ODJFS and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency in ensuring that the contractor or employees of the contractor meet child support obligations established under state law;
- G. By signing a contract with ODJFS, a vendor agrees that all necessary insurance is in effect; and
- H. The selected contractor shall be required to comply with prevailing wage standards, as established in ORC 4115.03 to 4115.16.

4.7 Travel Expense Compensation

ODJFS will not compensate the contractor for any travel expenses related to work that may be performed under the contract expected to result from this RFP.

4.8 Minority Business Enterprise

ODJFS is required by Section 125.081(B) and 123.151 of the ORC to award fifteen percent (15%) of its total procurements to vendors certified as Minority Business Enterprises (MBE). Ohio certified MBE is defined in ORC Section 122.71. If the proposal is not submitted by a certified MBE, the vendor is strongly encouraged to subcontract a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total contract price to an Ohio certified MBE.

The proposal must clearly indicate the name of the proposed Ohio MBE vendor and the exact nature of the work to be performed under the proposed subcontract. The proposal must include a letter from the proposed MBE, signed by a person authorized to legally bind the subcontractor, indicating the following:

1. The subcontractor's legal status, federal tax ID number, and principle business address;
2. The name, phone number, and fax number of a person who is authorized to legally bind the subcontractor to contractual obligations;
3. A complete description of the work the subcontractor will do;
4. A commitment to do the work, if the vendor is selected;

5. A statement that the subcontractor has and understands the RFP, the nature of the work, and the requirements of the RFP;
6. A copy of the Ohio MBE certificate; and,
7. A statement and appropriate documentation of the MBE sub-contractor's qualifications to perform the portion of the work it would be assigned.

A listing of Ohio certified MBEs can be accessed through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Web Site at: <http://das.ohio.gov/Eod/MBESearch/index.asp>.

While ODJFS strongly encourages the use of MBE subcontractors, the vendor's use of an MBE subcontractor will have no effect on vendors' technical scores or on final contractor selection for this RFP, unless Section VI, Criteria for Proposal Evaluation and Selection of this RFP (and/or the Technical Proposal Score Sheet for this RFP) affirmatively establish an MBE participation criterion.

4.9 Subcontractor Identification and Participation Information

Except for the express purposes identified in Section 4.8, above, the selected vendor may not subcontract any part of the work described in this RFP.

4.10 Confidentiality

All contracts will require that the contractor maintain the confidentiality of information and records which state and federal laws, rules, and regulations require to be kept confidential.

4.11 Key Personnel

ODJFS will require a clause in the resulting contract regarding key personnel in that any person identified as critical to the success of the project may not be removed without reasonable notice to ODJFS, and replacements will not be made without ODJFS approval.

4.12 Ethical & Conflict of Interest Requirements

- A. No contractor or individual, company or organization seeking a contract shall promise or give to any ODJFS employee anything of value that is of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the employee with respect to his or her duties;
- B. No contractor or individual, company or organization seeking a contract shall solicit any ODJFS employee to violate any of the conduct requirements for employees;
- C. Any contractor acting on behalf of ODJFS shall refrain from activities which could result in violations of ethics and/or conflicts of interest. Any contractor or potential contractor who violates the requirements and prohibitions defined here or of Section 102.04 of the ORC is subject to termination of the contract or refusal by ODJFS to enter into a contract; and
- D. ODJFS employees and contractors who violate Sections 102.03, 102.04 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the ORC may be prosecuted for criminal violations.

4.13 Health Insurance Portability & Accessibility Act (HIPAA) Requirements

As a condition of receiving a contract from ODJFS, the contractor, and any subcontractor(s), will be required to comply with 42 U.S.C. Sections 1320d through 1320d-8, and to implement regulations at 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502 (e) and Sections 164.504 (e) regarding disclosure of protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. Protected Health Information (PHI) is information received by the contractor from or on behalf of ODJFS that meets the definition of PHI as defined by HIPAA and the regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Health & Human Services, specifically 45 CFR 164.501 and any amendments thereto. The selected vendor can reasonably anticipate HIPAA language in the contract that results from this RFP.

In the event of a material breach of contractor obligations under this section, ODJFS may at its option terminate the contract according to provisions within the contract for termination.

4.14 Waiver of Minor Proposal Errors

ODJFS may, at its sole discretion, waive minor errors or omissions in vendors' Technical and/or Cost proposals/forms when those errors do not unreasonably obscure the meaning of the content.

4.15 Proposal Clarifications

ODJFS reserves the right to request clarifications from vendors of any information in their Technical and/or Cost proposals/forms, and may request such clarification as it deems necessary at any point in the proposal review process.

4.16 Contractual Requirements and Prevailing Wage Requirements

Any contract resulting from the issuance of this solicitation is subject to the terms and conditions as provided in the model contract, which is provided as **Attachment D**. to this RFP. Potential vendors are strongly encouraged to read the model contract and to be fully aware of ODJFS' contractual requirements. Additionally, the selected contractor will be required to comply with prevailing wage standards, as established in ORC 4115.03-4115.16.

4.17 Unresolved Findings for Recovery (R.C. 9.24)

ORC Section 9.24 prohibits ODJFS from awarding a contract to any entity against whom the Auditor of State has issued a finding for recovery, if the finding for recovery is "unresolved" at the time of award. By submitting a proposal, the vendor warrants that it is not now, and will not become, subject to an "unresolved" finding for recovery under R.C. 9.24 prior to the award of any contract arising out of this RFP, without notifying ODJFS of such finding. ODJFS will review the Auditor of State's website prior to completion of evaluations of proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP. ODJFS will not evaluate a proposal from any vendor whose name, or the name of any of the subcontractors proposed by the vendor, appears on the website of the Auditor of the State of Ohio as having an "unresolved" finding for recovery.

4.18 Mandatory Contract Performance Disclosure

Each proposal must disclose whether the vendor's performance, or the performance of any of the proposed subcontractor(s), under contracts for the provision of services that are the same or similar to those to be provided for the project which is the subject of this RFP has resulted in any "formal claims" for breach of those contracts. For purposes of this disclosure, "formal claims" means any claims for breach that have

been filed as a lawsuit in any court, submitted for arbitration (whether voluntary or involuntary, binding or not), or assigned to mediation. If any such claims are disclosed, vendor shall fully explain the details of those claims, including the allegations regarding all alleged breaches, any written or legal action resulting from those allegations, and the results of any litigation, arbitration or mediation regarding those claims, including terms of any settlement. While disclosure of any formal claims in response to this section will not automatically disqualify a vendor from consideration, at the sole discretion of ODJFS, such claims and a review of the background details may result in a rejection of the vendor's proposal. ODJFS will make this decision based on its determination of the seriousness of the claims, the potential impact that the behavior that led to the claims could have on the vendor's performance of the work, and the best interests of ODJFS.

4.19 Mandatory Disclosures of Governmental Investigations

Each proposal must indicate whether the vendor and any of the proposed subcontractor(s) has been the subject of any adverse regulatory or adverse administrative governmental action (federal, state, or local) with respect to vendor's performance of services similar to those described in this RFP. If any such instances are disclosed, vendor must fully explain, in detail, the nature of the governmental action, the allegations that led to the governmental action, and the results of the governmental action including any legal action that was taken against vendor by the governmental agency. While disclosure of any governmental action in response to this section will not automatically disqualify a vendor from consideration, such governmental action and a review of the background details may result in a rejection of the vendor's proposal at the sole discretion of ODJFS. The decision by ODJFS on this issue will be based on a determination of the seriousness of the matter, the matter's potential impact on the vendor's performance of the work, and the best interests of ODJFS.

4.20 Mandatory Disclosures of Work Location

Proposals must explicitly state the location(s) (city, state/province, country) where work described in this RFP would be performed, whether by the vendor or by any subcontractors.

4.21 Vendor Selection Restriction

Any vendor deemed not responsible, or submitting a proposal deemed not to be responsive to the terms of this RFP, shall not be awarded the resulting contract.

4.22 Declaration of Material Assistance Requirements

Any vendor responding to any ODJFS RFP, RLB, or any other procurement opportunity is required to provide certification that the vendor has not provided material support or resources to any organization listed on the "Terrorist Exclusion List" (TEL) maintained by the U.S. Department of State. The Declaration of Material Assistance Form, provided as **Attachment C**, to this RFP, must be printed, completed, and signed by the interested vendor's authorized representative, and returned to ODJFS as a component of the vendor technical proposal/bid. Failure to properly complete the form or to provide it as part of the proposal submitted to ODJFS may result in the disqualification of the vendor's proposal from consideration.

Vendors may access the TEL from the Ohio Homeland Security Office website, located at www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov.dma.asp or via e-mail to dma-info@dps.state.oh.us for the current list of excluded organizations and additional information.

4.23 Ohio Presence Consideration

The vendor that is awarded the contract resulting from this RFP is required to maintain a physical presence in Ohio throughout the term of the contract, including all renewal periods. Therefore, each vendor must either demonstrate in its proposal that it currently has a physical presence in Ohio or demonstrate concrete plans for establishing a physical presence, to include the actual or proposed location of the vendor's presence. Vendor proposals must identify the work to be performed for this project at that location and identify vendor personnel, either by staff name or function, that will operate from the Ohio location. ODJFS reserves the right, at its sole discretion to reject any proposals which fail to comply with this requirement.

SECTION V. PROPOSAL FORMAT & SUBMISSION

5.1 Proposal Submission Information

ODJFS requires proposal submissions in both paper and electronic format. The proposal must be prepared and submitted in accordance with instructions found in this Section. The proposal submission must be comprised of:

- **Six (6) paper copies (one signed original and five (5) copies) and one CD-ROM copy of the Technical Proposal;**

It is the vendor's affirmative responsibility to ensure that all copies and all formats of the proposal are identical. Any pages or documents omitted from any or all copies can negatively affect the vendor's score and possibly result in the vendor's disqualification. In the event of any discrepancies or variations between copies, ODJFS is under no obligation to resolve the inconsistencies and may make its scoring and vendor selection decisions accordingly, including the decision to disqualify the vendor.

