



ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS	
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VENDOR INFORMATION <i>(Vendor must complete the following and return with RFP response)</i>	
Vendor Name/Address:	Authorized Vendor Signatory: (Please print name and sign in ink)
Vendor Phone Number:	Vendor FAX Number:
Vendor Federal I.D. Number:	Vendor E-mail Address:

Section A. RFP Checklist

1. ____ **Read the *entire* document.** Note critical items such as: mandatory requirements; supplies/services required; submittal dates; number of copies required for submittal; licensing requirements; contract requirements (i.e., contract performance security, insurance requirements, performance and/or reporting requirements, etc.).
2. ____ **Note the project director's name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address.** This is the only person you are allowed to communicate with regarding the RFP and is an excellent source of information for any questions you may have.
3. ____ **Take advantage of the “question and answer” period.** Submit your questions to the project director by the due date(s) listed in the Schedule of Events and view the answers as posted on the WEB. All addenda issued for an RFP are posted on the State's website and will include all questions asked and answered concerning the RFP.
4. ____ **Use the forms provided**, i.e., cover page, disclosure statement, etc.
5. ____ **Check the State's website for RFP addenda.** It is the Vendor's responsibility to check the State's website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov for any addenda issued for this RFP, no further notification will be provided. Vendors must submit a signed cover sheet for each addendum issued along with your RFP response.
6. ____ **Review and read the RFP document again** to make sure that you have addressed all requirements. Your original response and the requested copies must be identical and be complete. The copies are provided to the evaluation committee members and will be used to score your response.
7. ____ **Submit your response on time.** Note all the dates and times listed in the Schedule of Events and within the document, and be sure to submit all required items on time. Late proposal responses are *never* accepted.
8. ____ **Prepare to sign and return the Contract, Contract Review Report, Business Associate Agreement and other documents** to expedite the contract approval process. The selected vendor's contract will have to be reviewed by the State's Contract Review Committee which has strict deadlines for document submission. Failure to submit the signed contract can delay the project start date but will not affect the deliverable date.

This checklist is provided for assistance only and should not be submitted with Vendor's Response.

Section B. Schedule of Events

The following RFP Schedule of Events represents the State's best estimate of the schedule that shall be followed. Except for the deadlines associated with the vendor question and answer periods and the proposal due date, the other dates provided in the schedule are estimates and will be impacted by the number of proposals received. The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust this schedule as it deems necessary. Notification of any adjustment to the Schedule of Events shall be posted on the RFP website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov.

EVENT	DATE
RFP Issued	03/20/2023
Questions Due by 5pm CT	03/29/2023
Posting of Questions and Answers	04/07/2023
Proposals Due by 5 pm CT	04/18/2023
Evaluation Period	04/19/2023-05/04/2023
Contract Award Notification	05/04/2023
**Contract Review Committee	06/01/2023
Official Contract Award/Begin Work	06/01/2023

* *By State law, this contract must be reviewed by the Legislative Contract Review Oversight Committee. The Committee meets monthly and can, at its discretion, hold a contract for up to forty-five (45) days. The “Vendor Begins Work” date above may be impacted by the timing of the contract submission to the Committee for review and/or by action of the Committee itself.

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I. Background

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is requesting proposals from vendors with expertise for a plan to assist Medicaid with outreach and eligibility/enrollment activities for individuals currently under a Public Health Emergency (PHE) extension for SSI and Medicaid District Office certified individuals that are aged, blind and/or disabled (ABD) populations. The Vendor must provide assistance to the Agency for the duration of the Unwinding period. Services required are outlined through this Request for Proposal (RFP). The projected implementation date of the RFP is June 1, 2023.

Alabama Medicaid is a “Categorically Eligible” and “Section 1634” state. The 11 Medicaid District Offices (DOs) across the state are responsible for processing applications and redeterminations for programs for the (ABD) populations.

Approximately 2,400 District Office (DO) certified ABD Individuals are enrolled in programs administered by Alabama Medicaid; Hospital Program, Nursing Home Program, Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBS) Programs, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Programs and Program for the All-Inclusive Care (PACE) beneficiaries are in a PHE status.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) transmits State Data Exchange (SDX) information to the Agency when someone is no longer eligible for SSI. The Agency places the beneficiary in PHE extension and encourages the individual by written communication to contact their Medicaid District Office to apply for any ABD program for which they may be eligible. There are currently 19,500 previously SSI certified individuals that are designated as PHE extension that have not been determined to be eligible for an ABD program the Medicaid DOs administer.

The selected Vendor to whom the contract is awarded shall be responsible for the performance of all duties contained within this RFP for the firm and fixed price quoted in the Vendor’s proposal to this RFP. All proposals must state a firm and fixed price for the services described.

All information and amendments contained in this RFP reflect the best and most accurate information available to Medicaid at the time of the RFP preparation. No inaccuracies in such data shall constitute a basis for change of the payments to the Vendor or a basis for legal recovery of damages, actual, consequential, or punitive.

II. Scope of Work

The selected Vendor will recruit and manage a team of professionals. The team hours are Monday -Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM CST. The selected Vendor shall employ at a minimum a Project Manager and Agent Liaison to ensure that the services are delivered accurately and timely.

The identified tasks to be worked by the Vendor representatives includes the following but not limited to:

- Verify identity of individuals
- Assist with obtaining and filing initial application for ABD Programs
- Assist with updating contact information
- Refer beneficiaries to Waiver Administering Agencies when appropriate
- Secure documentation and verifications needed to determine Medicaid eligibility
- Make recommendations to the Agency upon final disposition of applications

As part of the proposal submission, the Respondents shall:

- Provide a detailed description of the process for reviewing services, using Medicaid criteria.
- Vendor will provide staffing and infrastructure to provide recipients support through inbound calls for initial Medicaid Recipients, general information, and basic issue resolution for recipients.
- Provide a detailed description of the process to ensure initial applications and redeterminations are reviewed and acted upon timely.
- Provide a plan to submit questions to the Agency about existing eligibility policies.
- Provide a detailed plan with timelines for receiving, reviewing, and responding to requests.
- Provide a detailed plan on proposed staffing.
- Complete all mandatory trainings prior to contact with applicant and beneficiaries; HIPAA, IRS, SSA, Privacy, Security, NVRA, and ABD Policy Manual and Memos.
- Perform and document outreach activities for the Agency to those in an ADB PHE extension. Describe expected Outreach activities for different groups under a PHE extension for SSI and DO certified (telephone, email, mail, etc.)
- Complete eligibility determination activities for ABD populations and make recommendation to designated Program staff concerning final disposition.

Vendor Responsibilities

The selected Vendor shall coordinate with the Medicaid Project Coordinator throughout the term of this contract for any questions and further direction as it relates to the requirements of this RFP.

- (1) During the Contract period, the Vendor will schedule weekly conference calls/virtual meetings with Medicaid. These meetings will address items such as project status, policy questions, and/or data analysis.
- (2) The selected Vendor will be responsible for creating meeting documents (e.g. agenda, reports, and other supporting documents) for Medicaid approval for all applicable meetings (weekly, association, ad hoc, etc.).
- (3) Respond to inquiries from Medicaid within two business days with a goal of one business day.

Staffing/Organizational Plan

The selected Vendor must be prepared to recruit staff, and to implement all aspects of the work required in this RFP within the stated time frames. Staffing levels must be sufficient to complete the responsibilities outlined in this RFP. Vendor's key personnel must include a Project Manager, Key positions must meet any requirements defined in the Scope of Work.. The selected Vendor shall submit an organizational chart to Medicaid for approval prior to contract implementation. This plan shall include a breakdown of job duties and responsibilities of all staff members. Any subsequent changes to the organizational plan shall be approved by Medicaid.

Key Personnel

Contractor must maintain sufficient staffing levels to meet program requirements. Vendor will recruit and hire staff that have skills that demonstrate

- Attention to detail
- Ability to work professionally with Alabama Medicaid Agency

At a minimum, Contractor's key personnel must include the following positions:

Project Manager (PM)

Contractor shall propose a PM with a minimum of an undergraduate degree who shall have day-to-day responsibility for supervising the performance and obligations under this Contract, as well as receive policy direction from the Medicaid Contract Administrator. The PM shall be the person assigned under this contract who is responsible for operation of contract duties including the review process, help desk functions, responsibilities, Institutional responsibilities, all other review/audit responsibilities, and correspondence. In the event the PM does not meet the requirements of Medicaid before or after implementation, Contractor shall recommend a candidate to Medicaid who is capable of performing contract obligations. Contractor shall not change its PM without prior written approval from Medicaid, and such approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld. Contractor shall notify Medicaid in writing of any proposed change in Project Manager at least 30 days prior to change. Contractor shall furnish with its proposal response to the RFP a resume/curriculum vitae (CV) for the proposed PM which shall include the individual's name, current address, current title and position, experience with Contractor, experience in provider relations, experience with reporting, educational background, and supervisory experience. Contractor shall provide a minimum of two work references for the PM. Contractor's PM shall serve as liaison between Medicaid and Contractor and shall be available and responsible for consultation and assistance with issues arising out of the scope of the Contract. PM shall attend, upon request, Medicaid meetings, fair hearings, meetings and hearings of legislative committees and interested governmental bodies, agencies, and officers. PM shall provide timely and informed responses when operational and administrative issues arise in relations to obligations under this contract. Whenever the PM is not available, Contractor shall provide a designated alternate fully capable of meeting the requirements of this RFP.

Additional responsibilities of the PM include but are not limited to:

1. Assure timely compliance with all contract responsibilities and deliverables.
2. Attend weekly and monthly contract status meetings and other meetings upon Medicaid request.
3. Notify Medicaid's Contract Administrator of any proposed changes in personnel; organizational changes; any system problems; within time period specified within this RFP.

Any vendor personnel that work off-site, remote, or work from home shall be available for telecommunications, electronic communication, and video consultation with the Agency during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays and emergency closures.

Contractor personnel shall be subject to background checks at the Contractor's expense.

The Contractor company management shall be available for Agency consultation during regular business hours anytime the Agency feels there is an issue that requires their attention.

As a part of the response to this RFP, the Vendor must describe and provide a staffing allocation plan for staff

III. Pricing

Vendor's response must specify a firm and fixed fee for all aspects of this RFP. The Firm and Fixed Price must be stated in the RFP Cover Sheet on the first page of this document and Appendix C.

IV. General

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is responsible for the administration of the Alabama Medicaid Program under a federally approved State Plan for Medical Assistance. Through teamwork, the Agency strives to enhance and operate a cost efficient system of payment for health care services rendered to low income individuals through a partnership with health care providers and other health care insurers both public and private.

Medicaid's central office is located at 501 Dexter Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama. Central office personnel are responsible for data processing, program management, financial management, program integrity, general support services, professional services, and recipient eligibility services. For certain recipient categories, eligibility determination is made by Agency personnel located in eleven (11) district offices throughout the state and by one hundred forty (140) out-stationed workers in designated hospitals, health departments and clinics. Medicaid eligibility is also determined through established policies by the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Social Security Administration. The Alabama Medicaid Agency serves approximately 1,000,000 Alabama citizens each year through a variety of programs.

