



DELAWARE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Division of Management Services

1901 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. HSS-15-011

FOR

CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER(S)

FOR

**DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR
AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1901 N. DUPONT HIGHWAY
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE 19720**

Deposit	Waived
Performance Bond	Waived

Date Due: JUNE 3, 2015 @ 11:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME

A pre-bid meeting will be held on **March 4, 2015** at **10:00AM** at **Main Administration Building, Room 198; 1901 N. DuPont Hwy. New Castle, DE. 19720.**

While attendance is not mandatory, entities who wish to bid on this proposal are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for face to face discussion with state personnel responsible for managing the contract(s) resulting from this solicitation.

To better ensure the meeting space will accommodate those desiring to attend, it is requested that bidders limit representation to 2 individuals. Bidders should RSVP by calling (302) 255-9290.

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Sealed Proposals for Caregiver Resource Center(s) for the Division of Services for Aging and Physical Disabilities will be received by:

**Delaware Health and Social Services
Herman M. Holloway Sr. Campus
Procurement Branch
Main Administration Bldg, Sullivan Street
Second Floor, Room #257
1901 North DuPont Highway, New Castle, Delaware 19720**

Proposals will be accepted until **June 3, 2015 @ 11:00 AM** at which time the proposals will be opened and recorded.

A **pre-bid meeting** will be held on **March 4, 2015 @ 10:00AM** at Delaware Health & Social Services, Herman M. Holloway Sr. Campus, Main Administration Building, Sullivan Street, First Floor Conference Room #198, 1901 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE. 19720. For further information please call 302-255-9290.

While attendance is not mandatory, entities who wish to bid on this proposal are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for face to face discussion with state personnel responsible for managing the contract(s) resulting from this solicitation.

In the event that state offices are closed on the day of the pre-bid meeting due to a State of Emergency declared by the Governor of Delaware, the pre-bid meeting will be cancelled or postponed. The status of the pre-bid meeting will be posted to the RFP website as soon as possible at <http://bids.delaware.gov>. If the pre-bid meeting is cancelled, written questions will be accepted, in lieu of the pre-bid meeting, in accordance with the instructions presented in Section VI. I. of this document. If the pre-bid meeting is postponed, the new date and time will be posted to the RFP website.

Obtaining Copies of the RFP

This RFP is available in electronic form [only] through the State of Delaware Procurement Website at <http://bids.delaware.gov>.

Public Notice

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 29 *Del. C.* § 6981

NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS

Bidder shall list all contracts awarded to it or its predecessor firm(s) by the State of Delaware; during the last three years, by State Department, Division, Contact Person (with address/phone number), period of performance and amount. The Evaluation/Selection Review Committee will consider these additional references and may contact each of these sources. Information regarding bidder performance gathered from these sources may be included in the Committee's deliberations and factored in the final scoring of the bid. Failure to list any contract as required by this paragraph may be grounds for immediate rejection of the bid."

There will be a ninety (90) day period during which the agency may extend the contract period for renewal if needed.

IMPORTANT: ALL PROPOSALS MUST HAVE THE **HSS-15-011** NUMBER ON THE OUTSIDE ENVELOPE. IF THIS NUMBER IS OMITTED YOUR PROPOSAL WILL IMMEDIATELY BE REJECTED.

FOR FURTHER BIDDING INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

KIERAN MOHAMMED
DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
PROCUREMENT BRANCH
MAIN ADMIN BLDG, SULLIVAN STREET
2ND FLOOR – ROOM 257
1901 NORTH DUPONT HIGHWAY
HERMAN M. HOLLOWAY SR. HEALTH AND
SOCIAL SERVICES CAMPUS
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE 19720
PHONE: (302) 255-9291

IMPORTANT: DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PROCUREMENT UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY THE DEADLINE.

ATTENTION BIDDERS: Your proposal must include a HARDCOPY cover letter and the forms in Appendices C, D, and E signed and with all information on the forms complete.

The issuance of this Request for Proposals (RFP) neither commits the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal or subsequent negotiations, nor to procure or contract for the proposed services. The Division reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or portion thereof, to cancel in part or in its entirety this Request for Proposals, or to delay implementation of any contract which may result, as may be necessary to meet the Department's funding limitations and processing constraints. The Department and Division reserve the right to terminate any contractual agreement upon fifteen (15) days notice in the event that the State determines that State or Federal funds are no longer available to continue the contract.

Organizations Ineligible to Bid

Any individual, business, organization, corporation, consortium, partnership, joint venture, or any other entity including subcontractors currently debarred or suspended is ineligible to bid. Any entity ineligible to conduct business in the State of Delaware for any reason is ineligible to respond to the RFP.

Availability of Funds

Funds are available for the selected vendor to provide Caregiver Resource Center(s) services. Contract renewal is possible for up to **four (4)** additional years. Additional years are contingent on funding availability and task performance.

Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting will be held. The meeting will be on **March 4, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.** at the following location:

Delaware Health & Social Services, Herman M. Holloway Sr. Campus, Main Administration Building, Sullivan Street, First Floor Conference Room #198, 1901 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE. 19720.

Bidders may ask clarifying questions regarding this request for proposal at the pre-bid meeting. Responses to questions posed at the pre-bid meeting will be distributed to bidders attending the pre-bid meeting.

Further Information

Inquiries regarding this RFP should be addressed to:

Franklin Jones

Contract Manager

Franklin.jones@state.de.us

Phone: (302) 255-9374

Restrictions on Communications with State Staff

From the issue date of this RFP until a contractor is selected and the selection is announced, bidders are NOT allowed to contact any **Division of Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities staff**, except those specified in this RFP, regarding this procurement. Contact between contractors and the Division of Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities is restricted to emailed or faxed questions concerning this proposal. Questions must be submitted in writing and will be addressed in writing.

