

IV&V RFP#2017-IVV-01 Proposal Questions and Answers

Question ID	Date Question Asked	Date Answered	Question	Agency Answer	RFP Page Number	Section Number
1	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	What is the estimated cost of the AMMI IV&V Services?	Medicaid will not provide estimated cost for procurements.	0	
2	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	On page 13 of the IV&V RFP document, a "system planner" is mentioned. Has this planner been selected yet? Is this going to be someone from within the agency or a consultant that will be acquired through a solicitation? If the planner is external, does the agency have an anticipated release date for a Systems Planner solicitation?	Medicaid has not selected a system planner at this time. Medicaid anticipates a consultant will be used and their services will be procured through an RFP. Medicaid will most likely issue a system planner RFP in the next 12 months.	13	
3	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	How will the agency acquire the modules listed on page 14? Does the agency anticipate to release separate solicitations or one single solicitation?	Medicaid will acquire the modules through an RFP. Medicaid anticipates separate solicitations.	14	
4	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Does the agency have an anticipated release date of the Systems Integrator solicitation, as stated on page 14. If so, when?	Medicaid anticipates a system integrator solicitation over the next 12 to 18 months.	14	
5	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	What services will module 1 be composed of? Please detail the composition of modules 2-5.	Modules 1 through 5 were listed as placeholders only. The intention of the schedule is to show a maximum number of modules that may be implemented over a set timeframe.		
6	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	What is the estimated cost of the overall Alabama Medicaid Modular Implementation (AMMI) project?	Medicaid will not provide estimated cost for procurements.		
7	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Has the Agency allocated funding for the AMMI yet? If so, through which source (budget, CIP, state/federal grant etc)? If no funding is secured, which sources will be sought and when?	All funding for MMIS related projects is obtained through CMS' Advance Planning Document (APD) process. Funding for AMMI has not been submitted at this time.		
8	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Who is the technical contact and/or project manager for the AMMI?	A technical project manager has not been identified at this time.		
9	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Will the agency acquire a AMMI Modular Consultant? If so, when and if applicable, will a solicitation be released?	Medicaid has not selected a system planner at this time. Medicaid anticipates a consultant will be used and their services will be procured through an RFP. Medicaid will most likely issue a system planner RFP in the next 12 months.		

IV&V RFP#2017-IVV-01 Proposal Questions and Answers

Question ID	Date Question Asked	Date Answered	Question	Agency Answer	RFP Page Number	Section Number
10	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	I saw the Case Management System and Fraud Detection System RFP was cancelled, how does the Agency intend to meet the need of this system? Does the Agency have any plans to procure a solution? Has it been done to date? If not, what is the anticipated release date on that RFP?	Medicaid has no plans for the Case Management System and Fraud Detection System at this time.		
11	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Has the Electronic Visit Verification System already been procured? If so, how was it obtained and who provided the solution? Is the outline on page 14 only for the maintenance and operations of the system?	The Electronic Visit Verification System has already been procured. Yes, the outline on page 14 is only for maintenance and operations of the Electronic Visit Verification System.	14	
12	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	I noticed that the Eligibility and Enrollment Implementation will be completed in house. Will the maintenance and operations of that system be procured? If so, when is the anticipated release date?	Medicaid anticipates maintenance and operations to remain in house.		
13	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Will the agency be procuring a Quality Assurance consultant? If so, when and how will that be procured?	Quality Assurance service needs will be determined in the future.		
14	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Has the MMIS Takeover services already been procured? I see the contract with HP expires in 2018, when does the agency anticipate to release a solicitation for these services?	Medicaid estimates the MMIS Takeover RFB will be released in the future. Please refer to the Alabama State Purchasing website for updates.		
15	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Does the agency have the intention to procure an enterprise service bus? If so, how will it be procured and when?	Medicaid will determine the requirements and timeline for the enterprise service bus after procurement of the services of a system planner and integrator.		
16	8/1/2017	8/11/2017	Does the agency anticipate to procure Enterprise Data Services and/or a Business Intelligence System? If so, how and when will solicitations for these solutions be released?	Medicaid will determine the requirements and timeline for the Enterprise Data Services and/or a Business Intelligence System after procurement of the services of a system planner and integrator.		
17	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	Has the State identified components of the AMEE solution that are mandated to be part of the AMMI technical architecture? If yes, please provide a description of which components of AMEE are to be used for AMMI.	No, the State has not identified components of the AMEE solution that are mandated to be part of the AMMI technical architecture.	9	A. Program Approach
18	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	Can the State provide the name of the PMO Contractor? Is the contract for System Planner and Integrator the same contract (and vendor) or two separate contracts (with two vendors)?	Medicaid has not selected a PMO at this time. Medicaid has not determined if system planner and the integrator will be the same contract.	13	Project Solutions, MMIS Procurement