AND

- in a sealed, separate envelope, **Six (6) paper copies (one signed original and five (5) copies) and one CD-ROM copy of the Cost Proposal.**

The vendors' total proposal submissions (both the technical and cost proposals in all required copies) must be received by ODJFS complete no later than 3:00 p.m. on **June 7, 2010** Faxes or e-mailed submissions will not be accepted. **Proposals must be addressed to:**

**Contracts & Acquisitions
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414
ATTN: RFP/RLB Unit**

Vendors' original technical and cost proposals must contain all the information and documents specified in Section 5.2, "Format for Organization of the Proposal."

All copies (both paper and CD-ROM) of the original proposal must include identical copies of ALL information, documents, and pages in the original proposal. The entire vendor proposal should be converted into one single secure PDF document saved to the CD-ROM submitted to ODJFS. If the

proposal's size necessitates more than a single PDF document to contain the entire proposal, vendors must still send the CD-ROM copy of the proposal, but use the fewest separate .pdf documents possible. The hard-copies and the CD-ROM must be clearly labeled with the vendor's name, submission date, and the name and RFP number for this project.

The requested CD may be used in the formal proposal review processes, and will be used by ODJFS for archiving purposes and for fulfillment of Public Records Requests, and failure to include or to properly label it may, at ODJFS discretion, result in the rejection of the vendor from any consideration.

All proposal submissions must be received, complete, at the above address, via mail, delivery service, or hand delivery by the above date and time. Materials received separately from a vendor's proposal submission (*e.g.*, letters of recommendation from past customers of the vendor's services) will not be added to the proposal nor considered in the review and scoring process. Materials received after the date and time as stated above will not be included in any previous submissions, nor will they be considered. ODJFS is not responsible for proposals incorrectly addressed or for proposals delivered to any ODJFS location other than the address specified above. No confirmation of mailed proposals can be provided.

For hand delivery on the due date, vendors are to allow sufficient time for traffic incidents, downtown parking considerations, as well as for possible security checks at both the lobby of the Rhodes State Office Tower (address as stated above) and again on the 31st Floor. All proposals must be received **no later than the specified deadline, both time and date**, by the Office of Legal and Acquisition Services (OLAS), on the 31st Floor of the Rhodes Tower. Proposals may be submitted at any time prior to that deadline, during normal working hours, excluding weekends and state holidays. **ODJFS is not responsible for proposals delivered to any address other than the address provided above. No late proposals will be considered.**

Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the vendor of the conditions contained in this RFP, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between ODJFS and the vendor selected.

5.2 Format for Organization of the Proposal

A. Overall Proposal Organization

A sample Technical Proposal Score Sheet is provided as **Attachment E** of this RFP. **Vendors are strongly encouraged to use the Score Sheet to check their proposals for quality, compliance, and completeness prior to submission.**

The vendor's Technical Proposal must contain the following components (organized in six (6) primary tabs and divided into sub-tabs) as described below. Any other information thought to be relevant, but not applicable to a specific RFP section number/letter must be provided as an appendix to the proposal and so marked as an additional tab. ODJFS reserves the right not to review submitted appendices which includes information/materials not required in the RFP. All pages beyond Tab 1 shall be sequentially numbered.

Vendors must organize their Technical Proposals in the following order:

Tab 1 Required Vendor Information and Certifications Document
Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (W-9) Form

Declaration Regarding Material Assistance/Non-Assistance to a Terrorist Org.

Tab 2 Vendor Experience, Characteristics and Capabilities

Sub-Tab 2a. Mandatory Vendor Qualifications (Section 2.1, items A through F)

Sub-Tab 2b. Vendor Experience, Characteristics, and Capabilities (Section 2.2, items A through F)

Tab 3 Scope of Work and Specifications of Deliverables

Sub-Tab 3a. Deliverable A

Sub-Tab 3b. Deliverable B

Sub-Tab 3c. Deliverable C

Sub-Tab 3d. Deliverable D

Sub-Tab 3e. Deliverable E

Sub-Tab 3f. Deliverable F

Sub-Tab 3g. Deliverable G.

Tab 4 Administrative Structures—Proposed Work Plan

Sub-Tab 4a. Project Time Table

Sub-Tab 4b. Status Reporting Procedure

Sub-Tab 4c. Organizational Chart

Sub-Tab 4d. Work Plan

Tab 5 Vendor Attachments or Appendices (*for example, for possible excerpts/samples of work products*)

All pages in the Technical Proposal must be sequentially numbered, with the exception of Tab 1 contents. In the interest of efficiency and economy, vendors may present information for more than one sub-tab per page, but must provide clear indications of the breaks on the page between the different sub-tab contents.

NOTE: Vendors are required to submit one CD-ROM copy of their entire proposal packages in non-rewriteable CD format.

B. Technical Proposal Details

The vendor's Technical Proposal must contain the following components, at minimum. It is mandatory that vendor proposals be organized in the following order, and that wherever appropriate, sections/portions of the vendor proposal make reference by section number/letter to those RFP requirements to which they correspond.

1. (Tab 1)

Required Vendor Information & Certifications

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (W-9) Form

Declaration Regarding Material Assistance / Non-Assistance to a Terrorist Organization

In this section, the vendor is required to provide required information and certifications of eligibility for state contract awards, as described in **Attachment A**. to this RFP, entitled "Required Vendor Information & Certifications Document."

Vendors may, at their discretion, either print **Attachment A.**, complete and sign it (in blue ink), and return it as the content of their Proposal Tab 1; or they may provide all the required information and certifications (each fully re-stated from **Attachment A.**) on their own letterhead, properly signed (in blue ink), and use that document as the content of their Proposal Tab 1. Vendors who fail to provide all information and certifications as described in **Attachment A.** in their Proposal Tab 1 risk disqualification.

The vendor must attach the **Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (W-9) Form**, which is provided as **Attachment B.** to this RFP, completed with an original signature in blue ink.

Vendors are required to provide a declaration regarding material assistance to a terrorist organization or an organization that supports terrorism as identified by the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List and described in **Attachment C, Declaration Regarding Material Assistance/Non-Assistance to a Terrorist Organization.** Vendors MUST print **Attachment C.**, complete and sign it (in blue ink), and return it as the content of their Proposal Tab 1. Vendors who fail to provide a signed and completed **Attachment C.** risk disqualification. This form may also be accessed and printed at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security's Website at <http://www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov>.

The signed originals of the above referenced forms (**RFP Attachments A., B., and C.**) are to be provided in the vendor's original proposal; photocopies of the completed and signed forms must also be provided with each of the required copies.

In the event that the vendor proposes the use of any subcontractors, information on the subcontractor(s) and letters of commitment as required by Section 4.8, Minority Business Enterprise or 4.9, Subcontractor Identification and Participation Information should also be provided in Tab 1.

**2. (Tab 2)
Vendor Experience & Qualifications**

a. Mandatory Vendor Qualifications (Sub-Tab 2 a.)

The vendor must include information on the mandatory experience of the vendor, as described in **Section 2.1**, of this RFP.

b. Vendor Experience, Characteristics, and Capabilities (Sub-Tab 2 b.)

Under this section the vendor is required to describe its accessibility and customer service standards, including, at minimum, its geographic coverage, operating hours, and loan processing times, and must include resumes, education, and experience, for all key personnel for this project (including any subcontractors to be involved), as described in **Section 2.2**, of this RFP.

**3. (Tab 3)
Scope of Work & Specifications of Deliverables**

This section should describe in detail how the vendor proposes to perform each task of the scope of work identified in Sections 3.1, Scope of Work and Specifications of Deliverables of this RFP. The responses must address each element separately. Vendors should place their responses for each Deliverable identified in Section 3.1 behind separate sub-tabs as described above.

4. (Tab 4)

Administrative Structures—Proposed Work Plan

This section should describe in detail (in the order as outlined) the vendor's administrative structures as specified in Section 3.3, Administrative Structures—Proposed Work Plan of this RFP.

5. (Tab 5)

Vendor Attachments or Appendices

This section may be used to include excerpts/samples of work products or methods comparable to those described in this RFP.

C. Cost Proposal

Six (6) paper copies (one signed original and five (5) copies) copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope, and labeled: “NOTE: DO NOT OPEN. COST PROPOSAL ENCLOSED FOR DSH AUDITING SERVICES, RFP: JFSR-1011-07-8046 SUBMITTED BY [VENDOR’S NAME HERE].”

This envelope/package must also contain the labeled Cost Proposal CD-ROM. The Proposal must include a statement that the prices quoted are firm.

Vendors are to complete the Cost Proposal Form, provided as **Attachment F**, to this RFP according to instructions, sign it, and submit it fully completed as the separate sealed cost proposal. The Cost Proposal Form requires interested vendors to provide a group of individual prices for those services defined in Section 3.1 Specifications of Deliverables. Vendors are to use their professional comprehension of the effort required to perform those services and to offer to ODJFS its flat, all-inclusive fee for performing each. The prices offered in the vendor's Cost Proposal will be the prices in effect throughout the contract period, including any renewal contracts, as described in Section 1.5, Time Frames & Funding Source, of this RFP.

Vendors are to use the format in **Attachment F, Cost Proposal Form**, to submit their cost proposal. At the vendor's discretion, additional documentation may also be included with the completed **Attachment F.**, as explanatory information, but when making the vendor selections and when executing the contract, ODJFS will consider only the dollar amounts displayed on the Cost Proposal Form.

In calculating their total proposed cost, vendors must consider cost resulting from each deliverable listed in Section 3.1 of this RFP, as well as all program costs, primary and incidental, necessary to complete all program activities (whether explicitly identified by ODJFS in this RFP

D. IMPORTANT –DISQUALIFIERS FOR PROPOSAL ERRORS:

- Any trade secret, proprietary, or confidential information (as defined in Section XI., E. of this RFP) found anywhere in a vendor's proposal shall result in immediate disqualification of that vendor's proposal.
- Any sensitive personal information on vendor *or* sub-contract staff (e.g., social security numbers, addresses) must be omitted from vendor proposals, or rendered fully unreadable, or ODJFS may at its option disqualify the vendor from any consideration.