Questions are due by **February 27, 2015** and will be addressed at the pre-bid meeting. The complete list of questions and their answers will be released via e-mail or fax to the vendors that submitted any questions or attended the pre-bid meeting. The complete list of questions and their answers will also be posted on the internet at <http://bids.delaware.gov>

Following the pre-bid meeting on **March 4, 2015 @ 10:00AM**, bidder communication is limited to **Kieran Mohammed, Purchasing Services Administrator**, Delaware Health and Social Services. The central phone number for the Procurement office is **(302) 255-9290**.

Contact with State Employees

Direct contact with State of Delaware employees other than the State of Delaware Designated Contact(s) regarding this RFP is expressly prohibited without prior consent. Vendors directly contacting State of Delaware employees risk elimination of their proposal from further consideration. Exceptions exist only for organizations currently doing business in the State who require contact in the normal course of doing that business. In the case of such exception, communication may not include an active RFP.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER(S)
FOR
DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING & ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**

I. INTRODUCTION

This is a Request for Proposal (RFP) for **Caregiver Resource Center(s)** issued by Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities, (henceforth referred to as “The Division”).

The Division is requesting applications to provide the program for the period **October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016**.

A. Background

The Division’s mission is to improve and maintain the quality of life for Delawareans who are elderly, or who are at least eighteen years of age with physical disabilities. The Division is committed to the development and delivery of consumer driven services, which maximize independence through individual choice in the least restrictive environment possible enabling individuals to continue living active and productive lives, and protecting those who may be vulnerable or at risk.

Additional information about the Division and about services for older persons and adults with physical disabilities in Delaware may be found on the Division’s website at www.dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd

B. Project Goals

The goal of the Caregiver Resource Centers is to serve all caregivers in our communities by providing information and assistance/referral, education and access to services and assistive technologies that support individual caregivers at any point along the continuum of caregiving. The purpose of this RFP is to procure statewide Caregiver Resource Center(s) for eligible Delawareans for the period from **October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016**.

II. SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

The program Service Specifications can be found under **Appendix H** of this RFP # **HSS-15-011**

III. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Length of Contract

Contract term is one (1) year with the possibility of renewal for up to four (4) additional years contingent on funding and satisfactory performance.

B. Subcontractors

The use of subcontractors will be permitted for this project.

If a subcontractor is going to be used, this needs to be specified in the proposal, with an identification of the proposed subcontractor, the service(s) to be provided, and its qualifications to provide such service(s).

Subcontractors will be held to the same requirements as the primary contractor. The contract with the primary contractor will bind sub or co-contractors to the primary contractor by the terms, specifications, and standards of the RFP. All such terms, specifications, and standards shall preserve and protect the rights of the agency under the RFP and any subsequent proposals and contracts with respect to the services performed by the sub or co-contractor, so that the sub or co-contractor will not prejudice such rights. Nothing in the RFP shall create any contractual relation between any sub or co-contractor and the agency.

The proposed subcontractors must be approved by the Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities.

C. Funding Disclaimer Clause

Delaware Health and Social Services reserves the right to reject or accept any bid or portion thereof, as may be necessary to meet the Department's funding limitations and processing constraints. The Department reserves the right to terminate any contractual agreement upon fifteen (15) calendar days written notice in the event the state determines that state or federal funds are no longer available to continue said contractual agreement.

D. Reserved Rights

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Department reserves the right to:

- Reject any and all proposals received in response to this RFP;
- Select a proposal other than the one with the lowest cost;
- Waive or seek clarification on any information, irregularities, or inconsistencies in proposals received;
- Negotiate as to any aspect of the proposal with the bidder and negotiate with more than one bidder at a time;
- If negotiations fail to result in an agreement within two (2) weeks, the Department may terminate negotiations and select the next most responsive bidder, prepare and release a new RFP, or take such other action as the Department may deem appropriate.

E. Termination Conditions

The Department may terminate the contract resulting from this RFP at any time that the vendor fails to carry out its provisions or to make substantial progress under the terms specified in this RFP and the resulting proposal.

Prior to taking the appropriate action as described in the contract, the Department will provide the vendor with thirty (30) days' notice of conditions endangering performance. If after such notice the vendor fails to remedy the conditions contained in the notice, the Department shall issue the vendor an order to stop work immediately and deliver all work and work in progress to the State. The Department shall be obligated only for those services rendered and accepted prior to the date of notice of termination.

The Contract may be terminated in whole or part:

- a) by the Department upon five (5) calendar days written notice for cause or documented unsatisfactory performance;
- b) by the Department upon fifteen (15) calendar days written notice of the loss of funding or reduction of funding for the stated Contractor services;
- c) by either party without cause upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other Party, unless a longer period is specified.

F. Contractor Monitoring/Evaluation

The contractor may be monitored/evaluated on-site on a regular basis. Failure of the contractor to cooperate with the monitoring/evaluation process or to resolve any problem(s) identified in the monitoring/evaluation may be cause for termination of the contract.

G. Payment:

The agencies or school districts involved will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt. The contractor or vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs or conditions.

H. W-9 Information Submission

Awarded vendors will be required to submit their Form W-9 by accessing this website, <http://accounting.delaware.gov/>. The vendor will complete the secure form, read the affirmation, and submit the form by clicking the “Submit” button. Delaware Division of Accounting staff will review the submitted form for accuracy, completeness, and standardization. Once all the requirements are met, the form will be uploaded to the vendor file and approved. The vendor is then able to be paid for services provided.