Services covered by Medicaid include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Physician Services
- Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Services
- Rural Health Clinic Services
- Laboratory and X-ray Services
- Nursing Home Services
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
- Dental for children ages zero (0) to twenty (20)
- Home Health Care Services and Durable Medical Equipment
- Family Planning Services
- Nurse-Midwife Services
- Federally Qualified Health Center Services
- Hospice Services
- Prescription Drugs
- Optometric Services
- Transportation Services
- Hearing Aids
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
- Prosthetic Devices
- Outpatient Surgical Services
- Renal Dialysis Services
- Home and Community Based Waiver Services
- Prenatal Clinic Services
- Mental Health Services

Additional program information can be found at www.medicaid.alabama.gov.

This document outlines the qualifications which must be met in order for an entity to serve as Contractor. It is imperative that potential Contractors describe, **in detail**, how they intend to approach the Scope of Work specified in Section II of the RFP. The ability to perform these services must be carefully documented, even if the Contractor has been or is currently participating in a Medicaid Program. Proposals will be evaluated based on the written information that is presented in the response. This requirement underscores the importance and the necessity of providing in-depth information in the proposal with all supporting documentation necessary.

The Vendor must demonstrate in the proposal a thorough working knowledge of program policy requirements as described, herein, including but not limited to the applicable Operational Manuals, State Plan for Medical Assistance, Administrative Code and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requirements.

Entities that are currently excluded under federal and/or state laws from participation in Medicare/Medicaid or any State's health care programs are prohibited from submitting bids.

V. Corporate Background and References

Entities submitting proposals must:

- a. Provide evidence that the Vendor possesses the qualifications required in this RFP. If a subcontractor is warranted, the Contractor must identify the percentage of work, as measured by the total Proposal price, to be performed by the subcontractor. *All contractor and subcontractor employees must work in the continental United States.*
- b. Provide a description of the Vendor's organization, including
 1. Date established.
 2. Ownership (public company, partnership, subsidiary, etc.). Include an organizational chart depicting the Vendor's organization in relation to any parent, subsidiary or related organization.
 3. Number of employees and resources.
 4. Names and resumes of Senior Managers and Partners in regards to this contract.
 5. A list of all similar projects the Vendor has completed within the last three years.
 6. A detailed breakdown of proposed staffing for this project, including names and education background of all employees that will be assigned to this project.
 7. A list of all Medicaid agencies or other entities for which the Vendor currently performs similar work.
 8. Vendor's acknowledgment that the State will not reimburse the Contractor until: (a) the Project Director has approved the invoice; and (b) the Agency has received and approved all deliverables covered by the invoice.
 9. Details of any pertinent judgment, criminal conviction, investigation or litigation pending against the Vendor or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents or subcontractors of which the Vendor has knowledge, or a statement that there are none. The Agency reserves the right to reject a proposal solely on the basis of this information.
- c. The contractor and sub-contractor must have all necessary business licenses, registrations and professional certifications at the time of the contracting to be able to do business in Alabama. All companies submitting proposals in response to this RFP must be qualified to transact business in the State of Alabama in accordance with to include, but not limited to, Code of Alabama 1975, 10A-1-7.01 et seq., and shall have filed and possess a valid "Application for Registration" issued by the Secretary of State at the time of responding to this RFP. To obtain forms for the application, contact

the Secretary of State, (334) 242-5324, www.sos.state.al.us.

- d. Furnish three (3) references for projects of similar size and scope, including contact name, title, telephone number, and address. Performance references should also include contract type, size, and duration of services rendered. **You may not use any Alabama Medicaid Agency personnel as a reference.**

The State reserves the right to use any information or additional references deemed necessary to establish the ability of the Vendor to perform the conditions of the contract.

VI. Submission Requirements

A. Authority

This RFP is issued under the authority of Section 41-16-72 of the Alabama Code and 45 CFR part 75. The RFP process is a procurement option allowing the award to be based on stated evaluation criteria. The RFP states the relative importance of all evaluation criteria. No other evaluation criteria, other than as outlined in the RFP, will be used.

In accordance with 45 CFR part 75, the State encourages free and open competition among Vendors. Whenever possible, the State will design specifications, proposal requests, and conditions to accomplish this objective, consistent with the necessity to satisfy the State's need to procure technically sound, cost-effective services and supplies.

B. Single Point of Contact

From the date this RFP is issued until a Vendor is selected and the selection is announced by the Project Director, all communication must be directed to the Project Director in charge of this solicitation. **Vendors or their representatives must not communicate with any State staff or officials regarding this procurement with the exception of the Project Director.** Any unauthorized contact may disqualify the Vendor from further consideration. Contact information for the single point of contact is as follows:

<i>Project Director:</i>	Paul McWhorter
<i>Address:</i>	Alabama Medicaid Agency Lurleen B. Wallace Bldg. 501 Dexter Avenue PO Box 5624 Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624
<i>E-Mail Address:</i>	PHERFP@medicaid.alabama.gov

C. RFP Documentation

All documents and updates to the RFP including, but not limited to, the actual RFP, questions and answers, addenda, etc., will be posted to the Agency's website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov.

D. Questions Regarding the RFP

Vendors with questions requiring clarification or interpretation of any section within this RFP must submit questions and receive formal, written replies from the State. Each question must be submitted to the Project Director via email. Questions and answers will be posted on the website as available.

E. Acceptance of Standard Terms and Conditions

Vendor must submit a statement stating that the Vendor has an understanding of and will comply with the terms and conditions as set out in this RFP. Additions or exceptions to the standard terms and conditions are not allowed.

F. Adherence to Specifications and Requirements

Vendor must submit a statement stating that the Vendor has an understanding of and will comply with the specifications and requirements described in this RFP.

G. Order of Precedence

In the event of inconsistencies or contradictions between language contained in the RFP and a Vendor's response, the language contained in the RFP will prevail. Should the State issue addenda to the original RFP, then said addenda, being more recently issued, would prevail against both the original RFP and the Vendor's proposal in the event of an inconsistency, ambiguity, or conflict.

H. Vendor's Signature

The proposal must be accompanied by the RFP Cover Sheet signed in ink by an individual authorized to legally bind the Vendor. The Vendor's signature on a proposal in response to this RFP guarantees that the offer has been established without collusion and without effort to preclude the State from obtaining the best possible supply or service. Proof of authority of the person signing the RFP response must be furnished upon request.

I. Offer in Effect for 90 Days

A proposal may not be modified, withdrawn or canceled by the Vendor for a 90-day period following the deadline for proposal submission as defined in the Schedule of Events, or receipt of best and final offer, if required, and Vendor so agrees in submitting the proposal.

J. State Not Responsible for Preparation Costs

The costs for developing and delivering responses to this RFP and any subsequent presentations of the proposal as requested by the State are entirely the responsibility of the Vendor. The State is not liable for any expense incurred by the Vendor in the preparation and presentation of their proposal or any other costs incurred by the Vendor prior to execution of a contract.

K. State's Rights Reserved

While the State has every intention to award a contract as a result of this RFP, issuance of the RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the State to award and execute a contract. Upon a determination such actions would be in its best interest, the State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to:

- Cancel or terminate this RFP;
- Reject any or all of the proposals submitted in response to this RFP;

- Change its decision with respect to the selection and to select another proposal;
- Waive any minor irregularity in an otherwise valid proposal which would not jeopardize the overall program and to award a contract on the basis of such a waiver (minor irregularities are those which will not have a significant adverse effect on overall project cost or performance);
- Negotiate with any Vendor whose proposal is within the competitive range with respect to technical plan and cost;
- Adopt to its use all, or any part, of a Vendor's proposal and to use any idea or all ideas presented in a proposal;
- Amend the RFP (amendments to the RFP will be made by written addendum issued by the State and will be posted on the RFP website);
- Not award any contract.

L. Price

Vendors must respond to this RFP by utilizing the RFP Cover Sheet to indicate the firm and fixed price for the implementation and updating/operation phase to complete the scope of work.

M. E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding

The proposal response must include an E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Homeland Security.

N. Proposal Format

Proposals must be prepared on standard 8 ½" x 11" paper and must be bound. All proposal pages must be numbered unless specified otherwise. All responses, as well as, any reference material presented, must be written in English.

Proposals must not include references to information located elsewhere, such as Internet websites. Information or materials presented by the Vendor outside the formal response or subsequent discussion/negotiation, if requested, will not be considered, and will have no bearing on any award.

This RFP and its attachments are available on Medicaid's website. The Vendor acknowledges and accepts full responsibility to ensure that no changes are made to the RFP. In the event of inconsistencies or contradictions between language contained in the RFP and a Vendor's response, the language contained in the RFP will prevail. Should Medicaid issue addenda to the original RFP, then said addenda, being more recently issued, would prevail against both the original RFP and the Vendor's proposal.

O. Proposal Withdrawal

The Vendor may withdraw a submitted proposal at any time before the deadline for submission. To withdraw a proposal, the Vendor must submit a written request, signed by a Vendor's representative authorized to sign the resulting contract, to the RFP Project Director. After withdrawing a previously submitted proposal, the Vendor may submit another proposal at any time up to the deadline for submitting proposals.

P. Proposal Amendment

Medicaid will not accept any amendments, revisions, or alterations to proposals after the deadline for submitting proposals unless such is formally requested, in writing, by Medicaid.

Q. Proposal Errors

The Vendor is liable for all errors or omissions contained in their proposals. The Vendor will not be allowed to alter proposal documents after the deadline for submitting proposals. If the Vendor needs to change a previously submitted proposal, the Vendor must withdraw the entire proposal and may submit the corrected proposal before the deadline for submitting proposals.

R. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

Proposals and supporting documents are kept confidential until the evaluation process is complete and a Vendor has been selected. The Vendor should be aware that any information in a proposal may be subject to disclosure and/or reproduction under Alabama law. Designation as proprietary or confidential may not protect any materials included within the proposal from disclosure if required by law. The Vendor should mark or otherwise designate any material that it feels is proprietary or otherwise confidential by labeling the page as "CONFIDENTIAL". The Vendor must also state any legal authority as to why that material should not be subject to public disclosure under Alabama open records law and is marked as Proprietary Information. By way of illustration but not limitation, "Proprietary Information" may include trade secrets, inventions, mask works, ideas, processes, formulas, source and object codes, data, programs, other works of authorship, know-how, improvements, discoveries, developments, designs and techniques.

Information contained in the Pricing Section may not be marked confidential. It is the sole responsibility of the Vendor to indicate information that is to remain confidential. Medicaid assumes no liability for the disclosure of information not identified by the Vendor as confidential. If the Vendor identifies its entire proposal as confidential, Medicaid may deem the proposal as non-compliant and may reject it.

S. Submission of Proposals

Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to 2023-PHE-01. Proposals must be sent to the attention of the Project Director and received at the Agency as specified in the Schedule of Events. It is the responsibility of the Vendor to ensure receipt of the Proposal by the deadline specified in the Schedule of Events.

T. Copies Required

Vendors must submit one original Proposal with original signatures in ink, one additional hard copy in binder form, plus two electronic copies of the Proposal on CD/DVD or jump drive clearly labeled with the Vendor name. One electronic copy (Word and searchable PDF format) MUST be a complete version of the Vendor's response and the second electronic (searchable PDF format) copy MUST have any information asserted as confidential or proprietary removed. Vendor must identify the original hard copy clearly on the outside of the proposal.