SECTION VI. CRITERIA FOR PROPOSAL EVALUATION & SELECTION

6.1 Scoring of Proposals

ODJFS will contract with a vendor that best demonstrates the ability to meet requirements as specified in this RFP. Vendors submitting a response will be evaluated based on the capacity and experience demonstrated in their Technical and Cost Proposal. All proposals will be reviewed and scored by a Proposal Review Team (PRT), comprised of staff from ODJFS, and/or other state agency staff it may appoint and their designees. Vendors should not assume that the review team members are familiar with any current or past work activities with ODJFS. Proposals containing assumptions, lack of sufficient detail, poor organization, lack of proofreading and unnecessary use of self-promotional claims will be evaluated accordingly. PRT members will be required to sign disclosure forms to establish that they have no personal or financial interest in the outcome of the proposal review and contractor selection process.

Selection of the vendor will be based upon the criteria specified in this RFP. Any proposals not meeting the requirements contained in this RFP will not be scored or may be held pending receipt of required clarifications. The PRT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, in whole or in part, received in response to this request. The review team may waive minor defects that are not material when no prejudice will result to the rights of any vendor or to the public. In scoring the proposals, ODJFS will score in three phases:

A. Phase I. Review—Initial Qualifying Criteria:

In order to be fully reviewed and scored, proposals must pass the following **Phase I. Review**. Any “no” for the listed Phase I. criteria will eliminate a proposal from further consideration.

1. Was the proposal received by the deadline as specified in Sections 1.5 and 5.1?
2. Did the vendor submit six (6) paper copies and one electronic copy of their Technical Proposal?
3. Does the vendor’s proposal include all required affirmative statements and certifications, signed by the vendor’s responsible representative, as described in **Attachments A., and C.** to the RFP?

4. According to those certifications, does the vendor affirmatively indicate that it is not on the federal debarment list; that there are no unfair labor findings against it; and it is not in violation of ORC Section 9.24, and therefore may enter into a contract with ODJFS?
5. Does ODJFS’ review of the Auditor of State website verify that the vendor is not excluded from contracting with ODJFS by ORC Section 9.24 for an unresolved finding for recovery (*i.e.*, the proposal of any vendor whose name appears on the Auditor’s website as having an unresolved finding for recovery will be eliminated from further consideration.)?
6. Has the vendor’s proposal met all other mandatory requirements as established in Section 2.1, Mandatory Vendor Qualifications ?

B. Phase II. Review—Criteria for Scoring the Technical Proposal:

The PRT will score those proposals, not eliminated in **Phase I. Review** by assessing how well the vendor meets the requirements as specified in this RFP. Using the score sheet for **Phase II** scoring (see **Attachment E.** of this RFP for specific evaluation criteria), the PRT will read, review, discuss and reach consensus on the final technical score for each qualifying technical proposal.

A technical proposal must achieve at least a minimum total score as established on the Technical Proposal Score Sheet (Attachment E. to this RFP), a score which represents that the vendor can successfully perform the resulting contractual duties. Proposals must earn at least that minimum point value to qualify for continued consideration. Any proposal which does not meet the minimum required technical proposal points will be disqualified from any further consideration and its cost proposal will not be considered.

All **Phase II** technical proposal evaluation criteria will be scored according to the following scale, based on a proposed plan’s ability to meet ODJFS needs. The Technical Proposal Score Sheet (see **Attachment E.**) uses the following point values for rating each requirement.

0	4	8	10
Does Not Meet Requirement	Partially Meets	Meets Requirement	Exceeds Requirement

Technical Performance Scoring Definitions:

“Does Not Meet Requirement”- A particular RFP criteria or requirement was not addressed in the vendor’s proposal in any way adequate for ODJFS to assess that the vendor could adequately meet program needs corresponding to that criteria, **Score: 0**

“Partially Meets Requirement”-Vendor proposal demonstrates some attempt at meeting a particular RFP requirement, but that attempt falls below acceptable level, **Score: 4**

“Meets Requirement”-Vendor proposal essentially fulfills a particular RFP requirement in all material respects, potentially with only minor, non-substantial deviation, **Score: 8**

“Exceeds Requirement”-Vendor proposal essentially fulfills a particular RFP requirement in all material respects, and offers some additional level of quality in excess of ODJFS expectations, **Score: 10**

IMPORTANT: Before submitting a proposal to ODJFS in response to this RFP, vendors are strongly encouraged to use the Technical Proposal Score Sheet (**Attachment E.**) and the above technical performance scoring information to review their proposals for completeness, compliance and quality.

All the remaining qualified Technical Proposals will proceed to the next level of review, which is consideration of the Cost Proposal. Any other proposals will be disqualified from further consideration, and the corresponding Cost Proposals will neither be opened nor will be scored.

C. Phase III.—Criteria for Considering the Cost Proposal

The Cost Proposal will be reviewed by ODJFS. The grand total of each technically qualified vendor’s Cost Proposal is divided by that vendor’s final Technical Proposal score. This compares the cost with the quality of the Technical Proposal, which will provide an average cost-per-quality point earned on the Technical Proposal.

If the cost proposals of all technically qualifying vendors (as determined by the scoring process described in this section and by the Technical Proposal Score Sheet, **Attachment E.** to this RFP) are in excess of the available funding for this project, ODJFS may, at its sole discretion, negotiate with all technically qualifying vendors for a revised cost proposal. Vendors may then submit one last and best offer, or may request that ODJFS view its original cost proposal as its last and best offer, or may formally withdraw from further consideration, and shall formally indicate its choice according to directions provided by ODJFS at that time. Upon receipt of all last and best offers, and assuming that one or more have submitted a cost proposal that is within project budget, ODJFS will then consider those vendors’ revised cost proposals which are within the budget according to the cost-point assignment process described in this section, above, and in the Technical Proposal Score Sheet, **Attachment E.**, for calculation of the winning score.

6.2 Review Process Caveats

ODJFS may, at its sole discretion, waive minor errors or omissions in vendors’ Technical and/or Cost proposals/forms when those errors do not unreasonably obscure the meaning of the content.

ODJFS reserves the right to request clarifications from vendors to any information in their Technical and/or Cost proposals/forms, and may request such clarification as it deems necessary at any point in the proposal review process. Any such requests for proposal clarification when initiated by ODJFS, and vendors’ verbal or written response to those requests, shall not be considered a violation of the communication prohibitions contained in Section 1.8 of this RFP. Such communications are expressly permitted when initiated by ODJFS, but are at the sole discretion of ODJFS.

Should ODJFS determine a need for interviewing vendors prior to making a final selection, results to interview questions shall be scored in a manner similar to the process described in Section 6.1, Scoring of Proposals, above. Such scored results may be either added to those vendors' proposal scores, or will replace certain criteria scores, at the discretion of ODJFS. The standards for scoring the interviews and the method used for considering the results of the interviews shall be applied consistently for all vendors participating in the interview process for that RFP.

ODJFS reserves the right to negotiate with vendors for adjustments to their proposals should ODJFS determine, for any reason, to adjust the scope of the project for which this RFP is released. Such communications are not violations of any communications prohibition, and are expressly permitted when initiated by ODJFS, but are at the sole discretion of ODJFS.

Any vendor deemed not responsible, or any submitting a proposal deemed not to be responsive to the terms of this RFP, shall not be awarded the contract.

6.3 Final Vendor Recommendation

The PRT will recommend to the Director of ODJFS the technically qualified vendor offering the proposal most advantageous to ODJFS, as determined by the processes and requirements established in this RFP. This will be determined by comparing each vendor's flat all inclusive hourly rate and the vendor's total number of hours proposed to complete the work as described within the RFP.

6.4 Tie Breaker

In the event that two or more of the proposals have a score which is tied after final calculation of both the technical proposal and the cost proposal, the proposal with the higher technical proposal score will prevail. Should that process still result in a tied score, the vendor earning the highest score for the quality of geographic coverage, Phase II, item 1. on the Technical Proposal Score Sheet (Attachment E. to this RFP) will be deemed the technically qualified vendor offering the proposal most advantageous to ODJFS, and recommended for award of the contract.

SECTION VII. PROTEST PROCEDURE

7.1 Protests

Any potential, or actual, vendor objecting to the award of a contract resulting from the issuance of this RFP may file a protest of the award of the contract, or any other matter relating to the process of soliciting the proposals. Such a protest must comply with the following guidelines:

- A. A protest may be filed by a prospective or actual bidder objecting to the award of a contract resulting from this RFP. The protest shall be in writing and shall contain the following information:
 1. The name, address, and telephone number of the protestor;
 2. The name and number of the RFP being protested;
 3. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including copies of any relevant documents;
 4. A request for a ruling by ODJFS;

5. A statement as to the form of relief requested from ODJFS; and
 6. Any other information the protestor believes to be essential to the determination of the factual and legal questions at issue in the written protest.
- B. A timely protest shall be considered by ODJFS, if it is received by ODJFS' Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, within the following periods:
1. A protest based on alleged improprieties in the issuance of the RFP or any other event preceding the closing date for receipt of proposals which are apparent or should be apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of proposals shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. the closing date for receipt of proposals, as specified in Section 1.5, Anticipated Procurement Time Table, of this RFP.
 2. If the protest relates to the announced intent to award a contract, the protest shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. of the **seventh (7th)** calendar day after the issuance of formal letters sent to all responding vendors regarding the State's intent to make the award. The date on these ODJFS letters to responding vendors is the date used to determine if a protest regarding the intent to award is submitted by the end of the protest period.
- C. An untimely protest may be considered by ODJFS if ODJFS determines that the protest raises issues significant to the department's procurement system. An untimely protest is one received by OLAS after the time periods set forth in Item B. of this section.
- D. All protests must be filed at the following location:
- Chief Legal Counsel
ODJFS Office of Legal and Acquisition Services
30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-0423
- E. When a timely protest is filed, a contract award shall not proceed until a decision on the protest is issued or the matter is otherwise resolved, unless the Director of ODJFS determines that a delay will severely disadvantage the Department. The vendor(s) who would have been awarded the contract shall be notified of the receipt of the protest.
- F. OLAS shall issue written decisions on all timely protests and shall notify any vendor who filed an untimely protest as to whether or not the protest will be considered.