For those vendors that do not have internet access, a printable version of the Delaware Substitute Form W-9 can be faxed or mailed to the vendor. Upon completion, the vendor will then fax or mail the form directly to the vendor staff at the Delaware Division of Accounting. All vendor requests, additions and changes, will come directly from the vendor.

Section III. H. applies only to the successful bidder and should be done when successful contract negotiations are completed. It is not a required to be done as part of the submission of the bidder’s proposal.

I. Required Reporting

One of the primary goals in administering this contract is to keep accurate records regarding its actual value/usage. This information is essential in order to update the contents of the contract and to establish proper bonding levels if they are required. The integrity of future contracts revolves around our ability to convey accurate and realistic information to all interested vendors.

Quarterly reporting is collected through the monthly completion of the Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) Invoicing Workbook –IW-024 (**Appendix J**).

A Monthly Usage Report (**Appendix G**) shall be furnished to the Division on the 15th (or next business day after the 15th day) of the month following the month in which services were provided detailing the purchasing of all items on this contract. The report (**Appendix G**) shall be submitted electronically in EXCEL and sent as an attachment to franklin.jones@state.de.us. Any exception to this mandatory requirement may result in cancellation of the award. Failure to provide the report with the minimum required information may also negate any contract extension clauses. Additionally, Vendors who are determined to be in default of this mandatory report requirement may have such conduct considered against them, in assessment of responsibility, in the evaluation of future proposals.

IV. FORMAT AND CONTENT OF RESPONSE

Proposals shall contain the following information, adhering to the order as shown:

A. Proposal Response Table of Contents

This form, found in **Appendix I**, is to assist the bidder to assure all forms are included on the bidder’s proposal CD’s along with confirmation of formats to be used for each section of the submitted bid.

B. Bidder’s Signature Form

This form, found in **Appendix C**, must be completed and signed by the bidder’s authorized representative.

C. Title Page

The Title page shall include:

- 1) RFP subject
- 2) Name of the applicant
- 3) Applicant’s full address
- 4) Applicant’s telephone number
- 5) Name and title of the designated contact person
- 6) Bid opening date (**due date: June 3, 2015 @ 11:00 A.M.**)

D. Transmittal/Cover Letter

The Transmittal/Cover Letter shall be in the form of a standard business letter on official business letterhead and an individual authorized to legally bind the bidder shall sign it. The Transmittal/Cover letter must be submitted in hard copy format with original signatures. It shall include at a minimum:

- bidder recognition of all addenda posted on the RFP website (<http://bids.delaware.gov>) relative to this RFP;
- a statement confirming the proposal remains effective through the date shown in **(Section VI-D)**;
- a statement the bidder has or agrees to obtain a Delaware business license if awarded a contract
- a statement confirming pricing was arrived at without collusion; and
- a statement that the bidder will comply with all terms and conditions as indicated in the General Instructions for Submission of Proposals **(VI)**, Special Terms and Conditions **(Section III)**, Service Specifications **(Appendix H)** and in the Standard Department Contract Boilerplate **(Appendix F)**, included as part of this RFP, except as to modifications mutually agreed upon by the contractor and Department (see **Section IV-J**)

E. Certification Sheet & Statement of Compliance

The bidder must include statements that the applicant agency complies with all Federal and Delaware laws and regulations pertaining to equal opportunity and affirmative action. In addition, compliance must be assured in regard to Federal and Delaware laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and individual and family privacy in health care delivery and in the collection and reporting of data. (See **Appendices D & E**)

F. Corporate Qualifications

Describe the organization's expertise in area of the proposed project, and experience in operating any similar projects. A summary of similar current and completed projects should be included. Also supply three (3) references of people who will receive no financial gain or are not members of the board. Give a contact person, name of organization and telephone number.

G. Work Plan

This section must explain your approach for operating a program, which meets the Service Specification requirements **(Appendix H)**. At a minimum, the Work Plan description must provide information, which describes how you will meet the criteria listed in the Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) Service Specifications **(Appendix H)** for each of the following areas:

1. Service Goal
2. Service Area (geographical)
3. Service Location (address, available space, accessibility and hours/days of operation)
4. Time frames to accomplish Work Plan
5. Describe how you plan to meet the Service Standards (Section 5.0) listed in the program's service specifications.
6. Describe how you plan to meet the Job Duties (Section 6.0) listed in the program's service specifications.
7. Describe agency's internal program evaluation and monitoring process.

Proposals will be evaluated by the soundness of the bidder's proposed approach to operating the program. Emphasis will be given to the comprehensiveness of the bidder's understanding of the tasks to be completed and the methodologies to be used.

H. Program Staffing

For this section, the following areas must be addressed:

- Identify the staff involved in the project, including identification of the bidder's project manager. The specific individuals who will work on this project must be identified, along with the nature and extent of their involvement.
- Summarize their qualifications related to specific requirements of this project.

- Resumes of professional staff must be included. Please redact private identifiers such as home addresses, home phones, and social security numbers.
- Job descriptions for all project staff must be included. Descriptions must include the hours the staff person works each week and the number of hours assigned to this program each week.
- A Program Organizational Chart must be included. If you operate more than one program, also include an Agency Organizational Chart showing the line of authority*.

The specific individuals who will work on this project must be identified, along with the nature and extent of their involvement. The qualifications of these individuals shall be presented (in resumes or other formats). If conducting this project will require hiring of one or more individuals who are not currently employed by the bidding organization, applications shall provide detailed job descriptions, including required qualifications and experience.

If subcontractors are to be used, the proposal shall also contain similar information regarding each subcontractor.

