

New York State Department of Health
Cost Study and Operation of Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Reimbursement Methodology for the Preschool/School Supportive Health
Services Program (SSHSP) RFP# 20012
Questions and Answers
August 20, 2019

Question	Subject	Bidder's Question	Answer
1	Section 3.1, Page 9	The Minimum Qualifications in section 3.1 states, "Experience must include implementation of a CPE reimbursement model in school-based programs in at least three (3) other states," and the References requirements in section 6.1.H states "Provide references from three state agencies where a CPE Reimbursement Model in a school-based program was either maintained or implemented in the last 10 years." Based on this, will the State agency consider proposals from vendors that have managed Medicaid reimbursement programs administered under a CPE model for individual school districts in multiple states or must the proposer have implemented a CPE model at the state-level?	No, the bidder must meet all minimum qualifications in Section 3.1.
2	Section 4.1.1, Page 7	Section 4.1.1. indicates that the selected contractor should implement the RMTS within four months of the contract start date or contract approval date (whichever is later). Based on the anticipated award date of February 1, 2020, the first RMTS under this contract would not begin until March 2020 at the earliest. Can DOH clarify what quarters of the 19-20 school year it intends to have the selected vendor administer the RMTS?	The selected contractor will not perform RMTS on SY 19/20. Please see Amendment 1.
3	Section 4.1.1, Page 7	The RFP references State Plan Amendments #11-39A, #11-39B, #11-39C, #11-39D, #17-27, and #17-28. Can the State confirm its intent to operate an RMTS that includes all participating school districts, inclusive of New York City?	Yes, this is correct.
4	Section 4.1.1, Page 8	<p>Are there any planned changes in the near future to the Medicaid state plan as it applies to the SSHSP program such as expansion into claiming services outside of IEPs or that had been otherwise limited by the "free care" provision?</p> <p>If so, will part of the scope of this bid be assisting in negotiating the SPA with CMS and or implementing those SPA changes?</p>	<p>No, there are no planned changes in the near future.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>No.</p>

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		If so, please provide details on any known proposed changes to the SPA.	
5	Section 4.1.3, Page 9	What is the current training model for school district level RMTS participants, RMTS administrators and financial staff?	The current model includes annual web-based trainings and, in rare circumstances, onsite training
6	Section 4.1.3, Page 10	The RFP references semi-annual web-based trainings. Does the State anticipate or have a desire for the selected vendor to conduct any regional in person trainings in the event of new program policy or modifications to the cost reporting tool/format?	The Department does not require the selected vendor to conduct regional in person trainings. Should a provider need in person trainings, the selected vendor may be requested to perform any in person training.
7	Section 4.1.3, Page 10	Does the State anticipate any specialized training needs to support New York City participation in the CPE program?	No.
8	Section 5.5, Page 14	Will proposers lose evaluation points if they submit a MWBE waiver? If so, what percentage of the evaluation points is the MWBE requirement?	No.
9	Attachment B Cost Proposal	The Cost Proposal requests a deliverable price for the completion of a Cost Study for the 17/18 School Year with an anticipated completion date of February 15, 2020. Given the award of the contract resulting from this RFP is not anticipated until February 1, 2020, does the State expect this work to be completed as part of this contract and as such require pricing for this deliverable?	The data required for the 17/18 School Year has been collected and the State expects the contractor to complete this deliverable as part of this contract. Please see Amendment 1.
10	Attachment B Cost Proposal	The Cost Proposal requests a quarterly deliverable price for all RMTS periods considered in the scope section of the RFP, including the 10/1/19 – 12/31/19 and 1/1/20 – 3/31/20 quarters that	Please see the response to Question #2.

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		would occur prior to the execution of the contract resulting from this RFP. Does the State require vendors to provide pricing for periods prior to the anticipated award of this contract?	
11	Attachment B Cost Proposal	The State identifies a cost study for Specialized Transportation for the 18-19 school year as a separate deliverable from the Annual Cost Study for the 18-19 school year. Does the State anticipate a separate cost reporting process for Specialized Transportation, or will this be included in the overall cost report completed by participating LEAs?	The State anticipates a separate cost reporting process for Specialized Transportation for the purposes of determining if existing interim rates are sufficient.
12	N/A	Is part of the motivation for this RFP the fact that the State agency's current vendor has been cited in multiple recent OIG audits including a payback of over \$360 million dollars in NJ (per OIG audit A-02-15-01010, dated November 2017)?	This question is not relevant to the RFP.
13	N/A	In light of this, is the State agency aware of any potential current audit liabilities caused by its current vendor due to the recent audit findings citing its current vendor by name?	This question is not relevant to the RFP.