7.2 Caveats

ODJFS is under no obligation to issue a contract as a result of this solicitation if, in the opinion of ODJFS and the proposal review team, none of the proposals are responsive to the objectives and needs of the Department. ODJFS reserves the right to not select any vendor should ODJFS decide not to proceed. Changes in this RFP of a material nature will be provided via the agency website. All vendors are responsible for obtaining any such changes without further notice by ODJFS.

SECTION VIII. ATTACHMENTS AND THEIR USES

- A. Required Vendor Information and Certifications** *(To be completed & included in proposal packet as specified in Sec. 5.2)*
- B. Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (W-9) Form** *(To be completed & included in proposal packet as specified in Sec. 5.2)*
- C. Declaration of Material Assistance Form** *(To be completed & included in proposal packet as specified in Sec. 5.2.)*
- D. ODJFS Model Contract** *(For vendor reference purposes)*
- E. Technical Proposal Score Sheet** *(For vendor self-evaluation purposes...do not submit)*
- F. Cost Proposal Form** *(To be completed & included in cost proposal packet as specified in Sec. 5.2.)*

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Attachment A
REQUIRED VENDOR INFORMATION and CERTIFICATIONS

Purpose: The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) requires the following information on vendors who submit proposals or bids in response to any ODJFS Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Requests for Letterhead Bids (RLBs), in order to facilitate the development of the contract (or finalization of a purchase) with the selected vendor. ODJFS reserves the right to reject your proposal if you fail to provide this information fully, accurately, and by the deadline set by ODJFS. Further, some of this information (as identified below) **must** be provided in order for ODJFS to accept and consider your proposal\bid. **Failure to provide such required information will result in your proposal's immediate disqualification.**

Instructions: Provide the following information regarding the vendor submitting the proposal or bid. Vendors may either print this attachment, complete and sign it, or may provide the required information and certifications (each fully re-stated from this attachment) on their letterhead as the opening pages of their proposals. It is mandatory that the information provided is certified with an original signature (in blue ink, please) from a person with authority to represent the vendor. Vendors are to provide the completed and signed information and certifications as the cover pages of their original proposal submitted to ODJFS.

IMPORTANT: If the RFP\RLB specified a maximum page limit for vendor proposals\bids, the attachment of any required certifications, other documents, or additional pages needed to fully provide the information requested here will NOT be counted against that page limit.

Vendors must provide all information

1. ODJFS RFP/RLB #:	2. Proposal Due Date:
3. Vendor Name: (legal name of the vendor – person or organization – to whom contract\purchase payments would be made)	4. Vendor Federal Tax ID # or Social Security #: (this number MUST correspond with the name in Item # 3)
5. Vendor Corporate Address:	6. Vendor Remittance Address: (or “same” if same as Item # 5)
7. Print or type information on the vendor representative/contact person <u>authorized to answer questions on the proposal\bid</u>: Vendor Representative: Representative's Title: Address: Phone #: Fax #: E-Mail:	
8. Print or type the name of the vendor representative <u>authorized to address contractual issues, including the authority to execute a contract on behalf of the vendor, and to whom legal notices regarding contract termination or breach, should be sent</u> (if not the same individual as in #7, provide the following information on each such representative and specify their function): Vendor Representative: Representative's Title: Address: Phone #: Fax #: E-Mail:	
9. Is this vendor an Ohio certified MBE? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, attach a copy of current certification to proposal\bid. (If ODJFS has specified the RFP\RLB\purchase document as an opportunity open exclusively to Ohio Certified MBEs, then failure to attach a copy of current certification <u>WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.</u>)	

10. Mandatory Vendor Certifications:

ODJFS may not enter into contracts with/make purchases from any vendors who have been found to be ineligible for state contracts under specific federal or Ohio statutes or regulations. Vendors responding to any ODJFS RFP\RLB or other purchase opportunity MUST certify that they are NOT INELIGIBLE by signing each of the three statements below. **Failure to provide proper affirming signature on any of these statements will result in the disqualification of your proposal\bid.**

I _____ (signature of representative shown in Item # 7, above) hereby certify and affirm that _____ (name of the vendor shown in Item # 3, above), has not been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by the United States Department of Labor, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or any other federal department or agency as set forth in 29 CFR Part 98, or 45 CFR Part 76, or other applicable statutes.

AND

I _____ (signature of representative shown in Item #7, above) hereby certify and affirm that _____ (name of the vendor shown in Item # 3, above), is not on the list established by the Ohio Secretary of State, pursuant to ORC Section 121.23, which identifies persons and businesses with more than one unfair labor practice contempt of court finding against them.

AND

I _____ (signature of representative shown in Item #7, above) hereby certify and affirm that _____ (name of the vendor shown in Item # 3, above), either is not subject to a finding for recovery under ORC Section 9.24, or has taken appropriate remedial steps required under that statute, or otherwise qualifies under that section to enter into contracts with the State of Ohio.

11. Work Location Declaration: Identify the location(s) (city, state/province, country) where all work for the proposed project will be performed, by the proposing Vendor and by any Subcontractors: _____

12. Equal Employment Opportunity Information on the Vendor and any Subcontractor(s)

A. Provide vendor employee data both nationwide (including Ohio staff), and Ohio office employees separately:

	<u>Nationwide:</u>	<u>Ohio Offices:</u>
Total Number of Employees:	_____	_____
% of those who are Women:	_____	_____
% of those who are Minorities:	_____	_____

B. **If you are the selected vendor, will you subcontract any part of the work?**

NO -or- YES, but for less than 50% of the work -or- YES, for 50% or more of the work

If yes, provide the following information on each subcontractor (additional pages may be added as needed):

Subcontractor Name: _____

Address: _____

Work To Be _____

Performed: _____

(a brief description) _____

Subcontractor's Estimated Percentage of Total Project (in % of work, not % of dollars): _____

If 50% or more of the work will be subcontracted, then ALSO provide the following information on ALL proposed subcontractors:

	<u>Nationwide:</u>	<u>Ohio Offices:</u>
Total Number of Employees:	_____	_____
% of those who are Women:	_____	_____
% of those who are Minorities:	_____	_____

C. Identify all state contracts which the vendor has had approved by the Controlling Board since the beginning of the last fiscal year (i.e., since July 01, 2004) through this fiscal year to date. Also include contracts approved for ODJFS or institutions of higher education:

Total number of contracts: _____

For each state contract, list the state agency and provide the following information:

State Agency/Educational Institution: _____

Contract Dollar Amount: _____

State Agency/Educational Institution: _____

Contract Dollar Amount: _____

State Agency/Educational Institution: _____

Contract Dollar Amount: _____

Attach additional pages if needed

13. Vendor and Grantee Ethics Certification

As a vendor or grantee doing business with* or receiving grants from the State of Ohio, I certify on behalf of _____ (name of vendor or grantee):

- (1) I have reviewed and understand Ohio ethics and conflict of interests laws, as found in Chapter 102. and Sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (2) I have reviewed and understand Governor Strickland's Executive Order Number 2007-01S.
- (3) I will not do anything inconsistent with those laws or Executive Order Number 2007-01S.
- (4) I acknowledge that failure to comply with this certification, is, by itself, grounds for termination of this contract or grant with the State of Ohio.

Signature of authorized agent

Date

*"Doing business with" includes all contracts for goods and services, excluding purchases made using the State of Ohio's Payment Card Program that cost less than \$1,000.

14. I have read the ODJFS Model Contract attached to the RFP/RLB, and if awarded a contract, I will not _____ (or) I will _____ request changes to the standard language, and have marked the requested changes and returned the model document with this proposal for consideration by ODJFS. (If so, ODJFS will review those requested changes if you are the selected vendor. All requested changes to model contract language are subject to ODJFS approval.) (NOTE: Item 14 is not applicable and not required when the subject ODJFS procurement opportunity is offered only to State Term Schedule Vendors.)

15. I _____, (vendor representative in Item # 7) hereby affirm that this proposal accurately represents the capabilities and qualifications of _____ (vendor's name), and I hereby affirm that the cost(s) bid to ODJFS for the performance of services and/or provision of goods covered in this proposal in response to the ODJFS RFP/RLB/other purchase opportunity is a firm fixed price, inclusive of all incidental as well as primary costs. (Failure to provide the proper affirming signature on this item may result in the disqualification of your proposal\bid.)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from backup withholding	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

or

Employer identification number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

U.S. person. Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or

- Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.

Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the recipient has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester, or
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 4 for details), or
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your social security card. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your social security card on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

Limited liability company (LLC). If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required Federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

Exempt payees. Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation,

- 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
- 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
- 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
- 10. A real estate investment trust,
- 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
- 13. A financial institution,
- 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
- 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt recipients listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 ²

¹See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; and payments for services paid by a Federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses/ and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the legal trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.)

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.



GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND FUNDING CONTRACTS
In accordance with section 2909.33 of the Ohio Revised Code

DECLARATION REGARDING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE/NONASSISTANCE TO A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

This form serves as a declaration of the provision of material assistance to a terrorist organization or organization that supports terrorism as identified by the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List (see the Ohio Homeland Security Division website for a reference copy of the Terrorist Exclusion List).

Any answer of "yes" to any question, or the failure to answer "no" to any question on this declaration shall serve as a disclosure that material assistance to an organization identified on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List has been provided. Failure to disclose the provision of material assistance to such an organization or knowingly making false statements regarding material assistance to such an organization is a felony of the fifth degree.

For the purposes of this declaration, "material support or resources" means currency, payment instruments, other financial securities, funds, transfer of funds, and financial services that are in excess of one hundred dollars, as well as communications, lodging, training, safe houses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials.

Form with fields: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, HOME ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTY, HOME PHONE, WORK PHONE.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE A COMPANY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION

Form with fields: BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTY, PHONE NUMBER.

DECLARATION

In accordance with division (A)(2)(b) of section 2909.32 of the Ohio Revised Code

For each question, indicate either "yes," or "no" in the space provided. Responses must be truthful to the best of your knowledge.