IV&V RFP#2017-IVV-01 Proposal Questions and Answers

Question ID	Date Question Asked	Date Answered	Question	Agency Answer	RFP Page Number	Section Number
19	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	It is our understanding that the State contracted with [vendor] for the SS-A. Is that correct? Is [vendor] prohibited from being awarded this IV&V contract?	Medicaid can allow a MITA SSA vendor to be awarded an IV&V contract.	13	PROJECT SOLUTIONS, MMIS
20	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	Should proposers to this RFP assume that IV&V services for the AMEE, MMIS Takeover and M&O and EVV M&O are required for the entire term of the base contract and staff accordingly? Can the State provide any more details on the timeline for design, development and implementation of: AMEE, MMIS Takeover and M&O and EVV M&O	Yes, the proposers should assume that IV&V services for the AMEE, MMIS Takeover and M&O and EVV M&O are required for the entire term of the base contract and staff accordingly. AMEE is currently in DDI and estimated to continue through December 2018 at a minimum. MMIS Takeover and M&O DDI is estimated to start February 2018. EVV M&O is estimated to begin October 2017. The proposers should note that the scope of IV&V services for all M&O is for DDI activities when CMS or the State require IV&V.	13 & 14	D. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT SOLUTIONS, MMIS Procurement Strategy, High Level Procurement Schedule
21	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	This section requires vendors to respond to 21 distinct requirements, many having multiple sib-requirements. Based on our experience a 50 page limit is too restrictive and may prevent a complete response on how vendors propose to satisfy each requirement. Additionally, there is no specific requirement that enables a respondent to describe their overall IV&V methodology (standards, tools, checklists) which is critical for evaluators to understand how a vendor's response each specific requirement is part of an enterprise approach to IV&V. We respectfully request that the page limit for this section of the response be increased to 100 pages to enable vendors to provide complete responses and to describe their IV&V methodology.	Amendment 1 will address this question.	16	E. IV&V CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES IV&V Contractor Expectations
22	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	We assume that the reference to the "current IV&V Contractor" is to the Contractor providing IV&V on the AMEE project. Is that correct? How many FTEs are being utilized on the current IV&V contract? Is the "current IV&V contractor" eligible for award of this IV&V contract?	Yes, the reference to the "current IV&V Contractor" is to the Contractor providing IV&V on the AMEE project. Medicaid is not providing FTE information at this time. Medicaid has not eliminated any vendor from this procurement.	16	E. IV&V CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES IV&V Contractor

IV&V RFP#2017-IVV-01 Proposal Questions and Answers

Question ID	Date Question Asked	Date Answered	Question	Agency Answer	RFP Page Number	Section Number
23	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	Typically, our staffs, both key and non-key, conduct interviews and participate in project briefings at the client’s site. Analysis of on-site findings, deliverable reviews and developing reports is performed on-site and off-site. Is this arrangement agreeable to the State? Will the State provide office space for IV&V staff? If yes, how may spaces will be provided?	Section F outlines personnel requirements for the projects. Please see the following: Section F. IV&V Vendor Staffing and Expertise Contractor Key Project Personnel 1. Key Project Personnel Requirements The State will provide office spaces. The number of spaces will be determined by vendor need and availability.	25	F. IV&V VENDOR STAFFING AND EXPERTISE
24	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	We are assuming that the scope of all deliverables listed in Table 1, includes both AMMI and AMEE. Is that a correct assumption or does the State require separate deliverables for the AMMI and AMEE projects? Additionally, we assume that findings related to our IV&V of the MMIS Takeover and M&O and the EVV M&O projects will be incorporated into our AMMI/AMEE deliverables as appropriate rather than as spate deliverables. Is this assumption correct?	Each project is considered separate and require separate deliverables defined in table 1. For example one deliverable is a project schedule. We would expect two project schedules one for AMMI and one for AMEE.	27 -32	G. IV&V DELIVERABLES
25	8/2/2017	8/11/2017	Performance Bonds are typically required for system design, development and implementation (DDI) projects, not for IV&V engagements. The State has several contractual protections against poor performance including approval of IV&V deliverables prior to any payment and a Termination for Convenience clause in its General Terms and Conditions. Adding a Performance Bond as an additional protection seems redundant and unnecessarily drives up the cost of the contract. Request that this requirement be deleted.	Amendment 1 will address this question.	33	III. Pricing

IV&V RFP#2017-IVV-01 Proposal Questions and Answers

Question ID	Date Question Asked	Date Answered	Question	Agency Answer	RFP Page Number	Section Number
26	8/3/2017	8/11/2017	The RFP states that the “IV&V vendor will need to support a new MMIS Takeover Implementation and Maintenance and Operations and Electronic Visit Verification Systems Maintenance and Operations.” It is our understanding that the EVV system will be implemented prior to the IV&V Services contract begin date of January 2018. Please clarify the scope of this support noted on page 13 as focused on the MMIS Takeover Implementation vendor(s), which includes utilizing the input/output of the EVV system; whereby, not precluding a vendor such as the Electronic Visit Verification vendor from providing a proposal and receive the award of this IV&V Services contract.	The Electronic Visit Verification System is considered to be part of the MMIS and the Medicaid Enterprise. The State anticipates a significant modification or reprocurement of the EVVS that will require IV&V services. The scope of IV&V services for all M&O is for DDI activities when CMS or the State require IV&V. Therefore an EVVS vendor cannot be the IV&V vendor. See Section E. IV&V CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES, Conflict of Interest Exclusion.	13	D. Overview of Project Solutions – MMIS Procurement Strategy
27	8/3/2017	8/11/2017	Does the Agency require the same number of copies (1 original, 6 copies, and 2 CDs) for both the technical proposal and the cost proposal?	Only one copy of the cost proposal is needed.	40	N. Copies Required
28	8/3/2017	8/11/2017	If a bidder elects not to assert any proposal information as confidential or proprietary, is only 1 CD required?	It is up to the vendor to determine if a confidential or proprietary CD is required. The Agency assumes anything not marked confidential and proprietary to be available for disclosure. The Agency assumes no liability for the disclosure of the content not marked confidential and proprietary or for any other disclosure made pursuant to regulation, law, or court order.	40	N. Copies Required
29	8/3/2017	8/11/2017	We typically do not include our staff’s personal address, out of respect for their privacy. Can the Agency confirm that we can list our company address instead?	Yes, the Vendor can list the company address instead.	73	Appendix C – Key Position Resume Sheet