U. Late Proposals

Regardless of cause, late proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be the Vendor's sole risk to assure delivery at the Agency by the designated deadline. Late proposals will not be opened and may be returned to the Vendor at the expense of the Vendor or destroyed if requested.

V. Proposal Clarifications

The Agency reserves the right to request clarifications with any or all Vendors if they are necessary to properly clarify compliance with the requirements of this RFP. The Agency will not be liable for any costs associated with such clarifications. The purpose of any such clarifications will be to ensure full

understanding of the proposal. Clarifications will be limited to specific sections of the proposal identified by Medicaid. If clarifications are requested, the Vendor must put such clarifications in writing within the specified time frame.

VII. Evaluation and Selection Process

A. Initial Classification of Proposals as Responsive or Non-responsive

All proposals will initially be classified as either “responsive” or “non-responsive.” Proposals may be found non-responsive at any time during the evaluation process or contract negotiation if any of the required information is not provided; or the proposal is not within the plans and specifications described and required in the RFP. If a proposal is found to be non-responsive, it will not be considered further.

Proposals failing to demonstrate that the Vendor meets the mandatory requirements listed in Appendix A will be deemed non-responsive and not considered further in the evaluation process (and thereby rejected).

B. Determination of Responsibility

The Project Director will determine whether a Vendor has met the standards of responsibility. In determining responsibility, the Project Director may consider factors such as, but not limited to, the vendor’s specialized expertise, ability to perform the work, experience and past performance. Such a determination may be made at any time during the evaluation process and through contract negotiation if information surfaces that would result in a determination of non-responsibility. If a Vendor is found non-responsible, a written determination will be made a part of the procurement file and mailed to the affected Vendor.

C. Opportunity for Additional Information

The State reserves the right to contact any Vendor submitting a proposal for the purpose of clarifying issues in that Vendor’s proposal. Vendors should clearly designate in their proposal a point-of-contact for questions or issues that arise in the State’s review of a Vendor’s proposal.

D. Evaluation Committee

An Evaluation Committee appointed by the Project Director will read the proposals, conduct corporate and personal reference checks, score the proposals, and make a written recommendation to the Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency. The State may change the size or composition of the committee during the review in response to exigent circumstances.

E. Scoring

The Evaluation Committee will score the proposals using the scoring system shown in the table below. The highest score that can be awarded to any proposal is 100 points.

Evaluation Factor	Highest Possible Score
Corporate Background	10
References	10
Scope of Work	30
Key Personnel	10
Price	40
Total	100

F. Determination of Successful Proposal

The Vendor whose proposal is determined to be in the best interest of the State will be recommended as the successful Contractor. The Project Director will forward this Vendor's proposal through the supervisory chain to the Commissioner, with documentation to justify the Committee's recommendation.

When the final approval is received, the State will notify the selected Vendor. If the State rejects all proposals, it will notify all Vendors. The State will post the award on the Agency website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov. The award will be posted under the applicable RFP number.

VIII. General Terms and Conditions

A. General

This RFP and Contractor's response thereto shall be incorporated into a contract by the execution of a formal agreement. The contract and amendments, if any, are subject to approval by the Governor of the State of Alabama.

The contract shall include the following:

1. Executed contract,
2. RFP, attachments, and any amendments thereto,
3. Contractor's response to the RFP, and shall be construed in accordance with and in the order of the applicable provisions of:
 - Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended and regulations promulgated hereunder by HHS and any other applicable federal statutes and regulations
 - The statutory and case law of the State of Alabama
 - The Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended
 - The Medicaid Administrative Code
 - Medicaid's written response to prospective Vendor questions

B. Compliance with State and Federal Regulations

Contractor shall perform all services under the contract in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. Medicaid retains full operational and administrative authority and responsibility over the Alabama Medicaid Program in accordance with the requirements of the federal statutes and regulations as the same may be amended from time to time.

C. Term of Contract

The initial contract term shall be for one year effective June 1, 2023, through May 30, 2024.

Contractor acknowledges and understands that this contract is not effective until it has received all requisite state government approvals and Contractor shall not begin performing work under this contract until notified to do so by Medicaid. Contractor is entitled to no compensation for work performed prior to the effective date of this contract.

D. Contract Amendments

No alteration or variation of the terms of the contract shall be valid unless made in writing and duly signed by the parties thereto. The contract may be amended by written agreement duly executed by the parties. Every such amendment shall specify the date its provisions shall be effective as agreed to by the parties.

The contract shall be deemed to include all applicable provisions of the State Plan and of all state and federal laws and regulations applicable to the Alabama Medicaid Program, as they may be amended. In the event of any substantial change in such Plan, laws, or regulations, that materially affects the operation of the Alabama Medicaid Program or the costs of administering such Program, either party, after written notice and before performance of any related work, may apply in writing to the other for an equitable adjustment in compensation caused by such substantial change.

E. Confidentiality

Contractor shall treat all information, and in particular information relating to individuals that is obtained by or through its performance under the contract, as confidential information to the extent confidential treatment is provided under State and Federal laws including 45 CFR §160.101 – 164.534. Contractor shall not use any information so obtained in any manner except as necessary for the proper discharge of its obligations and rights under this contract.

Contractor shall ensure safeguards that restrict the use or disclosure of information concerning individuals to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Plan in accordance with 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart F, as specified in 42 CFR § 434.6(a)(8). Purposes directly related to the Plan administration include:

1. Establishing eligibility;
2. Determining the amount of medical assistance;
3. Providing services for recipients; and
4. Conducting or assisting an investigation, prosecution, or civil or criminal proceeding related to the administration of the Plan.

Pursuant to requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 (Public Law 104-191), the successful Contractor shall sign and comply with the terms of a Business Associate agreement with the Agency (Appendix B).

F. Security and Release of Information

Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety and security of all information, data, procedures, methods, and funds involved in the performance under the contract, and shall require the same from all employees so involved. Contractor shall not release any data or other information relating to the Alabama Medicaid Program without prior written consent of Medicaid. This provision covers both general summary data as well as detailed, specific data. Contractor shall not be entitled to use of Alabama Medicaid Program data in its other business dealings without prior written consent of Medicaid. All requests for program data shall be referred to Medicaid for response by the Commissioner only.

G. Federal Nondisclosure Requirements

Each officer or employee of any person to whom Social Security information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that Social Security information disclosed to such officer or employee can be only used for authorized purposes and to that extent and any other unauthorized use herein constitutes a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$5,000 or imprisonment for as long as five years, or both, together with the cost of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer or employee that any such unauthorized further disclosure of Social Security information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee in an amount not less than \$1,000 with respect to each instance of unauthorized disclosure. These penalties are prescribed by IRC Sections 7213 and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n).

Additionally, it is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of penalties for

improper disclosure implied by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 USC 552a. Specifically, 5 USC 552a (i) (1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 USC 552a (m) (1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position, has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established there under, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is prohibited, willfully discloses that material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

H. Contract a Public Record

Upon signing of this contract by all parties, the terms of the contract become available to the public pursuant to Alabama law. Contractor agrees to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials subject to the current Alabama law on disclosure. It is expressly understood that substantial evidence of Contractor's refusal to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of contract.

I. Termination for Bankruptcy

The filing of a petition for voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy of a company or corporate reorganization pursuant to the Bankruptcy Act shall, at the option of Medicaid, constitute default by Contractor effective the date of such filing. Contractor shall inform Medicaid in writing of any such action(s) immediately upon occurrence by the most expeditious means possible. Medicaid may, at its option, declare default and notify Contractor in writing that performance under the contract is terminated and proceed to seek appropriate relief from Contractor.

J. Termination for Default

Medicaid may, by written notice, terminate performance under the contract, in whole or in part, for failure of Contractor to perform any of the contract provisions. In the event Contractor defaults in the performance of any of Contractor's material duties and obligations, written notice shall be given to Contractor specifying default. Contractor shall have 10 calendar days, or such additional time as agreed to in writing by Medicaid, after the mailing of such notice to cure any default. In the event Contractor does not cure a default within 10 calendar days, or such additional time allowed by Medicaid, Medicaid may, at its option, notify Contractor in writing that performance under the contract is terminated and proceed to seek appropriate relief from Contractor.

K. Termination for Unavailability of Funds

Performance by the State of Alabama of any of its obligations under the contract is subject to and contingent upon the availability of state and federal monies lawfully applicable for such purposes. If Medicaid, in its sole discretion, deems at any time during the term of the contract that monies lawfully applicable to this agreement shall not be available for the remainder of the term, Medicaid shall promptly notify Contractor to that effect, whereupon the obligations of the parties hereto shall end as of the date of the receipt of such notice and the contract shall at such time be cancelled without penalty to Medicaid, State or Federal Government.

L. Proration of Funds

In the event of proration of the funds from which payment under this contract is to be made, this contract will be subject to termination.

M. Termination for Convenience

Medicaid may terminate performance of work under the Contract in whole or in part whenever, for any reason, Medicaid, in its sole discretion determines that such termination is in the best interest of the State. In the event that Medicaid elects to terminate the contract pursuant to this provision, it shall so notify the Contractor by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. The termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the notice. In such event, Contractor will be entitled only to payment for all work satisfactorily completed and for reasonable, documented costs incurred in good faith for work in progress. The Contractor will not be entitled to payment for uncompleted work, or for anticipated profit, unabsorbed overhead, or any other costs.

N. Force Majeure

Contractor shall be excused from performance hereunder for any period Contractor is prevented from performing any services pursuant hereto in whole or in part as a result of an act of God, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, court order; such nonperformance shall not be a ground for termination for default.

O. Nondiscriminatory Compliance

Contractor shall comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, both issued by the President of the United States, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations implementing the foregoing statutes with respect to nondiscrimination in employment.

P. Conflict of Interest

The parties acknowledge and agree that the Contractor must be free of conflicts of interest in accordance with all federal and state regulations while performing the duties within the contract and this amendment. The Contractor and Medicaid agree that each has no conflict of interest preventing the execution of this Contract amendment or the requirements of the original contract, and said parties will abide by applicable state and federal regulations, specifically those requirements found in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act. 41 U.S.C.A. 2101 through 2107.

Q. Open Trade

In compliance with Section 41-16-5 Code of Alabama (1975), the Contractor hereby certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.

R. Small and Minority Business Enterprise Utilization

In accordance with the provisions of 45 CFR Part 75.330 and OMB Circular A-102, affirmative steps shall be taken to assure that small and minority businesses are utilized when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction, and services.

S. Worker's Compensation

Contractor shall take out and maintain, during the life of this contract, Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of its employees under the contract or any subcontract thereof, if required by state law.