- 1. Are you a member of an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?
2. Have you used any position of prominence you have with any country to persuade others to support an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?

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3. Have you knowingly solicited funds or other things of value for an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?
 Yes No
4. Have you solicited any individual for membership in an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?
 Yes No
5. Have you committed an act that you know, or reasonably should have known, affords "material support or resources" to an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?
 Yes No
6. Have you hired or compensated a person you knew to be a member of an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List, or a person you knew to be engaged in planning, assisting, or carrying out an act of terrorism?
 Yes No

In the event of a denial of a government contract or government funding due to a positive indication that material assistance has been provided to a terrorist organization, or an organization that supports terrorism as identified by the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List, a review of the denial may be requested. The request must be sent to the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security. The request forms and instructions for filing can be found on the Ohio Homeland Security Division website.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the answers I have made to all of the questions on this declaration are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if this declaration is not completed in its entirety, it will not be processed and I will be automatically disqualified. I understand that I am responsible for the correctness of this declaration. I understand that failure to disclose the provision of material assistance to an organization identified on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List, or knowingly making false statements regarding material assistance to such an organization is a felony of the fifth degree. I understand that any answer of "yes" to any question, or the failure to answer "no" to any question on this declaration shall serve as a disclosure that material assistance to an organization identified on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List has been provided by myself or my organization. If I am signing this on behalf of a company, business or organization, I hereby acknowledge that I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the company, business or organization referenced on page 1 of this declaration.

X

Signature

Date

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

C-00-00-0000

RECITALS:

This Contract is entered into between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter referred to as "ODJFS") and **Vendor Name** (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR").

- A. (Optional) ODJFS issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) titled _____, numbered _____, and dated _____, which is hereby incorporated by reference.
- B. (Optional) The ODJFS proposal review team recommended for award the Proposal of CONTRACTOR dated [DATE] which is hereby incorporated by reference.
- C. (Optional) In the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity between the provisions of the RFP, the Proposal, or this Contract, the provisions of this Contract will determine the obligations of the parties. In the event that this Contract fails to clarify any inconsistency or ambiguity between the RFP and the Proposal, the RFP will determine the obligations of the parties. In the event of a disputed issue that is not addressed in any of the aforementioned documents, the parties hereby agree to make every reasonable effort to resolve this dispute in keeping with the objectives of this Contract and the budgetary and statutory constraints of ODJFS.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE; DELIVERABLES

- A. The purpose of this Contract is **INSERT PURPOSE**. CONTRACTOR will perform its responsibilities under this Contract in accordance with the RFP and the Proposal. The responsibilities ("Deliverables") are summarized as follows:

INSERT DELIVERABLES

- B. The ODJFS Contract Manager is **OJFS Contract Manager**.
- C. The ODJFS Contract Manager may periodically communicate specific requests and instructions to CONTRACTOR concerning the performance of the Deliverables described in this Contract. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any requests or instructions to the satisfaction of ODJFS within ten (10) days after CONTRACTOR's receipt of the requests or instructions. ODJFS and CONTRACTOR expressly understand that any requests or instructions will be strictly to ensure the successful completion of the Deliverables described in this Contract, and are not intended to amend or alter this Contract in any way. If CONTRACTOR believes that any requests or instructions would materially alter the terms and conditions of this Contract or the compensation stated hereunder, CONTRACTOR will immediately notify the ODJFS Contract Manager pursuant to ARTICLE V of this Contract. CONTRACTOR agrees to consult with the ODJFS Contract Manager as necessary to ensure understanding of the Deliverables and the successful completion thereof.
- D. Ownership of Deliverables:
 - 1. All Deliverables provided by CONTRACTOR under this Contract or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of ODJFS, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. CONTRACTOR will not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. CONTRACTOR will not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted matter, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for ODJFS and CONTRACTOR to use such copyrighted matter in the manner provided herein. CONTRACTOR agrees that all Deliverables will be made freely available to the public unless ODJFS determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempted from disclosure.

2. All Deliverables provided or produced pursuant to this Contract will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States and the State of Ohio. ODJFS is and will be deemed sole author of the Deliverables and sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of the Deliverables is deemed not a "work made for hire," or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not conveyed to ODJFS, CONTRACTOR agrees to, and by executing this Contract does, assign ODJFS all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. ODJFS acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Contract does not affect CONTRACTOR's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that CONTRACTOR developed prior to or as a result of this Contract or that are generally known and available.
3. CONTRACTOR understands that it must submit a written request to ODJFS and receive express written permission from ODJFS include any of its own pre-existing, proprietary materials in any of the Deliverables under this Contract. ODJFS's approval of the inclusion of pre-existing, proprietary materials is predicated on CONTRACTOR granting to ODJFS and the State of Ohio a worldwide, non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free license to use, modify, sell, and otherwise distribute all such materials that are included in the Deliverables under this Contract. Upon request by CONTRACTOR, ODJFS will incorporate into any future copies of the Deliverables under this Contract any proprietary notice(s) CONTRACTOR may reasonably require for any pre-existing, proprietary materials included in the Deliverables of this Contract. Any proprietary notices will be the minimum required by law so as not to be seen as an endorsement by ODJFS of or advertisement for CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE II. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CONTRACT

- A. This Contract is in effect from the date of issuance of an approved State of Ohio purchase order (see ARTICLE II, Section B, *infra*) or _____, whichever is later, through _____, unless this Contract is suspended or terminated pursuant to ARTICLE IV prior to the expiration date. **This Contract may be renewed through June 30, 2013, upon satisfactory completion of activities hereunder, appropriation of funds by the Ohio General Assembly, and at the sole discretion of ODJFS. ODJFS will issue a notice to CONTRACTOR if ODJFS decides to renew this Contract. CONTRACTOR will not obligate resources in anticipation of a renewal until notice is provided.**
- B. In addition to Section A above, it is expressly understood by both ODJFS and CONTRACTOR that this Contract will not be valid and enforceable until the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, first certifies, pursuant to Section 126.07 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), that there is a balance in the appropriation not already allocated to pay existing obligations. The ODJFS Contract Manager will notify CONTRACTOR when this certification is given.

ARTICLE III. COMPENSATION

- A. The total amount payable under this Contract is **TOTAL AMT** Dollars (**\$TOTAL**). ODJFS will pay an amount up to **SFY1 AMT** Dollars (**\$\$SFY 1**) for State Fiscal Year **SFY1** and up to **SFY2 AMT** Dollars (**\$\$SFY2**) for State Fiscal Year **SFY2** expressly for the completion of the Deliverables described in ARTICLE I. CONTRACTOR understands that the terms of this Contract do not provide for compensation in excess of the total amount listed in this section. CONTRACTOR hereby waives the interest provisions of ORC 126.30.
- B. Compensation will be paid ...
- C. CONTRACTOR will submit three (3) copies of detailed invoices on a **monthly, quarterly, annual** basis to the ODJFS Bureau of Accounts Payable at 30 East Broad Street, 38th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. CONTRACTOR agrees to use an invoice instrument to be prescribed by ODJFS and will include in each invoice:
 1. CONTRACTOR's name, complete address, and federal tax identification number;
 2. Contract number and dates;
 3. Purchase order number;
 4. Amount and purpose of the invoice;
 5. Description of Deliverables performed during the billing period; and

6. Receipt or other proof of costs paid by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR is seeking reimbursement.
- D. CONTRACTOR expressly understands that ODJFS will not compensate CONTRACTOR for any work performed prior to CONTRACTOR's receipt of notice from the ODJFS Contract Manager that the provisions of ORC 126.07 have been met as set forth in ARTICLE II, nor for work performed after the ending date specified in ARTICLE II.
- E. CONTRACTOR expressly understands that ODJFS does not have the ability to compensate CONTRACTOR for invoices submitted after the State of Ohio purchase order has been closed. CONTRACTOR must submit final invoices for payment no later than ninety (90) days after the ending date of this Contract. Failure to do so will be deemed a forfeiture of the remaining compensation due hereunder.
- F. Subject to the provisions of ORC 126.07 and 131.33, which will at all times govern this Contract, ODJFS represents that:
1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Contract;
 2. It intends to maintain this Contract for the full period set forth in ARTICLE II and has no reason to believe that sufficient funds will not be available to make all payments due hereunder; and
 3. It will use its best efforts to obtain the appropriation of necessary funds during the term of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR understands that availability of funds is contingent on appropriations made by the Ohio General Assembly or by funding sources external to the State of Ohio, such as federal funding. If the Ohio General Assembly or the external funding source fails at any time to continue funding ODJFS for the payments due under this Contract, this Contract will be terminated as of the date funding expires without further obligation of ODJFS or the State of Ohio.
- G. CONTRACTOR and ODJFS understand that the terms of this Contract, when combined with any other payments made to or open encumbrances with CONTRACTOR during the same State Biennium, cannot establish compensation in excess of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) aggregate without prior approval from the State Controlling Board in accordance with ORC 127.16.

ARTICLE IV. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION, BREACH AND DEFAULT

- A. This Contract will automatically terminate upon expiration of the time period in ARTICLE II, upon completion of all Deliverables, or once all of the compensation has been paid.
- B. Notwithstanding other provisions in this ARTICLE, either party may terminate this Contract at will by giving ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. Upon thirty (30) days written notice to CONTRACTOR, ODJFS may suspend this Contract at ODJFS's sole discretion.
- C. Notwithstanding the provision of Section A, above, ODJFS may suspend or terminate this Contract immediately upon delivery of a written notice to CONTRACTOR if:
1. ODJFS loses funding as described in ARTICLE III, Section F;
 2. ODJFS discovers any illegal conduct by CONTRACTOR; or
 3. CONTRACTOR has violated any provision of ARTICLE VIII.
- D. Except as provided in Sections A and B of this ARTICLE V, CONTRACTOR will have thirty (30) calendar days within which to cure any breach that is curable after receipt of written notice from ODJFS that CONTRACTOR is in breach of any of its obligations under this Contract. If CONTRACTOR fails to cure the breach within the thirty (30) calendar days after written notice or if the breach is not curable, ODJFS may immediately suspend or terminate this Contract. ODJFS may also suspend or terminate this Contract when breaches are persistent, regardless of whether they are cured within thirty (30) calendar days. For purposes of this Section C, "persistent" means that ODJFS has notified CONTRACTOR three (3) times in writing of CONTRACTOR's failure to meet any of its contractual obligations. The three (3) notices do not have to relate to the same obligation or type of failure. After the third notice, ODJFS may suspend or terminate this Contract without a cure period if CONTRACTOR again fails to meet any contractual obligation. At the sole discretion of ODJFS, certain instances of breach may require a shorter cure period

than the thirty (30) calendar days generally applicable in this Section C. In such instances, ODJFS will include in its notice of breach the shorter cure period deemed appropriate.