I. Budget Workbook/Proposal

Complete the required budget workbook (**Appendix B**) according to the instruction provided in (**Appendix A**). The Budget Worksheet Supplement pages are intended to more fully explain items and costs associated with the budget you will complete for this project proposal. Every effort should be made to supply a clear, concise, and accurate budget. Some of the general topics that should be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Justification should be given for budgeted items based on projections and/or assumptions. Briefly describe the basis for the cost calculations and any rationale that serves to support the process used.
- Explain the method of allocation for specific costs prorated to the program based on the agency's total budget.
- It is important that the bidder provide any information that may help reviewers understand items in the budget.
- The contract shall be awarded to the bidder whose proposal is deemed to be the most advantageous to the State, considering the criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal.

NOTE: The Budget must be submitted in the original EXCEL format.

J. Standard Contract

Appendix F is a copy of the standard boilerplate contract for the State of Delaware, Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities. This boilerplate will be the one used for any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal. If a bidder has an objection to any contract provisions or the RFP and its procurement provisions, objections shall be stated in the Transmittal Letter of the bidder's proposal. Execution of the contract is NOT required with proposal submission. The contract is provided as a courtesy for review by an interested bidder's legal group.

K. Confidential Information

Any financial information relating to the company or organization (not the RFP pricing or budget) may be included in a separate section of your proposal and marked as confidential if so desired by the bidding vendor. When preparing your proposal, include a statement, where appropriate, indicating that the confidential information/documents are included as Appendices on the CDs labeled "**Corporate Confidential Information**".

V. BUDGET

Vendor will submit a line item budget, **for the contract year**, using a format mirroring that in **Appendices A & B**. Modifications to the budget after the award must be approved by the Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities.

Applicants shall also describe any factors that may have an impact on the cost and should suggest a payment schedule contingent upon completion of the various tasks.

VI. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

A. Number of Copies Required

Two (2) original CDs (Each Labeled as “Original”) and two (2) CD copies (Each labeled as “Copy”). In addition, any required confidential financial or audit information relating to the company and not specifically to the proposal may be copied separately to one set of up to two (2) additional CDs (Each labeled “Corporate Confidential Information”). All CD files shall be in PDF, Microsoft Word, or Microsoft Excel format (per the Required Formats section of the Proposal Response Table of Contents (Appendix I)).

It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure all submitted CDs are machine readable, virus free and are otherwise error-free. CDs (or their component files) not in this condition may be cause for the vendor to be disqualified from bidding.

Bidders will no longer be required to make hard copies of proposals **with the exception that** one copy of a Cover Letter along with one copy each of **Appendices C, D & E** must be submitted in hardcopy with original signatures.

The cover letter should include: bidder recognition of all addenda posted on the RFP website (<http://bids.delaware.gov>.) relative to this RFP, a statement confirming the proposal remains effective through the date shown in (**Section VI-D**), a statement the bidder has or agrees to obtain a Delaware business license if awarded a contract, a statement confirming pricing was arrived at without collusion.

The responses to this RFP shall be submitted to:

Kieran Mohammed
Division of Management Services
Delaware Health and Social Services
Main Administration Building, Sullivan Street
Second Floor, Room 257
1901 North DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

B. Closing Date

All responses must be received no later than **June 3, 2015 @ 11:00 A.M.** Later submissions will be cause for disqualification.

C. Opening of Proposals

The State of Delaware will receive proposals until the date and time shown in this RFP. Proposals will be opened only in the presence of the State of Delaware personnel. Any unopened proposals will be returned to Vendor.

There will be no public opening of proposals but a public log will be kept of the names of all vendor organizations that submitted proposals. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed to competing vendors prior to contract award.

D. Proposal Expiration Date

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder at least through **September 30, 2016**. The State of Delaware reserves the right to ask for an extension of time if needed.

E. Acknowledgement of Understanding of Terms

By submitting a bid, each vendor shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read all sections of this RFP, including all forms, schedules and exhibits hereto, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations.

F. Realistic Proposals

It is the expectation of the State of Delaware that vendors can fully satisfy the obligations of the proposal in the manner and timeframe defined within the proposal. Proposals must be realistic and must represent the best estimate of time, materials and other costs including the impact of inflation and any economic or other factors that are reasonably predictable.

The State of Delaware shall bear no responsibility or increase obligation for a vendor's failure to accurately estimate the costs or resources required to meet the obligations defined in the proposal.

G. Non-Conforming Proposals

Non-conforming proposals will not be considered. Non-conforming proposals are defined as those that do not meet the requirements of this RFP. The determination of whether an RFP requirement is substantive or a mere formality shall reside solely within the State of Delaware

H. Notification of Acceptance

Notification of the Department's intent to enter into contract negotiations will be made in writing to all bidders.

I. Questions

All questions concerning this Request for Proposal must reference the pertinent RFP section(s) and page number(s). Questions must be in writing and can be either faxed, or emailed to:

Franklin Jones
Contracts Manager
Franklin.jones@state.de.us
Fax: (302) 255-4445

Deadline for submission of all questions is: **February 27, 2015**. Written responses will be emailed to bidders no later than **March 18, 2015 @ 04:30 P.M.** Please include your email address with your questions.

All questions and answers will be posted on <http://bids.delaware.gov>

J. Amendments to Proposals

Amendments to proposals will not be accepted after the deadline for proposal submission has passed. The State reserves the right at any time to request clarification and/or further technical information from any or all applicants submitting proposals.

K. Proposals Become State Property

All proposals become the property of the State of Delaware and will not be returned to the bidders. The State will not divulge any information identified as confidential at the time of proposal submission provided the information resides solely on the CD (s) marked confidential.