T. Employment of State Staff

Contractor shall not knowingly engage on a full-time, part-time, or other basis during the period of the contract any professional or technical personnel, who are or have been in the employment of Medicaid during the previous twelve (12) months, except retired employees or contractual consultants, without the written consent of Medicaid. Certain Medicaid employees may be subject to more stringent employment restrictions under the Alabama Code of Ethics, §36-25-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

U. Immigration Compliance

Contractor will not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the Beason- Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act (Ala, Act 2012- 491 and any amendments thereto) and certify its compliance by executing Attachment G. Contractor will document that the Contractor is enrolled in the E-Verify Program operated by the US Department of Homeland Security as required by Section 9 of Act 2012-491. During the performance of the contract, the Contractor shall participate in the E-Verify program and shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. Contractor further agrees that, should it employ or contract with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the performance of the services pursuant to this contract that the Contractor will secure from such subcontractor documentation that subcontractor is enrolled in the E-Verify program prior to performing any work on the project. The subcontractor shall verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations. This subsection shall only apply to subcontractors performing work on a project subject to the provisions of this section and not to collateral persons or business entities hired by the subcontractor. Contractor shall maintain the subcontractor documentation that shall be available upon request by the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Pursuant to Ala. Code §31-13-9(k), by signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in termination of the agreement or subcontract.

V. Share of Contract

No official or employee of the State of Alabama shall be admitted to any share of the contract or to any benefit that may arise there from.

W. Waivers

No covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking contained in or made a part of the contract shall be waived except by written agreement of the parties.

X. Warranties Against Broker's Fees

Contractor warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission percentage, brokerage, or contingency fee excepting bona fide employees. For breach of this warranty, Medicaid shall have the right to terminate the contract without liability.

Y. Novation

In the event of a change in the corporate or company ownership of Contractor, Medicaid shall retain the right to continue the contract with the new owner or terminate the contract. The new corporate or company entity must agree to the terms of the original contract and any amendments thereto. During the interim between legal recognition of the new entity and Medicaid execution of the novation agreement, a valid contract shall continue to exist between Medicaid and the original Contractor. When, to Medicaid's satisfaction, sufficient evidence has been presented of the new owner's ability to perform under the terms of the contract, Medicaid may approve the new owner and a novation agreement shall be executed.

Z. Employment Basis

It is expressly understood and agreed that Medicaid enters into this agreement with Contractor and any subcontractor as authorized under the provisions of this contract as an independent Contractor on a purchase of service basis and not on an employer-employee basis and not subject to State Merit System law.

AA. Disputes and Litigation

Except in those cases where the proposal response exceeds the requirements of the RFP, any conflict between the response of Contractor and the RFP shall be controlled by the provisions of the RFP. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the Commissioner of Medicaid.

The Contractor's sole remedy for the settlement of any and all disputes arising under the terms of this contract shall be limited to the filing of a claim with the board of Adjustment for the State of Alabama. Pending a final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor must proceed diligently with the performance of the contract in accordance with the disputed decision.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, senior officials of both parties shall meet and engage in a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute. Should that effort fail, and the dispute involves the payment of money, a party's sole remedy is the filing of a claim with the Board of Adjustment of the State of Alabama.

For any and all other disputes arising under the terms of this contract which are not resolved by negotiation, the parties agree to utilize appropriate forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution including, but not limited to, mediation. Such dispute resolution shall occur in Montgomery, Alabama, utilizing where appropriate, mediators selected from the roster of mediators maintained by the Center For Dispute Resolution of the Alabama State Bar.

Any litigation brought by Medicaid or Contractor regarding any provision of the contract shall be brought in either the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, or the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division, according to the jurisdictions of these courts. This provision shall not be deemed an attempt to confer any jurisdiction on these courts which they do not by law have, but is a stipulation and agreement as to forum and venue only.

BB. Records Retention and Storage

Contractor shall maintain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the Alabama Medicaid Program for a period of three years from the date of the final payment made by Medicaid to Contractor under the contract. However, if audit, litigation, or other legal action by or on behalf of the State or Federal Government has begun but is not completed at the end of the three- year period, or if audit findings, litigation, or other legal action have not been resolved at the end of the three year period, the records shall be retained until resolution.

CC. Inspection of Records

Contractor agrees that representatives of the Comptroller General, HHS, the General Accounting Office, the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts, and Medicaid and their authorized representatives shall have the right during business hours to inspect and copy Contractor's books and records pertaining to contract performance and costs thereof. Contractor shall cooperate fully with requests from any of the agencies listed above and shall furnish free of charge copies of all requested records. Contractor may require that a receipt be given for any original record removed from Contractor's premises.

DD. Use of Federal Cost Principles

For any terms of the contract which allow reimbursement for the cost of procuring goods, materials, supplies, equipment, or services, such procurement shall be made on a competitive basis (including the use of competitive bidding procedures) where practicable, and reimbursement for such cost under the contract shall be in accordance with 48 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 31. Further, if such reimbursement is to be made with funds derived wholly or partially from federal sources, such reimbursement shall be subject to Contractor's compliance with applicable federal procurement requirements, and the determination of costs shall be governed by federal cost principles.

EE. Payment

Contractor shall submit to Medicaid a detailed monthly invoice for compensation for the deliverable and/or work performed. Invoices should be submitted to the Project Director. Payments are dependent upon successful completion and acceptance of described work and delivery of required documentation.

FF. Notice to Parties

Any notice to Medicaid under the contract shall be sufficient when mailed to the Project Director. Any notice to Contractor shall be sufficient when mailed to Contractor at the address given on the return receipt from this RFP or on the contract after signing. Notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested.

GG. Disclosure Statement

The successful Contractor shall be required to complete a financial disclosure statement with the executed contract.

HH. Debarment

Contractor hereby certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this contract by any Federal department or agency.

II. Not to Constitute a Debt of the State

Under no circumstances shall any commitments by Medicaid constitute a debt of the State of Alabama as prohibited by Article XI, Section 213, Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended by Amendment 26. It is further agreed that if any provision of this contract shall contravene any statute or Constitutional provision or amendment, whether now in effect or which may, during the course of this Contract, be enacted, then that conflicting provision in the contract shall be deemed null and void. The Contractor's sole remedy for the settlement of any and all disputes arising under the terms of this agreement shall be limited to the filing of a claim against Medicaid with the Board of Adjustment for the State of Alabama.

JJ. Qualification to do Business in Alabama

Should a foreign corporation (a business corporation incorporated under a law other than the law of this state) be selected to provide professional services in accordance with this RFP, it must be qualified to transact business in the State of Alabama and possess a valid “Application of Registration” issued by the Secretary of State at the time a professional services contract is executed. To obtain forms for an “Application for Registration”, contact the Secretary of State at (334) 242-5324 or www.sos.state.al.us. The “Application for Registration” showing application has been made must be submitted with the proposal.

KK. Choice of Law

The construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this contract shall be governed by the substantive contract law of the State of Alabama without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. In the event any provision of this contract is unenforceable as a matter of law, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.

LL. AMMIS Interface Standards

Contractor hereby certifies that any exchange of MMIS data with the Agency’s fiscal agent will be accomplished by following the AMMIS Interface Standards Document, which will be posted on the Medicaid website.

Appendix A: Proposal Compliance Checklist

NOTICE TO VENDOR:

It is highly encouraged that the following checklist be used to verify completeness of Proposal content. It is not required to submit this checklist with your proposal.

Vendor Name _____

Project Director _____

Review Date _____

*Proposals for which **ALL** applicable items are marked by the Project Director are determined to be compliant for responsive proposals.*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF CORRECT	BASIC PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Vendor’s original proposal received on time at correct location.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Vendor submitted the specified copies of proposal and in electronic format.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. The Proposal includes a completed and signed RFP Cover Sheet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. The Proposal is a complete and independent document, with no references to external documents or resources.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Vendor submitted signed acknowledgement of any and all addenda to RFP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. The Proposal includes written confirmation that the Vendor understands and shall comply with all of the provisions of the RFP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. The Proposal includes required client references (with all identifying information in specified format and order).
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. The Proposal includes a corporate background.
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. The Proposal includes a detailed description of the plan to design, implement, monitor, and address special situations related to the 2023-PHE-01 program as outlined in the request for proposal regarding each element listed in the scope of work.
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. The response includes (if applicable) an Application of Registration or letter/form showing the application has been made with the Secretary of State.
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. The response includes an E-Verify MOU with the Department of Homeland Security.

Appendix B: Contract and Attachments

The following are the documents that must be signed **AFTER** contract award and prior to the meeting of the Legislative Contract Oversight Committee Meeting.

Sample Contract

Attachment A: Contract Review Report for Submission to Oversight Committee

Attachment B: Business Associate Addendum

Attachment C: Immigration Status

Attachment D: Instructions for Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

Attachment E: Letter Regarding Reporting to Ethics Commission

Attachment F: Disclosure Statement

Attachment G: Beason-Hammon Certificate of Compliance

Contract Number #####

CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY
AND
Contractor's Name

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Alabama Medicaid Agency, an Agency of the State of Alabama, and Contractor's Name, Contractor, agree as follows:

Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, and materials and perform all of the work required under the Enter Request for Proposal or Invitation to Bid (Enter Acronym for Contract Type) Number Enter RFP , dated Enter date of RFP strictly in accordance with the requirements thereof and Contractor's response thereto.

Contractor shall be compensated for performance under this contract in accordance with the provisions of the Enter Acronym for Contract Type and the price provided on the Enter Acronym for Contract Type Cover Sheet response, in an amount not to exceed Enter Not to Exceed Amount.

Contractor and the Alabama Medicaid Agency agree that the initial term of the contract is Enter Begin Date to Enter End Date.

This contract specifically incorporates by reference the Enter Acronym for Contract Type, any attachments and amendments thereto, and Contractor's response.

In the event of any dispute between the parties, senior officials of both parties shall meet and engage in a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute. Should that effort fail and the dispute involves the payment of money, a party's sole remedy is the filing of a claim with the Board of Adjustment of the State of Alabama.

For any and all other disputes arising under the terms of this contract which are not resolved by negotiation, the parties agree to utilize appropriate forms of non-binding alternative dispute resolution including, but not limited to, mediation. Such dispute resolution shall occur in Montgomery, Alabama, utilizing where appropriate, mediators selected from the roster of mediators maintained by the Center for Dispute Resolution of the Alabama State Bar.

All services rendered by Contractor shall be as an independent contractor and not as an employee (merit or otherwise) of the State of Alabama, and Contractor shall not be entitled to or receive Merit System benefits.

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the state of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

In compliance with Act 2016-312, the contractor hereby certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in termination of the agreement or subcontract.

CONTRACTOR NAME

Alabama Medicaid Agency

This contract has been reviewed for and is approved as to content.

Contractor Signature

Stephanie McGee Azar
Commissioner

Tax ID: _____

Date signed: _____

Date signed: _____

APPROVED:

This contract has been reviewed for legal form and complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Alabama governing these matters.