- E. CONTRACTOR, upon receiving notice of suspension or termination, will:
1. Cease performance of the suspended or terminated Deliverables;
 2. Take all necessary steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs including, but not limited to, suspending or terminating all contracts and subgrants related to suspended or terminated Deliverables;
 3. Prepare and furnish a report to ODJFS, as of the date the notice of termination or suspension was received, that describes the status of all Deliverables and includes the results accomplished and the conclusions reached through Deliverables; and
 4. Perform any other tasks ODJFS requires.
- F. In the event of suspension or termination under this ARTICLE, ODJFS will, upon receipt of a proper invoice from CONTRACTOR, determine the amount of any unpaid Contract funds due to CONTRACTOR for Deliverables performed before CONTRACTOR received notice of termination or suspension. In order to determine the amount due to CONTRACTOR, ODJFS will base its calculations on the payment method described in ARTICLE III and any funds previously paid by or on behalf of ODJFS. ODJFS will not be liable for any further claims submitted by CONTRACTOR.
- G. If ODJFS terminates this Contract for any reason provided in this ARTICLE, except for termination at will pursuant to Section A or termination for loss of funding pursuant to Section B, ODJFS will be entitled to utilize another contractor to complete the Deliverables described in ARTICLE I of this Contract on any commercially reasonable terms as ODJFS and the covering contractor may agree. In this event, CONTRACTOR will be liable to ODJFS for all costs related to covering the project to the extent that such costs, when combined with payments already made to CONTRACTOR prior to termination, exceed the costs that ODJFS would have incurred under this Contract. CONTRACTOR's liability under this Section G is in addition to any other remedies available to ODJFS pursuant to this Contract.
- H. Upon CONTRACTOR's breach or default of provisions, obligations, or duties embodied in this Contract or any term of an award, a federal statute or regulation, an assurance, a State plan or application, a notice of award, or other applicable rule, ODJFS reserves the right to exercise any administrative, contractual, equitable, or legal remedies available without limitation. Any waiver by ODJFS of an occurrence of breach or default is not a waiver of subsequent occurrences. If ODJFS or CONTRACTOR fails to perform any obligation under this Contract and the other party subsequently waives the failure, the waiver will be limited to that particular occurrence of a failure and will not be deemed to waive other failures that may occur. Waiver by ODJFS will not be effective unless it is in writing signed by the ODJFS Director.

ARTICLE V. NOTICES

- A. ODJFS and CONTRACTOR agree that communication regarding Deliverables, scope of work, invoice or billing questions, or other routine instructions will be between CONTRACTOR and the identified ODJFS Contract Manager pursuant to ARTICLE I, Section C of this Contract.
- B. Notices to ODJFS from CONTRACTOR that concern changes to CONTRACTOR's principal place of operation, billing address, legal name, federal tax identification number, mergers or acquisitions, corporate form, excusable delay, termination, bankruptcy, assignment, any notice pursuant to ARTICLE VIII, and/or any other formal notice regarding this Contract will be sent to the ODJFS Deputy Director of Contracts and Acquisitions at 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- C. Notices to CONTRACTOR from ODJFS concerning termination, suspension, option to renew, breach, default, or other formal notices regarding this Contract will be sent to CONTRACTOR's representative at the address appearing on the signature page of the this Contract.

- D. All notices in accordance with Sections B and C of this ARTICLE will be in writing and will be deemed given when received. All notices must be sent using a delivery method that documents actual delivery to the appropriate address herein indicated (e.g., certified mail).

ARTICLE VI. RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

CONTRACTOR agrees that all records, documents, writings, and other information, created or used pursuant to this Contract will be treated according to the following terms, and that the terms will be included in any subcontracts executed for the performance of the Deliverables under this Contract:

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that any media produced pursuant to this Contract or acquired with Contract funds will become the property of ODJFS. This includes all documents, reports, data, photographs (including negatives), and electronic reports and records. ODJFS will maintain the unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the media in any way ODJFS deems appropriate. CONTRACTOR further agrees not to seek or obtain copyright, patent or other proprietary protection for any materials or items produced under this Contract. CONTRACTOR understands that all materials and items produced under this Contract will be made freely available to the public unless ODJFS determines that certain materials are confidential under federal or state law.
- B. All ODJFS information that is classified as public or private under Ohio law and ODJFS rules will be treated as such by CONTRACTOR. Should the nature of any information be in question, ODJFS will determine whether the information is public or private. CONTRACTOR will restrict the use of any information, systems, or records ODJFS provides to the specific Deliverables specified in ARTICLE I of this Contract. CONTRACTOR and its employees agree to be bound by the same standards and rules of confidentiality that apply to employees of ODJFS and the State of Ohio. CONTRACTOR agrees that the terms of this Section B will be included in any subcontract executed by CONTRACTOR for work under this Contract.
- C. CONTRACTOR information that is proprietary and has been specifically identified by CONTRACTOR as proprietary will be held as confidential by ODJFS. Proprietary information is information that would put CONTRACTOR at a competitive disadvantage in CONTRACTOR's market place and trade if it were made public. ODJFS reserves the right to require reasonable evidence of CONTRACTOR's assertion of the proprietary nature of any information. The provisions of this ARTICLE are not self-executing. CONTRACTOR must demonstrate that any information claimed as proprietary meets the definition of "trade secrets" found at ORC 1333.61.
- D. All records relating to cost, work performed, supporting documentation for invoices submitted to ODJFS, and copies of all materials produced under or pertaining to this Contract will be retained by CONTRACTOR and will be made available for audit by state and federal government entities that include but are not limited to, ODJFS, the Ohio Auditor of State, the Ohio Inspector General and all duly authorized law enforcement officials. The records and materials will be retained and made available for a minimum of three (3) years after CONTRACTOR receives the last payment pursuant to this Contract. If an audit, litigation or similar action is initiated during this time period, CONTRACTOR will retain the records until the action is concluded and all issues are resolved, or until the end of the three-year period if the action is resolved prior to the end of the three-year period. If applicable, CONTRACTOR must meet the requirements of the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-110, A-122, and A-133. CONTRACTOR acknowledges, in accordance with ORC 149.43, that financial records related to the performance of services under this Contract are presumptively deemed public records.
- E. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to current and ongoing compliance with Title 42, Section 1320 of the United States Code (42 USC 1320d -1320d(8)) and the implementing regulations found at Title 45, Parts 164.502 and 164.504 of the Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR 164.502(e) and 164.504(e)) regarding disclosure of Protected Health Information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR further agrees to include the terms of this Section E in any subcontracts that may be executed pursuant to this Contract.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT AND ASSIGNMENT

- A. This writing constitutes the entire agreement between ODJFS and CONTRACTOR with respect to all matters herein. Only a writing signed by both parties may amend this Contract. However, ODJFS and CONTRACTOR agree that any amendments to any laws or regulations cited herein will result in the

correlative modification of this Contract without the necessity for executing written amendments. Any written amendment to this Contract will be prospective in nature.

- B. CONTRACTOR agrees not to assign any interest in this Contract nor transfer any interest in the Contract without the prior written approval of ODJFS. CONTRACTOR will submit any requests for approval of assignments and transfers to the ODJFS Contract Manager at least 10 (ten) days prior to the desired effective date. CONTRACTOR understands that any assignments and transfers will be subject to any conditions ODJFS deems necessary and that no approval by ODJFS will be deemed to provide for any ODJFS obligation that exceeds the Contract amount specified in ARTICLE III of this Contract.

ARTICLE VIII. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS

By accepting this Contract and by executing this Contract, CONTRACTOR hereby affirms current and continued compliance with each condition listed in this ARTICLE. CONTRACTOR's certification of compliance with each of these conditions is considered a material representation of fact upon which ODJFS relied in entering into this Contract:

- A. If at any time, CONTRACTOR is not in compliance with the conditions affirmed in this Section A, ODJFS will consider this Contract *void ab initio* and will deliver written notice to CONTRACTOR. Any funds the State of Ohio paid CONTRACTOR for work performed before CONTRACTOR received notice that the Contract is *void ab initio* will be immediately repaid or the State of Ohio may commence an action for recovery against CONTRACTOR.
1. **Federal Debarment Requirements.** CONTRACTOR affirms that neither CONTRACTOR nor any of its principals or subcontractors, is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by any federal agency. CONTRACTOR also affirms that within three (3) years preceding this Contract neither CONTRACTOR nor any of its principals:
 - a. Have been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or other criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local public transaction or contract under a public transaction; for violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; for commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements; or for receiving stolen property; or
 - b. Are presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) for the commission of any of the offenses listed in this paragraph and have not had any federal, state, or local, public transactions terminated for cause or default.
 2. **Qualifications to Conduct Business.** CONTRACTOR affirms that it has all of the approvals, licenses, or other qualifications needed to conduct business in Ohio and all are current. If at any time during the Contract period CONTRACTOR, for any reason, becomes disqualified from conducting business in the State of Ohio, CONTRACTOR will immediately notify ODJFS in writing and will immediately cease performance of all Deliverables.
 3. **Unfair Labor Practices.** CONTRACTOR affirms that neither CONTRACTOR nor its principals are on the most recent list established by the Ohio Secretary of State, pursuant to ORC 121.23, which would identify CONTRACTOR as having more than one (1) unfair labor practice contempt of court finding.
 4. **Finding for Recovery.** CONTRACTOR affirms that neither CONTRACTOR nor its principals or subcontractors, is subject to a finding for recovery under ORC 9.24, or it has taken the appropriate remedial steps required, or otherwise qualifies under ORC 9.24 to contract with the State of Ohio.
 5. **Material Assistance to Terrorist Organization.** CONTRACTOR affirms that CONTRACTOR, its principals, affiliated groups, or persons with a controlling interest in CONTRACTOR's organization are in compliance with ORC 2909.33 in that none of the aforementioned have provided Material Assistance to a Terrorist Organization.

