

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE OFFERORS

August 12, 2014

SUBJECT: Solicitation No. DCHT-2014-R-0014
Upper Payment Limits Demonstrations

AMENDMENT NO. 1

1. The proposal submission is extended to 2:00 p.m. August 18, 2014.
2. Page 23, Paragraph H.23 – Delete the first sentence in its entirety.

This Amendment is responding to questions received regarding the solicitation. Below are the questions received with their respective answers.

1Q. It is our understanding, per item 6 of the “Frequently Asked Questions: Federal and State Oversight of Medicaid Expenditures” dated June 4, 2013, that the UPL demonstrations that would be submitted to CMS prior to October 1, 2014, would be for the fiscal period October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014. Will the UPL demonstrations due to the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) by September 15, 2014 be for the fiscal period ending September 2014? If not, what fiscal period will the UPL demonstrations cover?

1A. Yes, this fiscal period i.e. Oct 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 is consistent with our understanding.

2Q. Is the required data to complete the UPL demonstrations readily available? How long does DHCF believe it will take to compile and provide the necessary data once the request has been received from the selected contractor?

2A. Within one week turnaround time. Where DHCF is unable to provide the required data within the requested period, necessary adjustments may be made to the project timeline.

3Q. Bid solicitations are due August 15, 2014, and the final draft of the UPL demonstrations is due to DHCF by September 15, 2014. By what date does DHCF expect to award the contract?

3A. The target date to award the contract is August 22, 2014, if at all possible. If necessary, DHCF may request extension from CMS to extend the deadline for the drafts, since this timeline is driven by our goal of meeting the federal requirements for submitting annual UPL Demonstrations.

4Q. Did DHCF submit the required UPL demonstrations that were due to CMS on September 30, 2013? If so, can DHCF provide a copy of the UPL demonstrations and narrative describing the methodology that were submitted to CMS.

4A. DHCF complied with the CMS UPL demonstrations required for September 30, 2013. In Fiscal year (FY) 2013, CMS did not require UPL demonstrations for all of the programs identified in the RFP. Therefore, DHCF only complied for programs requiring UPL demonstrations at the time. For the Hospital reimbursement and ICFIID, DHCF was not required to submit another UPL demonstration, since they were submitted with the Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) changes to CMS during FY 2013. Copies of the UPL Demonstration completed can be provided after an offeror is selected.

5Q. In Section H23 on page 59 on the proposal, there are blanks in order to specify key positions within the project team. However, these key positions do not seem to align with the solicitation, and reference is made to section C9, which does not exist in the RFP. Is it necessary to specify an audit manager for this project? What would the role of the audit manager be in a UPL demonstration project?

5A. See items 2 above. The first sentence in H.23 has been deleted. The offeror will determine what personnel is required based on the services to be performed.

6Q. Examining the proposal, there is a very tight timeframe between the due date for proposals and the deadlines included for project deliverables. After factoring in time for the District to award the project and for data requests to be disseminated and for data to be received, the turnaround time for the draft and final deliverables seems very ambitious. Is the District prepared to be flexible about the deadlines in the RFP?

6A. DHCF acknowledges the tight Turn Around timeframe for completing this project. The Oct 1, 2014 project completion deadline is driven by our goal of meeting the federal requirements for submitting annual UPL Demonstrations. Please provide your proposed time frame in your response. In the meantime, DHCF will reach out to CMS on the possibility of extending the submission deadline.