Kay Ivey
Governor, State of Alabama

Legal Counsel

Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee
Alabama State House --- Montgomery, Alabama 36130

CONTRACT REVIEW REPORT

(Separate review report required for each contract)

Name of State Agency: _____

Name of Contractor: _____

Contractor's Physical Street Address (No P.O. Box Accepted) _____ City _____ ST _____

Is Contractor a Sole Source? YES _____ NO (IF YES, ATTACH LETTER)
 Is Contractor organized as an Alabama Entity in Alabama? YES _____ NO _____
 Is Contractor a minority and/or woman-owned business? YES _____ NO _____
 If so, is Contractor certified as such by the State of Alabama? YES _____ NO _____
 Check all that apply: ALDOT _____ ADECA _____ OTHER (Name) _____
 Is Contractor Registered with Alabama Secretary of State to do business as a Corporation in Alabama? YES _____ NO _____
IF LLC, GIVE NAMES OF MEMBERS: _____
 Is Act 2001-955 Disclosure Form Included with this Contract? YES NO _____
 Does Contractor have current member of Legislature or family member of Legislator employed? YES _____ NO _____
 Was a lobbyist/consultant used to secure this Contract OR affiliated with this Contractor? YES _____ NO _____
IF YES, GIVE NAME: _____

Contract Number: C _____ (See Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual, Page 5-8)

Contract/Amendment Total: \$ _____ **(PUT AMOUNT YOU ARE ASKING FOR TODAY ONLY)**

% State Funds: _____ % Federal Funds: _____ % Other Funds: _____ **

**Please Specify Source of Other Funds (Fees, Grants, etc.) _____

Date Contract Effective: _____ Date Contract Ends: _____

Type Contract: NEW: _____ RENEWAL: _____ AMENDMENT: _____
 If Renewal, was it originally Bid? YES _____ NO _____

If AMENDMENT, Complete A through C:

[A] ORIGINAL contract amount \$ _____
 [B] Amended total prior to this amendment \$ _____
 [C] Amended total after this amendment \$ _____

Was Contract Secured through Bid Process? YES _____ NO _____ Was lowest Bid accepted? YES _____ NO _____
 Was Contract Secured through RFP Process? YES _____ NO _____ Date RFP was awarded: _____
 Posted to Statewide RFP Database at <http://rfp.alabama.gov/Login.aspx>? YES _____ NO _____
 If NO, give a brief explanation as to why not: _____

Summary of Contract Services to be Provided: _____

Why Contract Necessary AND why this service cannot be performed by merit employee: _____

I certify that the above information is correct.

 Signature of Agency Head

 Signature of Contractor

 Printed Name of Agency Head

 Printed Name of Contractor

Agency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Revised 8/2/2017

ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

Revised 06/2019

This Agreement is made effective the _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the Alabama Medicaid Agency (“Covered Entity”), an agency of the State of Alabama, and _____ (“Business Associate”) (collectively the “Parties”).

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Business Associate agrees to perform the following services for or on behalf of Covered Entity: [Enter a description below of the service(s) to be provided with sufficient detail to ensure clarity. Delete this parenthetical guidance from the document prior to execution.]
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- 1.2. The relationship between Covered Entity and Business Associate is such that the Parties believe Business Associate is or may be a “business associate” within the meaning of the HIPAA Rules (as defined below).
- 1.3. The Parties enter into this Business Associate Agreement with the intention of complying with the HIPAA Rules allowing a covered entity to disclose protected health information to a business associate, and allowing a business associate to create or receive protected health information on its behalf, if the covered entity obtains satisfactory assurances that the business associate will appropriately safeguard the information.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 General Definitions

The following terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules: Breach, Data Aggregation, Designated Record Set, Disclosure, Electronic Protected Health Information, Health Care Operations, Individual, Minimum Necessary, Notice of Privacy Practices, Protected Health Information, Required By Law, Secretary, Security Incident, Subcontractor, Unsecured Protected Health Information, and Use.

2.2 Specific Definitions

2.2.1 Business Associate. “Business Associate” shall generally have the same meaning as the term “business associate” at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103

2.2.2 Covered Entity. “Covered Entity” shall generally have the same meaning as the term “covered entity” at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

2.2.3 HIPAA Rules. “HIPAA Rules” shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and Part 164 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009, and the implementing regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

3. OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

Business Associate agrees to the following:

- 3.1 Use or disclose PHI only as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required by Law.
- 3.2 Use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. Further, Business Associate will implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards (including

written policies and procedures) that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity as required by Subpart C of 45 C.F.R. Part 164.

- 3.3** Mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- 3.4** Report to Covered Entity within five (5) business days any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware.
- 3.5** Ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the Business Associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the Business Associate with respect to such information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and § 164.308(b)(2), if applicable.
- 3.6** Provide Covered Entity with access to PHI within thirty (30) business days of a written request from Covered Entity, in order to allow Covered Entity to meet its requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524, access to PHI maintained by Business Associate in a Designated Record Set.
- 3.7** Make amendment(s) to PHI maintained by Business Associate in a Designated Record Set that Covered Entity directs or agrees to, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526 at the written request of Covered Entity, within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving the request.
- 3.8** Make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures and PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity, available to Covered Entity or to the Secretary within five (5) business days after receipt of written notice or as designated by the Secretary for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.
- 3.9** Maintain and make available the information required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI as necessary to satisfy the Covered Entity's obligations under 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.
- 3.10** Provide to the Covered Entity, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, the information required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual or an authorized representative for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.
- 3.11** Maintain a comprehensive security program appropriate to the size and complexity of the Business Associate's operations and the nature and scope of its activities as defined in the Security Rule.
- 3.12** Notify the Covered Entity within five (5) business days following the discovery of a breach of unsecured PHI on the part of the Contractor or any of its sub-contractors, and
 - 3.12.1** Provide the Covered Entity the following information:
 - 3.12.1(a)** The number of recipient records involved in the breach.
 - 3.12.1(b)** A description of what happened, including the date of the breach and the date of the discovery of the breach if known.
 - 3.12.1(c)** A description of the types of unsecure protected health information that were involved in the breach (such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other type information were involved).
 - 3.12.1(d)** Any steps the individuals should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the breach.
 - 3.12.1(e)** A description of what the Business Associate is doing to investigate the breach, to mitigate harm to individuals and to protect against any further breaches.
 - 3.12.1(f)** Contact procedures for individuals to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include the Business Associate's toll-free number, email address, Web site, or postal address.
 - 3.12.1(g)** A proposed media release developed by the Business Associate.

- 3.12.2 Work with Covered Entity to ensure the necessary notices are provided to the recipient, prominent media outlet, or to report the breach to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as required by 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart D.;
- 3.12.3 Pay the costs of the notification for breaches that occur as a result of any act or failure to act on the part of any employee, officer, or agent of the Business Associate;
- 3.12.4 Co-ordinate with the Covered Entity in determining additional specific actions that will be required of the Business Associate for mitigation of the breach.

4. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES

Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may

- 4.1.** Use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as agreed to, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 if done by Covered Entity;
- 4.2.** Use PHI for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
- 4.3.** Disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate, provided that:
 - 4.3.1 Disclosures are Required by Law; or
 - 4.3.2 Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
- 4.4** Use PHI to provide data aggregation services to Covered Entity as permitted by 42 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).

5. REPORTING IMPROPER USE OR DISCLOSURE

The Business Associate shall report to the Covered Entity within five (5) business days from the date the Business Associate becomes aware of:

- 5.1** Any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this agreement
- 5.2** Any Security Incident and/or breach of unsecured PHI

6. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY

The Covered Entity agrees to the following:

- 6.1** Notify the Business Associate of any limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- 6.2** Notify the Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect the Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- 6.3** Notify the Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect the Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

- 6.4 Not request Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity.
- 6.5 Provide Business Associate with only that PHI which is minimally necessary for Business Associate to provide the services to which this agreement pertains.

7. TERM AND TERMINATION

7.1 Term. The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the effective date stated above and shall terminate when the Business Associate no longer provides agreed upon services to the Covered Entity.

7.2 Termination for Cause. Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity may, at its option:

- 7.2.1 Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation, and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity;
- 7.2.2 Immediately terminate this Agreement; or
- 7.2.3 If neither termination nor cure is feasible, report the violation to the Secretary as provided in the Privacy Rule.

7.3 Effect of Termination.

7.3.1 Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the PHI.

7.3.2 In the event that Business Associate determines that the PHI is needed for its own management and administration or to carry out legal responsibilities, and returning or destroying the PHI is not feasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make return or destruction not feasible. Business Associate shall:

- 7.3.2(a) Retain only that PHI which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities;
- 7.3.2(b) Return to Covered Entity or, if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy the remaining PHI that the Business Associate still maintains in any form;
- 7.3.2(c) Continue to use appropriate safeguards and comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information to prevent use or disclosure of the protected health information, other than as provided for in this Section, for as long as Business Associate retains the PHI;
- 7.3.2(d) Not use or disclose the PHI retained by Business Associate other than for the purposes for which such PHI was retained and subject to the same conditions set out at Section 4, "Permitted Uses and Disclosures" which applied prior to termination; and
- 7.3.2(e) Return to Covered Entity or, if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy the PHI retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

7.4 Survival

The obligations of Business Associate under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 8.1 Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with the HIPAA Rules.
- 8.2 A breach of this Agreement by Business Associate shall be considered sufficient basis for Covered Entity to terminate the services of the Business Associate.

8.3 The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Covered Entity and Business Associate have executed this Agreement effective on the date as stated above

ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

Signature

Date

Clay Gaddis

Printed Name

Privacy Officer

Title

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

IMMIGRATION STATUS

I hereby attest that all workers on this project are either citizens of the United States or are in a proper and legal immigration status that authorizes them to be employed for pay within the United States.

Signature of Contractor

Witness

**Instructions for Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension,
Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion**

(Derived from Appendix B to 45 CFR Part 76--Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions)

1. By signing and submitting this contract, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out therein.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this contract was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Alabama Medicaid Agency (the Agency) may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the Agency if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, and voluntarily excluded, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this contract is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this contract that, should the contract be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this contract that it will include this certification clause without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Agency may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.



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Governor

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STEPHANIE MCGEE AZAR
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reporting to Ethics Commission by Persons Related to Agency Employees

Section 36-25-16(b) Code of Alabama (1975) provides that anyone who enters into a contract with a state agency for the sale of goods or services exceeding \$7500 shall report to the State Ethics Commission the names of any adult child, parent, spouse, brother or sister employed by the agency.

Please review your situation for applicability of this statute. The address of the Alabama Ethics Commission is:

100 North Union Street
RSA Union Bldg.
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

A copy of the statute is reproduced below for your information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Agency Office of General Counsel, at 242-5741.

Section 36-25-16. Reports by persons who are related to public officials or public employees and who represent persons before regulatory body or contract with state.

- (a) When any citizen of the state or business with which he or she is associated represents for a fee any person before a regulatory body of the executive branch, he or she shall report to the commission the name of any adult child, parent, spouse, brother, or sister who is a public official or a public employee of that regulatory body of the executive branch.
- (b) When any citizen of the State or business with which the person is associated enters into a contract for the sale of goods or services to the State of Alabama or any of its agencies or any county or municipality and any of their respective agencies in amounts exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500) he or she shall report to the commission the names of any adult child, parent, spouse, brother, or sister who is a public official or public employee of the agency or department with whom the contract is made.
- (c) This section shall not apply to any contract for the sale of goods or services awarded through a process of public notice and competitive bidding.
- (d) Each regulatory body of the executive branch, or any agency of the State of Alabama shall be responsible for notifying citizens affected by this chapter of the requirements of this section. (Acts 1973, No. 1056, p. 1699, §15; Acts 1975, No. 130, §1; Acts 1995, No. 95-194, p. 269, §1.)