- B. If at any time CONTRACTOR is not in compliance with the conditions affirmed in this Section B, ODJFS may immediately suspend or terminate this Contract and will deliver written notice to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR will be entitled to compensation, upon submission of a proper invoice per ARTICLE III, only for work performed during the time CONTRACTOR was in compliance with the provisions of this Section B. Any funds paid by the State of Ohio for work performed during a period when CONTRACTOR was not in compliance with this Section B will be immediately repaid or the State of Ohio may commence an action for recovery against CONTRACTOR.
1. **Americans with Disabilities.** CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, members, and subcontractors hereby affirm current and ongoing compliance with all statutes and regulations pertaining to The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
 2. **Fair Labor Standards and Employment Practices.**
 - a. CONTRACTOR certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations governing fair labor and employment practices.
 - b. In carrying out this Contract, CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status. CONTRACTOR will ensure that all applicants are hired, and all employees are considered for promotion, demotion, transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, selection for training—including apprenticeship—or any other employment-related opportunities, without regard to race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.
 - c. CONTRACTOR agrees to post notices affirming compliance with all applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws in conspicuous places accessible to all employees and applicants for employment.
 - d. CONTRACTOR will incorporate the foregoing requirements of this Paragraph 2 in all of its subgrants or subcontracts for any of the work prescribed herein.
 3. **Ethics Laws.** CONTRACTOR certifies that by executing this Contract, it has reviewed, knows and understands the State of Ohio's ethics and conflict of interest laws, which includes the Governor's Executive Order 2007-01S pertaining to ethics. CONTRACTOR further agrees that it will not engage in any action(s) inconsistent with Ohio ethics laws or the aforementioned Executive Order.
 4. **Conflicts of Interest.**
 - a. CONTRACTOR certifies, by executing this Contract, that no party who holds a position listed or described in ORC 3517.13 (I) or (J), has made, while in his/her current position, one (1) or more personal monetary contributions in excess of One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the current Governor or to the Governor's campaign committee when he was a candidate for office within the previous two (2) calendar years. ORC 3517.13 does not apply to professional associations organized under ORC Chapter 1785.
 - b. CONTRACTOR agrees to refrain from promising or giving to any ODJFS employee anything of value that could be construed as having a substantial and improper influence upon the employee with respect to the employee's duties. CONTRACTOR further agrees that it will not solicit any ODJFS employee to violate ORC 102.03, 2921.42, or 2921.43.
 - c. CONTRACTOR agrees that CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, and members have not nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, business, direct or indirect, that is incompatible, in conflict with, or would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of CONTRACTOR's functions and responsibilities under this Contract. If CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, or members acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising

interest, CONTRACTOR agrees it will immediately disclose the interest in writing to the ODJFS Chief Legal Counsel at 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414. CONTRACTOR further agrees that the person with the conflicting interest will not participate in any Deliverables until ODJFS determines that participation would not be contrary to public interest.

5. **Lobbying Restrictions.**

- a. CONTRACTOR affirms that no federal funds paid to CONTRACTOR by ODJFS through this Contract or any other agreement have been or will be used to lobby Congress or any federal agency in connection with a particular contract, grant, cooperative agreement or loan. CONTRACTOR further affirms compliance with all federal lobbying restrictions, including, 31 USC 1352. If this Contract exceeds One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$100,000.00), CONTRACTOR affirms that it has executed and filed the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities standard form LLL, if required by federal regulations.
- b. CONTRACTOR certifies compliance with the Ohio executive agency lobbying restrictions contained in ORC 121.60 to 121.69.

6. **Child Support Enforcement.** CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any child support enforcement agency in ensuring that CONTRACTOR and its employees meet child support obligations established by state and federal law including present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support issued pursuant to the applicable sections of ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123, and 3125.

7. **Pro-Child Act.** If any Deliverables call for services to minors, CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the Pro-Children Act of 1994; Public Law 103-277, Part C – Environment Tobacco Smoke that requires smoking to be banned in any portion of any indoor facility owned, leased, or contracted by an entity that will routinely or regularly use the facility for the provision of health care services, day care, library services, or education to children under the age of eighteen (18).

8. **Drug-Free Workplace.** CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, members, any subcontractors and/or any independent contractors (including all field staff) associated with this Contract agree to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, 41 USC Chapter 10, regarding a drug-free workplace. CONTRACTOR will make a good faith effort to ensure that none of CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, members, or subgrantees will purchase, transfer, use, or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way while working or while on public property.

9. **Work Programs.** CONTRACTOR agrees not to discriminate against individuals who have or are participating in any work program administered by any county department of Job and Family Services under ORC Chapter 5101 or 5107.

10. **MBE/EDGE.** Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2008—13S, CONTRACTOR agrees to purchase goods and services under this Contract from certified Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE") and Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity ("EDGE") vendors whenever possible. CONTRACTOR agrees to encourage any of its subgrantees or subcontractors to purchase goods and services from certified MBE and EDGE vendors.

11. **Certification of Compliance.** CONTRACTOR certifies that it is in compliance with all other applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and rules and will require the same certification from its subgrantees or subcontractors.

ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. **Independent Contractor.** CONTRACTOR agrees that no agency, employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between ODJFS and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR further agrees that as an independent contractor, it assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal or other tax liabilities along with workers compensation, unemployment compensation and insurance premiums that may accrue as a result of funds received pursuant to this Contract. CONTRACTOR agrees

that it is an independent contractor for all purposes including, but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Ohio tax law, Workers Compensation law, and Unemployment Insurance law.

- B. **Limitation of Liability.** To the extent allowable by law, CONTRACTOR agrees to hold ODJFS harmless in any and all claims for personal injury, property damage, and/or infringement resulting from Deliverables. CONTRACTOR's sole and exclusive remedy for any ODJFS failure to perform under this Contract will be an action in the Ohio Court of Claims pursuant to ORC Chapter 2743 that will be subject to the limitations set forth in this ARTICLE. In no event will ODJFS be liable for any indirect or consequential damages, including loss of profits, even if ODJFS knew or should have known of the possibility of such damages.
- C. **Infringement of Patent or Copyright.** To the extent allowable by law and subject to ORC 109.02, CONTRACTOR agrees to defend any suit or proceeding brought against ODJFS, any official or employee of ODJFS acting in his or her official capacity, or the State of Ohio due to any alleged infringement of patent or copyright arising out of the performance of this Contract, including all work, services, materials, reports, studies, and computer programs provided by CONTRACTOR. ODJFS will provide prompt notification in writing of such suit or proceeding; full right, authorization, and opportunity to conduct the defense thereof; and full disclosure of information along with all reasonable cooperation for the defense of the suit. ODJFS may participate in the defense of any such action. CONTRACTOR agrees to pay all damages and costs awarded against ODJFS, any official or employee of ODJFS in his or her official capacity, or the State of Ohio as a result of any suit or proceeding referred to in this Section C. If any information and/or assistance is furnished by ODJFS at CONTRACTOR's written request, it is at CONTRACTOR's expense. If any of the materials, reports, or studies provided by CONTRACTOR are found to be infringing items and the use or publication thereof is enjoined, CONTRACTOR agrees to, at its own expense and at its option, either procure the right to publish or continue use of such infringing materials, reports, or studies; replace them with non-infringing items of equivalent value; or modify them so that they are no longer infringing. The obligations of CONTRACTOR under this Section survive the termination of this Contract, without limitation.
- D. **Liens.** CONTRACTOR will not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against ODJFS or the State of Ohio because of any labor, services, or materials furnished. If CONTRACTOR fails, neglects, or refuses to make prompt payment of any claims for labor, services, or materials furnished to CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract, ODJFS or the State of Ohio may, but is not obligated to, pay those claims and charge the amount of payment against the funds due or to become due to CONTRACTOR under this Contract.
- E. **Delay.** Neither party will be liable for any delay in its performance that arises from causes beyond its control and without its negligence or fault. The delaying party will notify the other promptly of any material delay in performance and will specify in writing the proposed revised performance date as soon as practicable after notice of delay. The delaying party must also describe the cause of the delay and its proposal to remove or mitigate the delay. Notices will be sent pursuant to ARTICLE IV. In the event of excusable delay, the date of performance or delivery of products may be extended by amendment, if applicable, for a time period equal to that lost due to the excusable delay. Reliance on a claim of excusable delay may only be asserted if the delaying party has taken commercially reasonable steps to mitigate or avoid the delay. Items that are controllable by CONTRACTOR's subcontractor(s) will be considered controllable by CONTRACTOR, except for third-party manufacturers supplying commercial items and over whom CONTRACTOR has no legal control. The final determination of whether an instance of delay is excusable lies with ODJFS in its discretion.

ARTICLE X. CONSTRUCTION

This Contract will be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any portion of this Contract be found unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the remaining portions of this Contract will not be affected as long as the absence of the illegal or unenforceable provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Contract impossible.

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**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

SIGNATURE PAGE

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS CONTRACT AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.

Vendor Name

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Authorized Signature (Blue Ink Please)

Douglas E. Lumpkin, Director

Printed Name

Date

Date

Address

Address

City, State, Zip

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ATTACHMENT E
RFP#: R-1011-07-8046125

Technical Proposal Score Sheet

PHASE I: Initial Qualifying Criteria

Vendor/Applicant Name: _____

The proposal must meet all of the following Phase I proposal acceptance criteria in order to be considered for further evaluation. Any proposal receiving a “no” response to any of the following qualifying criteria **shall be disqualified from consideration**.