L. Non-Interference Clause

The awarding of this contract and all aspects of the awarded bidders contractual obligations, projects, literature, books, manuals, and any other relevant materials and work will automatically become property of the State of Delaware. The awarded bidder will not in any manner interfere or retain any information in relationship to the contractual obligations of said contract, at the time of the award in the future tense.

M. Investigation of Bidder's Qualifications

Delaware Health and Social Services may make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to furnish the required services, and the bidder shall furnish such data as the Department may request for this purpose.

N. RFP and Final Contract

The contents of the RFP will be incorporated into the final contract and will become binding upon the successful bidder. If the bidder is unwilling to comply with any of the requirements, terms, and conditions of the RFP, objections must be clearly stated in the proposal. Objections will be considered and may be subject to negotiation at the discretion of the state.

O. Proposal and Final Contract

The contents of each proposal will be considered binding on the bidder and subject to subsequent contract confirmation if selected. The contents of the successful proposal will be included by reference in the resulting contract.

All terms, and conditions contained in the proposal will remain fixed and valid for one (1) year after proposal due date.

P. Cost of Proposal Preparation

All costs for proposal preparation will be borne by the bidder.

Q. Proposed Timetable

The Department’s proposed schedule for reviewing proposals is outlined as follows:

Activity	Schedule
Advertise RFP	February 11, 2015
Submission of Questions	February 11, 2015 – February 27, 2015
Pre-Bid Meeting	March 4, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.
Response to Questions	March 18, 2015 @ 04:30 P.M.
Bid Opening – Applications Due	June 3, 2015 @ 11:00 A.M.
Evaluation & Selection Process	June 18, 2015 (Tentative)
Notification of Award	July 1, 2015 (Tentative)
Project Begins	October 1, 2015

R. Confidentiality and Debriefing

The Procurement Administrator shall examine the proposal to determine the validity of any written requests for nondisclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary data identified in conjunction with the Attorney General’s Office. After award of the contract, all responses, documents, and materials submitted by the offeror pertaining to this RFP will be considered public information and will be made available for inspection, unless otherwise determined by the Director of Purchasing, under the laws of the State of Delaware. All data, documentation, and innovations developed as a result of these contractual services shall become the property of the State of Delaware. Based upon the public nature of these Professional Services (RFP) Proposals a bidder must inform the state in writing, of the exact materials in the offer which CANNOT be made a part of the public record in accordance with Delaware’s Freedom of Information Act, Title 29, Chapter 100 of the Delaware Code.

If a bidder wishes to request a debriefing, he must submit a formal letter to the Procurement Administrator, Herman M. Holloway Campus, Delaware Health and Social Services Main Building, 2nd Floor, Room 257, 1901 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle, Delaware 19720 within 10 days after receipt of Notice of Award. The letter must specify reasons for the request.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests may be submitted to Mr. Jay Lynch: jay.lynch@state.de.us

VII. SELECTION PROCESS

A. Evaluation Scoring

All proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be reviewed by an evaluation team composed of representatives of the Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities, Delaware Health and Social Services, and others as may be deemed appropriate by the Department. Each proposal will be independently reviewed and rated against review criteria. Selection will be based upon the recommendations of the review committee.

- **Corporate Qualifications - 15 Points** – (Section IV.F)
- **Work Plan - 50 Points** – (Section IV.G)
- **Program Staffing - 25 Points** – (Section IV.H)
- **Budget Proposal - 10 Points** – (Section IV.I)

Upon selection of a vendor, a Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities representative will enter into negotiations with the bidder to establish a contract.

B. Consultants and Legal Counsel

The State of Delaware may retain consultants or legal counsel to assist in the review and evaluation of this RFP and the vendors' responses. Bidders shall not contact consultant or legal counsel on any matter related to the RFP.

C. Exclusions

The Proposal Evaluation Team reserves the right to refuse to consider any proposal from a vendor who:

- Has been convicted for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of the contract or subcontract;
- Has been convicted under State or Federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently and seriously affects responsibility as a State contractor;
- Has been convicted or has had a civil judgment entered for a violation under State or Federal antitrust statutes;
- Has violated contract provisions such as:
 - Knowing failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract; or
 - Failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with terms of one or more contracts;
- Has violated ethical standards set out in law or regulation; and
- Any other cause listed in regulations of the State of Delaware determined to be serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a State contractor, including suspension or debarment by another governmental entity for a cause listed in the regulations.

D. Project Costs and Proposed Scope of Service

The Department reserves the right to award this project to a bidder other than the one with the lowest cost or to decide not to fund this project at all. Cost will be balanced against the score received by each bidder in the rating process. The State of Delaware reserves the right to reject, as technically unqualified, proposals that are unrealistically low if, in the judgment of the evaluation team, a lack of sufficient budgeted resources would jeopardize project success.

APPENDIX A: *Budget Workbook Instructions*

The Budget Workbook instructions (SOP # CP-013) will be supplied to all requesting bidders and all the pre-bid meeting attendees.

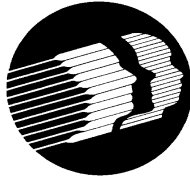
Contract Franklin.jones@state.de.us for an electronic copy of the Budget Workbook Instructions.

APPENDIX B: *Budget Workbook*

The Budget Workbook (FORM # CF-023) will be supplied to all requesting bidders and all the pre-bid meeting attendees.

Contract Franklin.jones@state.de.us for an electronic copy of the Budget Workbook form.