State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

Required by Article 3B of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD

Alabama Medicaid Agency

ADDRESS

501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(334) 242-5833

This form is provided with:

Contract

Proposal

Request for Proposal

Invitation to Bid

Grant

Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes

No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES

AMOUNT RECEIVED

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

Yes

No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

DATE GRANT AWARDED

AMOUNT OF GRANT

- List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE
DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

ADDRESS

STATE

2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYED	ADDRESS	NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE
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If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST	ADDRESS
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By signing below, I certify under oath and penalty of perjury that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a civil penalty of ten percent (10%) of the Amount of the transaction, not to exceed \$10,000.00, is applied for knowingly providing incorrect or misleading information.

Signature

Date

Notary's Signature

Date

Date Notary Expires

Article 3B of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 requires the disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.

State of _____)

County of _____)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (ACT 2011-535, as amended by Act 2012-491)

DATE: _____

RE Contract/Grant/Incentive (describe by number or subject): Enter brief contract description by and between Enter Contractor Name (Contractor/Grantee) and Alabama Medicaid Agency (State Agency or Department or other Public Entity)

The undersigned hereby certifies to the State of Alabama as follows:

1. The undersigned holds the position of _____ with the Contractor/Grantee named above, and is authorized to provide representations set out in this Certificate as the official and binding act of that entity, and has knowledge of the provisions of THE BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (ACT 2011-535 of the Alabama Legislature, as amended by Act 2012-491) which is described herein as "the Act".
2. Using the following definitions from Section 3 of the Act, select and initial either (a) or (b), below, to describe the Contractor/Grantee's business structure.

BUSINESS ENTITY. Any person or group of persons employing one or more persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood, whether for profit or not for profit. "Business entity" shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. Self-employed individuals, business entities filing articles of incorporation, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, foreign corporations, foreign limited partnerships, foreign limited liability companies authorized to transact business in this state, business trusts, and any business entity that registers with the Secretary of State.
- b. Any business entity that possesses a business license, permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business license, and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without a business license.

EMPLOYER. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, joint stock association, agent, manager, representative, foreman, or other person having control or custody of any employment, place of employment, or of any employee, including any person or entity employing any person for hire within the State of Alabama, including a public employer. This term shall not include the occupant of a household contracting with another person to perform casual domestic labor within the household.

_____(a) The Contractor/Grantee is a business entity or employer as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Act.

_____(b) The Contractor/Grantee is not a business entity or employer as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Act.

3. As of the date of this Certificate, Contractor/Grantee does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama and hereafter it will not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama;
4. Contractor/Grantee is enrolled in E-Verify unless it is not eligible to enroll because of the rules of that program or other factors beyond its control.

Certified this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Name of Contractor/Grantee/Recipient

By: _____

Its _____

The above Certification was signed in my presence by the person whose name appears above, on

this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

WITNESS: _____

Print Name of Witness

Appendix C: Pricing

	Months	Monthly Firm and Fixed Rate	Annual Cost (Months X Monthly Firm and Fixed Rate)
Year 1	12		
TOTAL Year Firm and Fixed Price			

The Contractor must utilize this Pricing Form to provide their Total Year Firm and Fixed Price.



State of Alabama Solicitation

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Procurement Folder 1726802	Creation Date 03/14/23	Print Date 03/17/23

Request for Proposals

CONTACTS

Contact Name	E-mail	Phone
Requestor: Info RFP	RFP@medicaid.alabama.gov	334-353-3785
Issuer: Info RFP	RFP@medicaid.alabama.gov	334-353-3785
Buyer: Info RFP	RFP@medicaid.alabama.gov	334-353-3785

Bids will be accepted from: 03/20/23
to: 04/18/23

All Inquiries for Information Regarding Bid Submission Requirements or Procurement Procedures Should be Directed To The Buyer Contact Listed Above.

COMMODITY INFORMATION

Group: 1	Line: 1	Line Type: Service
Commodity Code: PRF09		Quantity:
Commodity Description: DATA PROCESSING, COMPUTER,		Unit:
Extended Description:		
DATA PROCESSING, COMPUTER, PROGRAMMING, AND SOFTWARE SERVICE		

SHIPPING AND BILLING

Shipping	Billing
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Delivery Date:	Delivery Type:

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8. LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT REVIEW - Personal and professional services contracts with the State may be subject to review by the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee in accordance with Section 29-2-40, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975. The vendor is required to be knowledgeable of the provisions of that statute and the rules of the committee. These rules can be found at <http://www.legislature.state.al.us/aliswww/AlaLegJointIntCommContracReview.aspx>. If a

contract resulting from this RFP is to be submitted for review the service provider must provide the forms and documentation required for that process.

9. THE FINAL TERMS OF THE ENGAGEMENT - Issuance of this Request For Proposals in no way constitutes a commitment by the Soliciting Party to award a contract. The final terms of engagement for the service provider will be set out in a contract which will be effective upon its acceptance by the Soliciting Party as evidenced by the signature thereon of its authorized representative. Provisions of this Request For Proposals and the accepted Proposal may be incorporated into the terms of the engagement should the Issuer so dictate. Notice is hereby given that there are certain terms standard to commercial contracts in private sector use which the State is prevented by law or policy from accepting, including indemnification and holding harmless a party to a contract or third parties, consent to choice of law and venue other than the State of Alabama, methods of dispute resolution other than negotiation and mediation, waivers of subrogation and other rights against third parties, agreement to pay attorney's fees and expenses of litigation, and some provisions limiting damages payable by a vendor, including those limiting damages to the cost of goods or services.

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E- VERIFY ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION. As required by Section 31-13-9(b), Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Contractor that is a "business entity" or "employer" as defined in Code Section 31-13-3, will enroll in the E-Verify Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security, will provide a copy of its Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security that program and will use that program for the duration of this contract.

CONTRACT PROVISION MANDATED BY SECTION 31-13-9(k):

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http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/2.0_newsroom/2.4_Procurement.aspx.

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PHERFP@medicaid.alabama.gov

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7. DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - A Proposal must include one original Disclosure Statement as required by Code Section 41-16-82, et seq., *Code of Alabama 1975*. Copies of the Disclosure Statement, and information, may be downloaded from the State of Alabama Attorney General’s web site at <https://www.alabamaag.gov/Documents/files/File-AL-Vendor-Disclosure-Statement.pdf> and <https://www.alabamaag.gov/Documents/files/Vendor-Disclosure-Instructions.pdf>.

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8. LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT REVIEW - Personal and professional services contracts with the State may be subject to review by the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee in accordance with Section 29-2-40, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975. The vendor is required to be knowledgeable of the provisions of that statute and the rules of the committee. These rules can be found at <http://www.legislature.state.al.us/aliswww/AlaLegJointIntCommContracReview.aspx>. If a

contract resulting from this RFP is to be submitted for review the service provider must provide the forms and documentation required for that process.

9. THE FINAL TERMS OF THE ENGAGEMENT - Issuance of this Request For Proposals in no way constitutes a commitment by the Soliciting Party to award a contract. The final terms of engagement for the service provider will be set out in a contract which will be effective upon its acceptance by the Soliciting Party as evidenced by the signature thereon of its authorized representative. Provisions of this Request For Proposals and the accepted Proposal may be incorporated into the terms of the engagement should the Issuer so dictate. Notice is hereby given that there are certain terms standard to commercial contracts in private sector use which the State is prevented by law or policy from accepting, including indemnification and holding harmless a party to a contract or third parties, consent to choice of law and venue other than the State of Alabama, methods of dispute resolution other than negotiation and mediation, waivers of subrogation and other rights against third parties, agreement to pay attorney's fees and expenses of litigation, and some provisions limiting damages payable by a vendor, including those limiting damages to the cost of goods or services.

10. BEASON-HAMMON ACT COMPLIANCE. A contract resulting from this RFP will include provisions for compliance with certain requirements of the *Beason-Hammon Alabama taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act* (Act 2011-535, as amended by Act 2012-491 and codified as Sections 31-13-1 through 35, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended), as follows:

E- VERIFY ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION. As required by Section 31-13-9(b), Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Contractor that is a "business entity" or "employer" as defined in Code Section 31-13-3, will enroll in the E-Verify Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security, will provide a copy of its Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security that program and will use that program for the duration of this contract.

CONTRACT PROVISION MANDATED BY SECTION 31-13-9(k):

By signing this contract, the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama. Furthermore, a contracting party found to be in violation of this provision shall be deemed in breach of the agreement and shall be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom.

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http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/2.0_newsroom/2.4_Procurement.aspx.

All questions concerning this RFP must be directed to:

PHERFP@medicaid.alabama.gov

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Question ID:	1
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Please confirm the state only wants a vendor to support PHE unwinding activities for the 2,400 District Office certified ABD individuals and the 19,500 SSI certified individuals no longer eligible for SSI and have not yet been determined eligible for an ABD Medicaid program.
Section Number:	SOW Section I Background
RFP Page Number:	16
Agency Answer:	The state wants a vendor to assist with those populations. However, some individuals may not meet the criteria for any of the ABD programs and would need to be referred to other programs administered by the state such as MAGI and Medicare Saving related programs.
Question ID:	2
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Does Alabama have Medicaid eligibility time study data that can be provided to help create an accurate staffing and cost estimate? If so, will Alabama please make this available.
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	3
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Will Alabama provide laptops and headsets for the winning bidder's staff?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No

Question ID:	4
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Is Alabama providing call center infrastructure to support the work under this RFP?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state provides a call center infrastructure that supports all Medicaid populations.
Question ID:	5
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Will Alabama provide the vendor access to existing systems used to determine Medicaid ABD eligibility?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No, vendor will be provided data from the system available.
Question ID:	6
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Will Alabama provide existing training materials, job aids, and other process documentation related to Medicaid ABD eligibility determination?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	7
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Will Alabama provide ongoing training to the vendor's staff, or will the state use a train the trainer approach? For example, the AL trainer would train the vendor trainer and then the vendor trainer would train the eligibility specialists.
Section Number:	SOW Section II Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	Yes

Question ID:	8
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Please clarify if the vendor will be responsible for all inbound Medicaid calls or just those from the 2,400 District Office certified ABD individuals and the 19,500 SSI certified individuals identified, "Vendor will provide staffing and infrastructure to provide recipients support through inbound calls for initial Medicaid Recipients, general information, and basic issue resolution for recipients."
Section Number:	SOW Section II Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	The vendor will only be responsible for providing outreach to those individuals identified by the state in relation to securing needed applications and verifications to determine possible eligibility for ABD programs.
Question ID:	9
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Please confirm Alabama is expecting the vendor team to perform in scope services remotely.
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes, if a vendor chooses to perform services remotely.
Question ID:	10
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Are services being provided in a setting where a level of care determination would need to be made? If so, what percent of applicants do you estimate would require the level of care determination?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Vendor will not be responsible for level of care determinations.

Question ID:	11
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	Does the state have the ability to perform redeterminations in an automated fashion via existing systems or is this a manual process?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The vendor will perform manual processes to make recommendations to the state.
Question ID:	12
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	“Provide a detailed description of the process to ensure initial applications and redeterminations are reviewed and acted upon timely.” Please confirm the vendor will be required to make recommendations on initial eligibility applications, and if so, please provide the average number of initial applications received monthly.
Section Number:	SOW Section II Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	Yes, the vendor will be required to make recommendations to the state. The number will be based on the ability of the vendor to secure needed applications and verifications to make the recommendations.
Question ID:	13
Date Question Asked:	3/27/2023
Question:	There is a reference to a Project Manager and an Agent Liaison, are these intended to be the same person, or two different roles required roles the vendor should provide?
Section Number:	SOW Section II Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	They are not intended to be the same person, but it could be based on the vendor’s structure.