ITEM	PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	RFP Section Reference	YES	NO
1	Was the vendor’s proposal received by the deadline as specified in the RFP?	2.1, E		
2	Did the vendor submit a proposal comprised of a Technical Proposal and, in a separate, appropriately labeled, sealed envelope, a Cost Proposal?	5.1		
3	Vendor’s proposal includes all required affirmative statements and certifications, signed by the vendor’s responsible representative, as described in Attachment A and C to the RFP?	5.2 B., 1		
4	Included in those certifications, the vendor states that it is not excluded from entering into a contract with ODJFS, due to restrictions related to the federal debarment list, unfair labor findings, or R.C. § 9.24.	2.1, F.		
5	ODJFS’ review of the Auditor of State website verifies that the vendor is not excluded from contracting with ODJFS by R.C. § 9.24 for an unresolved finding for recovery.	2.1		
6	Did the review team (in its initial/cursory review of the vendor’s proposal) determine that the proposal was free of trade secret/proprietary information as specified/restricted in the RFP?	4.5 5.2, D.		
7	All assigned key professional staff must be properly certified as Independent Public Accountants (IPA). The proposals MUST include a photocopy of the certifications for key staff.	2.1, A.		
8	Key professional staff, and management, and technical staff must have a minimum of three (3) years professional experience performing engagements of similar nature and scope for Medicare, Medicaid, and/or OIG compliance, and or Hospital/Health Care System financial statement attestation engagements.	2.1, B.		
9	Key professional staff, and management and technical staff must have a high level of understanding and knowledge about hospital/health system financial reporting and cost reporting standards, and be very knowledgeable about the engagement to allow for their project performance, with negligible to no support from state staff.	2.1, C.		
10	Provide a statement that the organization meets the standards governing independence are set forth in the generally accepted government auditing standards rules (GAGAS.)	2.1, D.		

PHASE II: Criteria for Scoring of Technical Proposal

Qualifying technical proposals will be collectively scored by a Proposal Review Team (PRT) appointed by ODJFS, Office of Ohio Health Plans. For each of the evaluation criteria given in the following score sheet, reviewers will collectively judge whether the technical proposal exceeds, meets, partially meets or does not meet the requirements expressed in the RFP, and assign the appropriate point value, as follows:

0	6	8	10
Does Not Meet Requirement	Partially Meets Requirement	Meets Requirement	Exceeds Requirements

A technical proposal’s total PHASE II score will be the sum of the point value for all the evaluation criteria. The review team will collectively score each individual qualifying proposal. Technical proposals which do not meet or exceed a total score of at least **740** points (a score which represents that it “meets” all the evaluation criteria) out of a maximum of **940** points, will be disqualified from further consideration, and its cost proposal will neither be opened nor considered. Only those vendors whose Technical Proposals meet or exceed the minimum required technical points will advance to PHASE III of the technical proposal score sheet.

ITEM #	EVALUATION CRITERIA	RFP SEC. REF.	Weighting	Doesn’t Meet 0	Partially Meets 6	Meets 8	Exceeds 10
REQ. VENDOR INFO. & CERTIFICATIONS							
1	The vendor has included, properly completed and signed, the Required Vendor Information & Certifications as specified in the RFP.	5.2 B., 1	3				

ITEM #	EVALUATION CRITERIA	RFP SEC. REF.	Weighting	Doesn't Meet 0	Partially Meets 6	Meets 8	Exceeds 10
ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE & CAPABILITIES							
2	The vendor has demonstrated experience with similar DSH audits;	2.2, A	3				
3	The vendor has demonstrated extensive experience evaluating claims and cost reports, and evaluating rate calculations for Medicaid programs, and or Medicare programs, and or the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (OIG).; and	2.2, B	5				
4	The vendor has demonstrated the size of the vendor's organization including table of organization;	2.2, C. (1)	2				
5	The vendor has demonstrated the number and professional designation of the professional staff to be employed in these engagements on a full-time or part-time basis;	2.2, C. (2)	3				
6	The vendor has demonstrated the location of the primary office from which the work on these engagements is to be performed;	2.2, C. (3)	2				
7	The vendor has demonstrated the results of any federal or state desk/compliance reviews or field reviews of its audits during the past three (3) years;	2.2, C. (4)	4				
8	The vendor has demonstrated the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the vendor during the past three (3) years with the state regulatory bodies or professional organizations, if applicable. If disciplinary action(s) have not been taken or are not pending against the vendor during the past three (3) years, the vendor shall provide a statement to this effect. The vendor shall provide full disclosure of any such actions and, upon review, may be disqualified at the discretion of ODJFS;	2.2, C. (5)	4				
9	The vendor has demonstrated, listed and described the vendor's professional relationships, if any, involving any Ohio Hospitals/Hospital Systems or by any of its affiliates for the past six (6) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the requested services.	2.2, C. (6)	4				
10	The vendor has identified any professional staff the vendor intends to employ in these engagements on a full-time or part-time basis who had a professional relationship involving any Ohio Hospitals/Hospital Systems for the past six (6) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the requested services.	2.2, C. (7)	4				
11	Health Care Experience: List separately all significant engagements performed within the last six (6) years that are similar to the engagements (full and limited-scope audits), ranked on the basis of highest to lowest total staff hours, for engagements with Medicare or Medicaid providers. For each engagement, the vendor should indicate the scope of work, date, duration, engagement partners, total hours, and the location of the vendor's office from which the engagement was performed.	2.2, D.	5				
STAFF EXPERIENCE & CAPABILITIES							
12	The vendor has identified the principal management and supervisory staff, including engagement partners, managers, seniors and specialists, who would be assigned to the engagements. The vendor shall provide information on the auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this engagement.	2.2, E. (1)	5				
13	The vendor has provided as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this engagement. The vendor should also indicate how the quality of staff over the term of the agreement will be assured.	2.2, E. (2)	5				
14	The vendor has indicated the extent of on-site supervision which will be provided by staff with Medicaid, Medicare, OIG, or hospital financial statement audit experience.	2.2, E. (3)	4				
SCOPE OF WORK/ SPECIFICATIONS OF DELIVERABLES							
	The vendors proposed Scope of Work should fully address each of the following criteria as completely and as fully as possible.						
15	Design and recommend a "audit/Review" program and process that will allow Ohio Medicaid to comply with the DSH Audit requirements in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455;	3.1, 1	5				
16	Perform actual reviews per the "audit/Review" program and process identified, in item 3.1.1 above for the purpose of issuing the certification required by the DSH Audit requirements in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455;	3.1, 2	5				

ITEM #	EVALUATION CRITERIA	RFP SEC. REF.	Weighting	Doesn't Meet 0	Partially Meets 6	Meets 8	Exceeds 10
17	Conduct front end hospital provider education on the "audit/Review" program and process, and the documentation requirements for items 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 above, (ii) conduct provider education on the review findings and best practices.	3.1, 3	5				
18	Issue the required Certification to the department that will be forwarded to the CMS to demonstrate Ohio's compliance with the DSH Audit requirements as outlined in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455: (ii) Issue a review report to the state that includes "Review" findings in general and that are specific to each hospital per the review program and process; and (iii) Create the DSH report as specified 42 CFR 447.299 (c) for each state plan year.	3.1, 4	5				
19	The selected vendor will be expected to complete the audits and submit the certification and DSH reports to the department as follows: Audits of SPY 2005, 2006 and 2007 by December 1, 2010; Audit of SPY 2008 by September 30th, 2011 Audit of SPY 2009 by September 30th, 2012 Audit of SPY 2010 by September 30th, 2013 Audit of SPY 2011 by September 30th, 2014 Audit of SPY 2012 by September 30th, 2015	3.1, 5	5				
ADMIN. STRUCTURES—PROPOSED WORK PLAN							
20	The vendor has provided a proposed timeline for the project, while taking the specified completion dates in Section 3.1.5 into consideration.	3.3, A	5				
21	The vendor has provided a status reporting procedure for reporting work completed, and resolution of unanticipated problems.	3.3, B	5				
22	The vendor has provided a current organizational chart of vendor staff that would be directly involved in this program, specifying the key management and administrative personnel who will be assigned to this project, and their roles.	3.3, C	3				
23	The vendor has demonstrated how the vendor, if awarded the contract, would design and perform the auditing services in accordance with the provisions of Sections II, III and IV, of this RFP to enable ODJFS' compliance with the DSH Auditing and Reporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447 and 42 CFR 455, published in the federal register on December 19, 2008 (73 Fed Reg. 77904). The contractor must review the requirements of the federal audit regulations. The audits conducted under the awarded contract must meet the requirements of 42 CFR parts 447 and 455 and must be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. (GAGAS).	3.3, D	5				
24	The vendor has provided submitted a project budget that is in line with the cost proposal.	3.3, E	1				
Column Subtotal of "Partially Meets" points							
Column Subtotal of "Meets" points							
Column Subtotal of "Exceeds" points							
TOTAL SCORE:							

Based upon the Total Technical Score earned, does the vendor's proposal proceed to the Phase III evaluation of its Cost Proposal? (Vendor's Grand Total Technical Score must be at least 740 points.)

Yes _____ No _____ (If "No," Vendor's Cost Proposal will not be opened.)

Attachment F
Cost Proposal Form
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Instructions:

Vendors are to propose a single flat, all-inclusive hourly rate for the performance of all work described in the RFP. This rate, if accepted by ODJFS, will be in effect throughout the life of the project. No other fees or expenses of any kind will be payable.

Vendors must also identify the maximum number of hours needed for their full and satisfactory completion of all work included in the RFP. The selected vendor will be compensated at the agreed upon hourly rate for all hours of work actually performed, up to the maximum number of hours expressed on the Cost Proposal Form.

The vendors Grand Total Proposed Cost (hourly rate multiplied by number of hours for the work) is the dollar amount to be used by ODJFS in Phase III of the Proposal scoring and vendor selection process, and described in the RFP.

Vendor's Proposed Hourly Rate: _____

Vendor's Proposed Total Hours: _____

Proposed Grand Total Cost: Rate \$ _____ X Hours _____ = Grand Total \$ _____