APPENDIX C: *Bidders Signature Form*



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

BIDDERS SIGNATURE FORM

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____

TYPE IN NAME OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____

TITLE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: _____

STREET NAME AND NUMBER: _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP CODE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

BIDDER'S FEDERAL EMPLOYERS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE VENDOR:

AS CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD AND EXECUTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OF THIS CONTRACT, THE (COMPANY NAME) _____
HEREBY GRANTS, CONVEYS, SELLS, ASSIGNS, AND TRANSFERS TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE ALL OF ITS RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN CAUSES OF ACTION IT PRESENTLY HAS OR MAY NOW HEREAFTER ACQUIRE UNDER THE ANTITRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF DELAWARE, RELATING THE PARTICULAR GOODS OR SERVICES PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED BY THE DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT.

APPENDIX D: *Certification Sheet*



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

CERTIFICATION SHEET

As the official representative for the proposer, I certify on behalf of the agency that:

- a. They are a regular dealer in the services being procured.
- b. They have the ability to fulfill all requirements specified for development within this RFP.
- c. They have independently determined their prices.
- d. They are accurately representing their type of business and affiliations.
- e. They will secure a Delaware Business License.
- f. They have acknowledged that no contingency fees have been paid to obtain award of this contract.
- g. The Prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other contractor or with any competitor;
- h. Unless otherwise required by Law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the contractor and prior to the award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other contractor or to any competitor; and
- i. No attempt has been made or will be made by the contractor in part to other persons or firm to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- j. They have not employed or retained any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the contractor) to solicit or secure this contract, and they have not paid or agreed to pay any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the contractor) any

fee, commission percentage or brokerage fee contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract.

- k. They (check one) operate ___an individual; ____a Partnership ___a non-profit (501 C-3) organization; ____a not-for-profit organization; or ____for profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of _____.
- l. The referenced offerer has neither directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this bid submitted this date to Delaware Health and Social Services.
- m. The referenced bidder agrees that the signed delivery of this bid represents the bidder's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this invitation to bid including all Specifications and special provisions.
- n. They (check one): _____are; _____are not owned or controlled by a parent company. If owned or controlled by a parent company, enter name and address of parent company:

Violations and Penalties:

Each contract entered into by an agency for professional services shall contain a prohibition against contingency fees as follows:

- 1. The firm offering professional services swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person working primarily for the firm offering professional services, to solicit or secure this agreement by improperly influencing the agency or any of its employees in the professional service procurement process.
- 2. The firm offering the professional services has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm other than a bona fide employee working primarily for the firm offering professional services, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement; and
- 3. For the violation of this provision, the agency shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability and at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

The following conditions are understood and agreed to:

- a. No charges, other than those specified in the cost proposal, are to be levied upon the State as a result of a contract.
- b. The State will have exclusive ownership of all products of this contract unless mutually agreed to in writing at the time a binding contract is executed.

Date

Signature & Title of Official Representative

Type Name of Official Representative

APPENDIX E: *Statements of Compliance Form*



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

STATEMENTS OF COMPLIANCE FORM

As the official representative for the contractor, I certify on behalf of the agency that _____ (Company Name) will comply with all Federal and Delaware laws and regulations pertaining to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. In addition, compliance will be assured in regard to Federal and Delaware laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and individual and family privacy in the collection and reporting of data.

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX F: *Contract Boilerplate*

A) Introduction

1. This contract is entered into between the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (the Department), and _____ (the Contractor).
2. The Contract shall commence on _____ and terminate on _____ unless specifically extended by an amendment, signed by all parties to the Contract. Time is of the essence.

B) Administrative Requirements

1. Contractor recognizes that it is operating as an independent Contractor and that it is liable for any and all losses, penalties, damages, expenses, attorney's fees, judgments, and/or settlements incurred by reason of injury to or death of any and all persons, or injury to any and all property, of any nature, arising out of the Contractor's negligent performance under this Contract, and particularly without limiting the foregoing, caused by, resulting from, or arising out of any act of omission on the part of the Contractor in their negligent performance under this Contract.
2. The Contractor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this Contract. The Contractor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the State.
3. During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall, at its own expense, carry insurance with minimum coverage limits as follows:

	a) Comprehensive General Liability	\$1,000,000
and	b) Medical/Professional Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
or	c) Misc. Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
or	d) Product Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000

All contractors must carry (a) and at least one of (b), (c), or (d), depending on the type of service or product being delivered.

If the contractual service requires the transportation of Departmental clients or staff, the contractor shall, in addition to the above coverage, secure at its own expense the following coverage:

e) Automotive Liability (Bodily Injury)	\$100,000/\$300,000
f) Automotive Property Damage (to others)	\$25,000

Contractor shall be responsible for providing liability insurance for its personnel.

4. The policies required under Paragraph B3 must be written to include Comprehensive General Liability coverage, including Bodily Injury and Property damage insurance to protect against

claims arising from the performance of the Contractor and the contractor's subcontractors under this Contract and Medical/Professional Liability coverage when applicable.

5. The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as proof that the Contractor has the required insurance. The certificate shall identify the Department and the Division as the "Certificate Holder" and shall be valid for the contract's period of performance as detailed in Paragraph A 2.
6. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its agents and employees, from any and all liability, suits, actions or claims, together with all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) directly arising out of:
 - a. The negligence or other wrongful conduct of the Contractor, its agents or employees, or
 - b. Contractor's breach of any material provision of this Agreement not cured after due notice and opportunity to cure, provided that
 - i. Contractor shall have been notified promptly in writing by Delaware of any notice of such claim; and
 - ii. Contractor shall have the sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise.