Question ID:	14
Date Question Asked:	3/28/2023
Question:	Due to the specific PHE scope, are ACRO vendors, supporting Medicaid, eligible to bid on this Unwinding procurement?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	ACRO vendors are not specifically excluded provided there are no conflicts of interest.
Question ID:	15
Date Question Asked:	3/28/2023
Question:	Are you looking for a vendor to support only the redeterminations of ABD populations or all persons enrolled in Alabama Medicaid?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state wants a vendor to assist with determination recommendations for the 2,400 District Office certified ABD individuals and the 19,500 SSI certified individuals no longer eligible for SSI and have not yet been determined eligible for an ABD Medicaid program. However, some individuals may not meet the criteria for any of the ABD programs and would need to be referred to other programs administered by the state such as MAGI and Medicare Saving related programs.
Question ID:	16
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How many Medicaid recipients will be impacted by the redetermination?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	All Medicaid recipients will be reviewed during the Unwinding period. However, this procurement is for a specific subset of the District Office certified ABD individuals and the SSI certified individuals no longer eligible for SSI and have not yet been determined eligible for an ABD Medicaid program.

Question ID:	17
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What are the anticipated call volumes by day/week/month?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The call center volume for the total Medicaid population of over one million was 44,718 for March 2023. The total call center volume is not meant to be used as an extrapolation for calls for the identified populations specified in the procurement, but rather is being provided to give the vendor a general idea of call volumes.
Question ID:	18
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Are both inbound and outbound calling within scope?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	19
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What is the approximate volume of inbound versus outbound calls?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The majority will be outbound during the outreach phase and the inbound will be primarily in the development of the application/renewal. The call center volume for the total Medicaid population of over one million was 44,718 for March 2023. The total call center volume is not meant to be used as an extrapolation for calls for the identified populations specified in the procurement, but rather is being provided to give the vendor a general idea of call volumes..
Question ID:	20
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What is the anticipated average handle time per call?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The handle time will depend on the nature of the call. However, an average ABD application may take up to 30 minutes to complete the initial interview and discuss needed verifications. Follow up with the applicant may take up to an additional 30 minutes.

Question ID:	21
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Does the vendor need to support any language besides English? If yes, please provide the percentage of calls/apps for each language.
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Non-English speaking population's applications will be administered by the state.
Question ID:	22
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How long is agent training?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The initial onboarding is expected to last 3-5 days with ongoing training support provided throughout.
Question ID:	23
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Who provides agent training?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state.
Question ID:	24
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Please confirm, remote agents are acceptable.
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	25
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What systems will the vendor provide?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The vendor will provide any needed systems to perform the scope of work in compliance with all state and federal regulations.

Question ID:	26
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What systems does Medicaid provide? How are those system accessed by vendor staff?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state will not provide systems to the vendor.
Question ID:	27
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How are applications accepted (e.g. email fax, web portal, USPS, etc.)?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The vendor will receive fax, email and USPS mail.
Question ID:	28
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How long (in hours), including outreach to applicants, does an average review take?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	An average ABD application may take up to 30 minutes to complete the initial interview and discuss needed verifications. Follow up with the applicant may take up to an additional 30 minutes.
Question ID:	29
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What is the anticipated agent count required to complete the SOW?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The vendor would need to provide sufficient numbers of agents to fulfill the SOW based on the vendor's plan to complete the SOW.

Question ID:	30
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	If volumes and handle times are not known, it is difficult to calculate a fixed price. Would you consider an alternative pricing model based on hourly rates?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	31
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How many calls per month should vendors plan for?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	Inbound call volume for the total Medicaid population was 44,718 for March 2023. The total call center volume is not meant to be used as an extrapolation for calls for the identified populations specified in the procurement, but rather is being provided to give the vendor a general idea of call volumes.
Question ID:	32
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What is the current average handle time for calls?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	An average ABD application may take up to 30 minutes to complete the initial interview and discuss needed verifications. Follow up with the applicant may take up to an additional 30 minutes.
Question ID:	33
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How many outreach calls per member is the vendor expected to perform?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	The outreach calls per member depends on the number of agents performing outreach to the identified population.

Question ID:	34
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the documenting and reporting happen in a state system or a vendor-supplied system?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	The vendor will provide the recommendation to the state and the state will enter information into the state system.
Question ID:	35
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What is the volume of applications and redeterminations the vendor is expected to review?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	The state wants a vendor to assist with determination recommendations for the 2,400 District Office certified ABD individuals and the 19,500 SSI certified individuals no longer eligible for SSI and have not yet been determined eligible for an ABD Medicaid program
Question ID:	36
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How many hearings does the State anticipate?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work, Key Personnel
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	The vendor will not be responsible for participating in hearings.
Question ID:	37
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the hearings be in person or virtual?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work, Key Personnel
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	The vendor will not be responsible for participating in hearings.
Question ID:	38
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What is the estimated volume for initial applications?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	It depends on the successful outreach efforts.

Question ID:	39
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How often will the State provide the vendor an outreach file? Does the vendor need to prioritize outreach (such as by renewal date)?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state will provide the priority of the cases.
Question ID:	40
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What percentage of this population does the State estimate to be unreachable? Please describe the process the State would like the vendor to follow if a member is not reachable.
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state will provide the vendor processes if the member is determined to be unreachable.
Question ID:	41
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the State allow the vendor to use text messages for outreach attempts?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	42
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	When mail is used for outreach, are letters generated out of an existing state eligibility/enrollment system, or will letters be generated out of the vendor's system? Is the vendor or State responsible for printing and mailing letters?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Vendor costs associated with printing and mailing to the identified populations should be tracked and reported to the state by the winning vendor.

Question ID:	43
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How many hours of training in total? Is training virtual or in-person?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The initial onboarding is expected to last 3-5 days with ongoing training support provided throughout and is expected to be virtual.
Question ID:	44
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Is the Project Manager and Agent Liaison the same role? If they are not the same role, please provide more information about the Agent Liaison's responsibilities.
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	They are not intended to be the same person, but it could be based on the vendor's structure.
Question ID:	45
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Is there any ability to leverage existing state training/processes for users performing eligibility determination?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	46
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Are there staffing requirements for personnel performing the eligibility determination function?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No

Question ID:	47
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Are forms or letters required in any language other than English?
Section Number:	II. Scope of Work
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	48
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Can Medicaid verify that 19,500 individuals are the scope of this contract, or should vendors anticipate more individuals being added? If more will be added, what is the total number we should anticipate?
Section Number:	I.
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	Yes, in addition to the ABD District Office certified individuals identified.
Question ID:	49
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Can Medicaid clarify that the Agent Liaison is a responsibility for the Project Manager, and not a separate position? If the Agent Liaison is a separate position, can Medicaid clarify the position responsibilities and whether or not the position is key personnel?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	They are not intended to be the same person, but it could be based on the vendor's structure.
Question ID:	50
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Can Medicaid clarify the "Plan to submit questions to the Agency"?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	The state will provide the plan to submit questions to the state from the winning vendor.

Question ID:	51
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will Medicaid consider a highly qualified PM with significant relevant experience in lieu of an undergraduate degree?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	9
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	52
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Some of our most experienced personnel have obligations that occasionally require travel throughout the United States, while still being available during normal Central Time business hours. Can Medicaid clarify all personnel that work off-site, remote, or work from home must be physically located in the United States, not limited to the continental United States?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	9
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	53
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Our company provides support throughout the United States and draws on the best expertise available. Can Medicaid clarify all personnel working on the program must be physically located in the United States, not just the continental United States?
Section Number:	V.a
RFP Page Number:	11
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	54
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Can Medicaid clarify the resumes required other than the key personnel (Project Manager)?
Section Number:	V.b.4
RFP Page Number:	11
Agency Answer:	No

Question ID:	55
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	To encourage concise responses and level-set the competition across all vendors, will Medicaid consider limiting the total length of proposals?
Section Number:	VI.N
RFP Page Number:	14
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	56
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	There are several "unknowns" that presently prevent us from optimal response to this RFP. Will the Agency grant a two-week extension to allow more time for responses to questions to be thoroughly considered and incorporated in vendor proposals?
Section Number:	B
RFP Page Number:	3
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	57
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Could the Agency please share the allocated budget for this Scope of Service?
Section Number:	III.
RFP Page Number:	10
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	58
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Due to the potential variability of the needs of this scope of services and the potential fluctuation in staffing and implementation necessary to best achieve the Agency's goals, would the Agency consider alternative pricing, such as Time and Materials based pricing?
Section Number:	III
RFP Page Number:	10
Agency Answer:	No

Question ID:	59
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states “Payments are dependent upon successful completion and acceptance of described work and delivery of required documentation.” Can you please describe in more detail what the required documentation would consist of?”
Section Number:	EE
RFP Page Number:	23
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	60
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states “Secure documentation and verifications needed to determined Medicaid eligibility”. Can you please describe in more detail what documentation and verifications would be secured by the vendor?”
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	61
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states “There are currently 19.500 previously SSI certified individuals that are designated as PHE extension that have not been determined to be eligible for an ABD program the Medicaid DOs administer.” Is this the total number of individuals to be redetermined over the term of the contract?
Section Number:	I
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	The state is requesting assistance with the previously SSI certified individuals in addition to the ABD District Office certified individuals identified by the state.

Question ID:	62
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states “There are currently 19,500 previously SSI certified individuals that are designated as PHE extension that have not been determined to be eligible for an ABD program the Medicaid DOs administer.” Will the volume of redeterminations be a fixed monthly volume over the duration of the contract? If not, can the Agency give the volumetric expectations?
Section Number:	I.
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	The state is unable to provide a monthly volume to the vendor at this time, however the state will provide the winning vendor monthly volumes.
Question ID:	63
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states “Secure documentation and verifications needed to determine Medicaid eligibility”. Will the vendor be expected to supply a CRM in support of these requirements?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	64
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Is it accurate that the scope of work is to provide staff and related resources to conduct Medicaid eligibility determinations for the 19,500 individuals currently designated as PHE Extension and conduct Medicaid eligibility redeterminations for the 2,400 DO certified ABD individuals?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes

Question ID:	65
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the eligibility determinations for the 19,500 PHE Extension individuals follow the same timeline as the overall Medicaid redetermination schedule, with applications being processed to align with their original month of SSI eligibility?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The same guidelines will be used but not necessarily aligned with the original SSI eligibility.
Question ID:	66
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The 2,400 ABD case count referenced on page 7 of the RFP appears to be a small portion of total Alabama ABD cases. Are DO staff directly responsible for all other ABD case redeterminations?
Section Number:	I.
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	67
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the 2,400 ABD redeterminations also follow a 12-month renewal cycle?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	68
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	To provide a workload reference point, how many ABD cases/individuals per month do District Office staff certify?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The District Office staff certify approximately 2,000-2,300 applications and redeterminations per month.

