

1. Does Access Health CT anticipate issuing a Request for Proposal as a follow-up to this RFI?

A1: Access Health CT (the “Exchange”) is gathering information via RFI to understand what solutions are available to address the need outlined in the RFI scope. If the Exchange finds, based on the information provided in response to this RFI, that an RFP is necessary, it will produce one.

2. Is there a project budget and/or set aside amount of funding for this future engagement?

A2: If the Exchange determines that the services outlined in responses to this RFI are appropriate, it will then use the information provided regarding price models to determine how much funding will be needed to support any future engagement.

3. Is there an anticipated start date for this work?

A3: There is no definitive start date for this work, but the Exchange is looking to move forward as soon as the close of 2017.

4. Does AHCT have a proposed contract duration for this work?

A4: If the Exchange decides that a contract for services is the most appropriate course of action, the duration would be ongoing.

5. The RFI states that “Following the review of the submitted information the Policy Department will recommend the best course of action to Executive Staff.” Is there a timeframe the marketplace hopes this will occur by? If so, what is it?

A5: Staff plans to review responses to this RFI on a rolling basis to determine at the soonest possible time the best possible course of action for the Exchange. As mentioned in A3, the Exchange would seek to move forward as soon as the close of 2017.

6. Are any of these services currently being provided by any other vendor, in-part or in whole?

A6: Currently there are vendors with which the Exchange contracts to provide services which relate to this scope in-part.

7. Will the responses to the RFI be publicly available through the Freedom of Information Act?

A7: Yes, responses to this RFI are subject to the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If a Respondent believes that information included in its response is confidential, the Respondent should submit a redacted version along with an un-redacted copy. The Respondent must identify the exemption being claimed for each redaction in the response. Thereafter, if the Exchange receives an FOI request for information submitted in response to the RFI, the Exchange will only distribute the redacted version. The Respondent is ultimately responsible for defending its claimed exemptions in front of the FOI Commission, should a challenge to any redaction be lodged with the FOI Commission. Connecticut’s FOIA can be found [here](#) along with the exemption categories.

8. Under “Response Expectations” bullet #3. You request that respondents submit “a sample analysis of a proposed initiative, bill or regulation that the Respondent carried out for a current client within the last two (2) years.” Will responses to this RFI be made publicly available? Are completed responses subject to FOIA requests?

A8: Please see response A7 in regarding to what information is subject to Connecticut FOIA and the process for providing responses under such requirements.

9. Is it the intent of the marketplace to have any products delivered for public or external consumption? Or will any analysis produced be solely for internal review by AHCT staff? For example, the scope of the RFI refers to the

preparation of an “analysis of policy documents, including but not limited to draft legislation, agency reports, proposed and finalized regulations and relevant court documents.”

A9: The intent of the Exchange is to have products delivered solely for internal consumption. The requested analyses provided will be provided to and used by internal staff only. Information contained in such analyses may be used to inform documents produced by Exchange staff for public consumption (for example, for the Board of Directors or in another public forum).

10. Would you like us to describe highly relevant analyses that we have performed, but which are confidential and therefore cannot be released?

A10: If a respondent believes there is a highly relevant analysis which is demonstrative of the respondent’s abilities but is confidential, a description of such work will suffice so long as it provides as much detail as the Respondent feels is appropriate to fulfill the request (Please also refer to A7 for more information about responses subject to Connecticut FOIA).

11. Does your scope of requested analyses include actuarial projections for Connecticut of national legislative and regulatory changes that would be likely to affect premium rates, risk profile, enrollment numbers, and so forth?

A11: If a Respondent believes that actuarial projections will support the requested analysis, the Exchange believes them to be relevant and would encourage the respondent to outline the extent of and estimate the cost of these services.

12. Does your scope of requested services include Connecticut’s state regulatory or legislative developments?

A12: The scope does not specifically include Connecticut’s state regulatory or legislative development. The Exchange feels that this area of information gathering and knowledge is sufficiently supported by current staff. However, this does not preclude the Exchange from requesting analysis that includes consideration of Connecticut’s regulatory and legislative landscapes.

13. Does your scope of requested services include SHOP as well individual market changes and impacts?

A13: Yes, this scope includes analysis pertaining to all products offered by the Exchange including individual medical, small group medical, standalone dental and small group dental.

14. Should we submit more than three sample analyses, if we consider them relevant and illustrative of our multiple capabilities?

A14: The Exchange requests that sample analyses be limited to the three most relevant and illustrative examples.

15. Are analyses that we have done for other SBMs on their own policy issues, such as whether to require all issuers in the marketplace to include pedi-dental preventive benefits, relevant as reading samples?

A15: This type of analysis is relevant so long as the respondent includes an explanation of how the resources employed to produce such analysis can be easily applied to policy decisions in Connecticut given differences between the Exchange and the SBM in the example.