If Delaware promptly notifies Contractor in writing of a third party claim against Delaware that any Deliverable infringes a copyright or a trade secret of any third party, Contractor will defend such claim at its expense and will pay any costs or damages that may be finally awarded against Delaware. Contractor will not indemnify Delaware, however, if the claim of infringement is caused by:

- a. Delaware's misuse or modification of the Deliverable;
- b. Delaware's failure to use corrections or enhancements made available by Contractor;
- c. Delaware's use of the Deliverable in combination with any product or information not owned or developed by Contractor;
- d. Delaware's distribution, marketing or use for the benefit of third parties of the Deliverable or
- e. Information, direction, specification, or materials provided by Client or any third party. If any Deliverable is, or in Contractor's opinion is likely to be, held to be infringing, Contractor shall at its expense and option either
 - i. Procure the right for Delaware to continue using it,
 - ii. Replace it with a non-infringing equivalent,
 - iii. Modify it to make it non-infringing.

7. The Contractor acknowledges and accepts full responsibility for securing and maintaining all licenses and permits, including the Delaware business license, as applicable and required by law, to engage in business and provide the goods and/or services to be acquired under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and is aware that Delaware law provides for significant penalties associated with the conduct of business without the appropriate license.
8. The Contractor agrees to comply with all State and Federal licensing standards and all other applicable standards as required to provide service(s) under this Contract, to assure the quality of services provided under this Contract. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Department in writing of any change in the status of any accreditations, licenses, or certifications in any jurisdiction in which they provide Service(s) or conduct business. If this change in status regards the fact that its accreditation, licensure, or certification is suspended, revoked, or otherwise impaired in any jurisdiction, the Contractor understands that such action may be grounds for termination of the Contract.

If a contractor is under the regulation of any Department entity and has been assessed Civil Money Penalties (CMPs), or a court has entered a civil judgment against a Contractor or vendor in a case in which DHSS or its agencies was a party, the Contractor or vendor is excluded from other DHSS contractual opportunities or is at risk of contract termination in whole, or in part, until penalties are paid in full or the entity is participating in a corrective action plan approved by the Department.

A corrective action plan must be submitted in writing and must respond to findings of non-compliance with Federal, State, and Department requirements. Corrective action plans must include timeframes for correcting deficiencies and must be approved, in writing, by the Department.

The Contractor will be afforded a thirty (30) day period to cure non-compliance with Section 8(a). If, in the sole judgment of the Department, the Contractor has not made satisfactory progress in curing the infraction(s) within the aforementioned thirty (30) days, then the Department may immediately terminate any and/or all active contracts.

9. Contractor, including its parent company and its subsidiaries, and any subcontractor, including its parent company and subsidiaries, agree to comply with all terms, requirements and provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and any other federal, state, or local, law, statute, regulation or applicable policy along with all amendments and revision of these laws, in the performance of this Contract and will not discriminate against any applicant or employee or service recipient because of race, creed, religion, age, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, disability, status as a person in a marriage versus a person in a civil union, veteran's status or any unlawful discriminatory basis or criteria. Contractor agrees to honor the conflict of interest provisions of the Delaware Code of Ethics, *29 Del. C. Ch. 58*.
10. Contractor has or will retain such employees, as it may need to perform the services required by this Agreement. Such employees shall not be employed by Delaware or any other political subdivision of Delaware.
11. Contractor will not use Delaware's name, either express or implied, in any of its advertising or sales materials without Delaware's express written consent.

12. Contractor warrants that its services will be performed in a good and workmanlike manner. Contractor agrees to re-perform any work not in compliance with this warranty brought to its attention within a reasonable time after that work is performed.

Third-party products within the scope of this Agreement are warranted solely under the terms and conditions of the licenses or other agreements by which such products are governed. With respect to all third-party products and services purchased by Contractor for Delaware in connection with the provision of the Services, Contractor shall pass through or assign to Delaware the rights Contractor obtains from the manufacturers and/or vendors of such products and services (including warranty and indemnification rights), all to the extent that such rights are assignable.

13. This Contract may be terminated in whole or in part by the Department upon five (5) calendar days written notice for cause or documented unsatisfactory performance, provided that, in its sole discretion, the Department may impose sanctions in lieu of termination as set forth in Appendix A attached to and incorporated into this Contract.
This Contract may be terminated in whole or in part by either party in the event of substantial failure of the other party to fulfill its obligations under this Contract through no fault of the terminating party; but only after the other party is given:
 - a. Not less than 30 calendar days written notice of intent to terminate; and
 - b. An opportunity for consultation with the terminating party prior to termination.

This Contract may be terminated in whole or in part by the Department for its convenience, but only after Contractor is given:

- a. Not less than 30 calendar days written notice of intent to terminate; and
- b. An opportunity for consultation with The Department prior to termination.

If termination for default is effected by the Department, the Department will pay Contractor that portion of the compensation which has been earned as of the effective date of termination but:

- a. No amount shall be allowed for anticipated profit on performed or unperformed services or other work, and b. Any payment due to Contractor at the time of termination may be adjusted to the extent of any additional costs occasioned to the Department by reason of Contractor's default.
- b. Upon termination for default, the Department may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise. In the event Contractor shall cease conducting business, the Department shall have the right to make an unsolicited offer of employment to any employees of Contractor assigned to the performance of the Contract, notwithstanding any provisions in this document to the contrary.

If after termination for failure of Contractor to fulfill contractual obligations it is determined that Contractor has not so failed, the termination shall be deemed to have been effected for the convenience of the Department.

The rights and remedies of the Department and Contractor provided in this section are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

In the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, maps, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by Contractor under this contract shall, at the option of the Department, become the property of the Department.