Question ID:	69
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Page 9 of the RFP provides requirements for the Project Manager position. What are the requirements for the Agent Liaison position noted on page 7?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	9
Agency Answer:	The RFP would contain any requirements.
Question ID:	70
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the selected vendor be required to provide equipment (laptop, keyboard, mouse, headphones) for all staff?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	71
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the selected vendor be required to provide a telephony system?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	72
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the selected vendor be required to provide any systems?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	73
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will staff be responsible for outbound calls in addition to the inbound calls?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes

Question ID:	74
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will Alabama be providing the trainings mentioned on page 8 to all staff or will the selected vendor provide the trainings listed?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	The state will provide training.
Question ID:	75
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Are there any additional training courses that the State would require prior to staff going live?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	76
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Is there an incumbent vendor currently providing eligibility support to the State?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	77
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Are staff permitted to work remotely?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	78
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Does the State plan to release any other RFPs for additional Medicaid eligibility support? If yes, will the selected vendor for this RFP be precluded from bidding on the RFP?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No

Question ID:	79
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Is the State providing disability support, translation, or sign language services or will the selected vendor be required to provide these services?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	80
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Page 8 of the RFP states, "Provide a detailed description of the process for reviewing services, using Medicaid criteria. Provide a detailed description of the process to ensure initial applications and redeterminations are reviewed and acted upon timely." Does the state have existing processes the vendor is to follow for reviewing services, initial applications and redeterminations?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	81
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Page 8 of the RFP states, "Perform and document outreach activities for the Agency to those in an ADB PHE extension. Describe expected Outreach activities for different groups under a PHE extension for SSI and DO certified (telephone, email, mail, etc.)." In what system is the vendor to document outreach activities?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	The vendor system will document activities which will be sent to the state to document the state system.

Question ID:	82
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In order to provide an accurate price, would the state please provide guidance on the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many staff is the vendor expected to provide and what are the various positions? b. What is the expected monthly volume for calls (inbound and outbound) and what are expected average handle times for both inbound and outbound calls? c. On average how long does it take to process initial applications and what is the expected monthly volume? d. On average how long does it take to process redeterminations and what is the expected monthly volume?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	<p>The vendor will need to supply a sufficient number of agents to perform outreach and enrollment related activities to support PHE unwinding activities for the 2,400 District Office certified ABD individuals and the 19,500 SSI certified individuals no longer eligible for SSI and have not yet been determined eligible for an ABD Medicaid program. The call center volume for the total Medicaid population of over one million was 44,718 for March 2023. The total call center volume is not meant to be used as an extrapolation for calls for the identified populations specified in the procurement, but rather is being provided to give the vendor a general idea of call volumes. The goal for processing to completion is 45 days for applications not needing a disability determination and up to 90 days for those needing a disability determination. The state is unable to provide a monthly volume to the vendor at this time, however the state will provide the winning vendor monthly volumes.</p>
Question ID:	83
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Are there service level agreements (SLAs) the vendor is expected to meet? If so, what are the SLAs?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No

Question ID:	84
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states that there are 1,000,000 individuals in the program. Will the Agency follow CMS guidance to unwind at 8.5% per month, or does the Agency anticipate a more aggressive timeline?
Section Number:	IV.
RFP Page Number:	General
Agency Answer:	The state does not plan a more aggressive timeline with the PHE estimated amounts.
Question ID:	85
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Can the Agency confirm that the specific population included in the scope of this RFP is the 2,400 DO certified ABD and 19,500 SSI certified individuals?
Section Number:	I.
RFP Page Number:	7
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	86
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	As the vendor is expected to handle inbound telephone calls, please provide the anticipated monthly volume of calls and anticipated call average handled time.
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	
Agency Answer:	The call center volume for the total Medicaid population of over one million was 44,718 for March, 2023..The total call center volume is not meant to be used as an extrapolation for calls for the identified populations specified in the procurement, but rather is being provided to give the vendor a general idea of call volumes in general.
Question ID:	87
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Can the Agency provide the number of redeterminations that will be produced and sent monthly to the designated recipients?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	The state is unable to provide those numbers at this time.

Question ID:	88
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states that the vendor must perform and document outreach activities for the Agency. Please provide anticipated volumes of outbound calls, outbound emails and outbound mailings.
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	The call center volume for the total Medicaid population of over one million was 44,718 for March, 2023. The total call center volume is not meant to be used as an extrapolation for calls for the identified populations specified in the procurement, but rather is being provided to give the vendor a general idea of call volumes in general.
Question ID:	89
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What will be the expected timeframe required for follow up regarding required mailouts, return phone calls when research is required, etc.
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state would anticipate timely follow up.
Question ID:	90
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP does not mention handling interactions in multiple languages. Is it the Agency's expectation that all interactions handled by the vendor are in English?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	91
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Does the Agency have required protocols for the vendor in attempting to contact members (e.g. a specified number of phone calls, mailings or other methods)?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state will provide required protocols to the winning vendor.

Question ID:	92
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	For outbound mailings, will the vendor be required to provide a mailroom to support these or will we have use of the current Agency mailing solution? Does the solution require any bulk outbound campaigns? Will the Agency design the campaigns?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The efforts will not include bulk outreach. The state will provide available modalities of outreach.
Question ID:	93
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will any outbound mail requirements be a pass through cost to the Agency and handled as incremental pricing to the pricing template?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	94
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the vendor be responsible for processing returned mail as it relates to this scope?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state will provide steps to process return mail to the winning vendor.
Question ID:	95
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP asks that the vendor provide appropriate staffing and infrastructure. Please confirm that infrastructure includes a desktop, telephone, and internet access, and that personnel would use Agency provided systems to access information (recipient and eligibility info, etc.) and track interactions
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The vendor will not have access to the state systems. The vendor will be responsible to provide any needed infrastructure to the agents.

Question ID:	96
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the vendor be expected to provide any in-person services, either at a local office, outreach events, or traveling to a customer's home?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	97
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the vendor be responsible for furnishing data to be used for the state's federal reporting requirements on unwind efforts? If so, which components?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	98
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	If the contract starts late due to contractual review, will the end date still remain May 30, 2024?
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	Yes
Question ID:	99
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	The RFP states: "Provide a detailed description of the process for reviewing services, using Medicaid criteria." Please define or clarify what is meant by "reviewing services".
Section Number:	II.
RFP Page Number:	8
Agency Answer:	The vendor will make a recommendation to the state to the beneficiary's possible eligibility.

Question ID:	100
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Please provide the total estimated population to be served. Is it possible that these services could be expanded to serve the entire population?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The services will not expand to serve the entire population. However, some individuals may not meet the criteria for any of the ABD programs and would need to be referred to other programs administered by the state such as MAGI and Medicare Saving related programs.
Question ID:	101
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Please provide the agency's desired timeline for completion of the scope of services related to this specific population (e.g. 6 months, 9 months, 12 months).
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	12 months
Question ID:	102
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What was the states average time to redetermine an ABD applicant during the last recertification period?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The goal is 45 days for cases not needing a disability determination and up to 90 days for those needing a disability determination.
Question ID:	103
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	How many new Medicaid applications does the State anticipate to receive on a monthly basis?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The state is unable to provide those numbers at this time.

Question ID:	104
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Does the State expect to renew any 1115 section waivers that are scheduled to expire during the RFP?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	This is not applicable to the procurement.
Question ID:	105
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Can the State direct potential vendors to the CMS policy and renewal plan due earlier this calendar year?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	This is not applicable to the procurement.
Question ID:	106
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Was the State able to redetermine the entire ABD population during the last full recertification process?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	This is not applicable to the procurement.
Question ID:	107
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	What is Alabama's denial rate? What are the primary reasons for denial?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The primary reason for denial is "failure to provide needed verifications".
Question ID:	108
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Please provide the agency's estimated case load per eligibility team member. (e.g. 100 cases per team member)
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	The average caseload per caseworker is 450-500.

Question ID:	109
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Are staff required to work from a specific physical location?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	110
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Regarding the request for “Names and resumes of Senior Managers and Partners in regards to this contract” are you requesting this for any staff that will work on this project above the Project Manager?
Section Number:	N/A
RFP Page Number:	N/A
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	111
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	Will the State consider adding a reasonable and customary Limitation of Liability clause appropriate for a professional services engagement under Section VIII General Terms and Conditions? Vendor proposes the following language for the State’s consideration: “Limitation of Liability. Neither party shall be liable for consequential, special, punitive, or incidental damages, or lost profits from any cause under this Agreement. Each party’s liability (whether in contract, tort, negligence, strict liability, by statute, or otherwise) to the other party or to any third party under this Agreement shall in the aggregate be limited to direct damages not to exceed the fees received by Contractor for the portion of its Services giving rise to such claim.”
Section Number:	VIII.
RFP Page Number:	17
Agency Answer:	No

Question ID:	112
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	<p>Will the State consider adding a reasonable and customary Warranty Disclaimer clause appropriate for a professional services engagement under Section VIII General Terms and Conditions? Vendor proposes the following language for the State's consideration:</p> <p>"Warranty Disclaimer. Except for the express warranties made herein, Contractor makes no other warranties concerning the services or deliverables including, but not limited to, any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose."</p>
Section Number:	VIII.
RFP Page Number:	17
Agency Answer:	No
Question ID:	113
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	<p>Will the State consider adding clarifying language to protect Contractor's ownership of its pre-existing and/or independently developed materials that may be utilized during the engagement under Section VIII General Terms and Conditions? Vendor proposes the following language for the State's consideration:</p> <p>"Contractor IP. Deliverables do not include any pre-existing and/or independently developed intellectual property, materials, ideas, know-how, processes and methodologies of the Contractor ("Contractor IP"), and such Contractor IP and any developments, modifications, improvements, or enhancements of Contractor IP will remain the property of Contractor."</p>
Section Number:	VIII.
RFP Page Number:	17
Agency Answer:	The agency does not intend to keep a vendor's intellectual property. However, a vendor should identify in its proposal what the vendor considers or identifies as the vendor's intellectual property

Question ID:	114
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	<p>Will the State consider adding language to Section VIII General Terms and Conditions to specify an acceptance period for the performance of the services under this engagement? Vendor proposes the following language for the State's consideration:</p> <p>"Acceptance Period. The State may review, inspect and, if applicable, test any Services provided by Contractor for ten (10) days following Contractor's delivery of such Services ("Acceptance Period"). The State may notify Contractor in writing of its acceptance or rejection of such Services within the Acceptance Period. Any Services are deemed automatically accepted if: (a) the State deploys the Services for operational use; or (b) the State has not rejected the Services in writing by the end of the Acceptance Period."</p>
Section Number:	VIII.
RFP Page Number:	17
Agency Answer:	This request is not necessary.
Question ID:	115
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	<p>Item #1 references "insurance requirements" but the RFP does not contain any specific insurance requirements. Will State provide the list of insurance requirements for Vendor's review prior to proposal submission?</p>
Section Number:	Section A RFP Checklist
RFP Page Number:	2
Agency Answer:	This is not applicable to this procurement.
Question ID:	116
Date Question Asked:	3/29/2023
Question:	<p>Item #1 references "contract performance security" but the RFP does not contain any specific contract performance security requirements. Will State require Contractor obtain performance bonds or other types of security for this engagement?</p>
Section Number:	Section A RFP Checklist
RFP Page Number:	2
Agency Answer:	This is not applicable to this procurement.