In the event of termination, the Contractor, upon receiving the termination notice, shall immediately cease work and refrain from purchasing contract related items unless otherwise instructed by the Department.

The Contractor shall be entitled to receive reasonable compensation as determined by the Department in its sole discretion for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials that are usable to the Department. Whether such work is satisfactory and usable is determined by the Department in its sole discretion.

Should the Contractor cease conducting business, become insolvent, make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, suffer or permit the appointment of a receiver for its business or assets, or shall avail itself of, or become subject to any proceeding under the Federal Bankruptcy Act or any other statute of any state relating to insolvency or protection of the rights of creditors, then at the option of the Department, this Contract shall terminate and be of no further force and effect. Contractor shall notify the Department immediately of such events.

14. The Department may suspend performance by Contractor under this Contract for such period of time as the Department, at its sole discretion, may prescribe by providing written notice to Contractor at least 30 working days prior to the date on which the Department wishes to suspend. Upon such suspension, the Department shall pay Contractor its compensation, based on the percentage of the project completed and earned until the effective date of suspension, less all previous payments. Contractor shall not perform further work under this Contract after the effective date of suspension. Contractor shall not perform further work under this Contract after the effective date of suspension until receipt of written notice from the Department to resume performance.

In the event the Department suspends performance by Contractor for any cause other than the error or omission of the Contractor, for an aggregate period in excess of 30 days, Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment of the compensation payable to Contractor under this Contract to reimburse for additional costs occasioned as a result of such suspension of performance by the Department based on appropriated funds and approval by the Department.

Any notice required or permitted under this Contract shall be effective upon receipt and may be hand delivered with receipt requested or by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to the addresses listed below. Either Party may change its address for notices and official formal correspondence upon five (5) days written notice to the other.

To the Department at: _____

To the Contractor at: _____

15. In the event of amendments to current Federal or State laws which nullify any term(s) or provision(s) of this Contract, the remainder of the Contract will remain unaffected.

If any term or provision of this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the same shall not affect the other terms or provisions hereof or the whole of this Contract, but such term or provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary in the court's opinion to render such term or provision enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly, preserving to the fullest permissible extent the intent and agreements of the parties herein set forth.

16. This Contract shall not be altered, changed, modified, or amended except by written consent of all Parties to the Contract.

17. The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract for any portion of the services covered by this Contract without obtaining prior written approval of the Department. Approval by Delaware of Contractor's request to subcontract or acceptance of or payment for subcontracted work by Delaware shall not in any way relieve Contractor of responsibility for the professional and technical accuracy and adequacy of the work. All subcontractors shall adhere to all applicable provisions of this Agreement.

Any such subcontract shall be subject to all the conditions and provisions of this Contract. The approval requirements of this paragraph do not extend to the purchase of articles, supplies, equipment, rentals, leases and other day-to-day operational expenses in support of staff or facilities providing the services covered by this Contract.

18. This entire Contract between the Contractor and the Department is composed of these several pages and the attached:

- Appendix A– Divisional Requirements
- Appendix B – HIPPA Business Associate Agreement
- Appendix C – Service Specifications
- Appendix D – Contract Budget
- Appendix F – DSAAPD Policy Manual for Contracts
- DHSS Request for Proposal (RFP) # HSS-XX-XXX
- Vendor's Proposal in response to RFP #HSS-XX-XXX

This contract and its Appendices shall constitute the entire agreement between The Department and Contractor with respect to the subject matter of this Contract and shall not be modified or changed without the express written consent of the parties. The provisions of this contract supersede all prior oral and written quotations, communications, agreements, and understandings of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract.

Should a conflict arise in the language found among the above-named documents, the documents shall govern in the following order:

- 1) This DHSS Contract
- 2) DHSS Request for Proposal (RFP)# HSS-XX-XXX
- 3) Vendor's Proposal in response to RFP # HSS- XX-XXX
- 4) Appendix A- Divisional Requirements
- 5) Appendix B - HIPPA Business Associate Agreement
- 6) Appendix C – Service Specifications
- 7) Appendix D - Contract Budget
- 8) Appendix F - DSAAPD Policy Manual for Contracts

If the scope of any provision of this Contract is too broad in any respect whatsoever to permit enforcement to its full extent, then such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law, and the parties hereto consent and agree that such scope may be judicially modified accordingly and that the whole of such provisions of the Contract shall not thereby fail, but the scope of such provision shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to conform to the law.

Contractor may not order any product requiring a purchase order prior to The Department's issuance of such order. Each Appendix, except as its terms otherwise expressly provide, shall be a complete statement of its subject matter and shall supplement and modify the terms and conditions of this Contract for the purposes of that engagement only. No other agreements, representations, warranties or other matters, whether oral or written, shall be deemed to bind the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

19. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, except where Federal Law has precedence. Contractor consents to jurisdiction and venue in the State of Delaware.

Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the Department and Contractor arising out of or relating to this Contract or the breach thereof will be decided by arbitration if the parties hereto mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Delaware.

20. In the event Contractor is successful in an action under the antitrust laws of the United States and/or the State of Delaware against a vendor, supplier, subcontractor, or other party who provides particular goods or services to the Contractor that impact the budget for this Contract, Contractor agrees to reimburse the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services for the pro-rata portion of the damages awarded that are attributable to the goods or services used by the Contractor to fulfill the requirements of this Contract. In the event Contractor refuses or neglects after reasonable written notice by the Department to bring such antitrust action, Contractor shall be deemed to have assigned such action to the Department.
21. Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interests, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of this Contract. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this contract, it shall not employ any person having such interest.

22. Contractor covenants that it has not employed or retained any company or person who is working primarily for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this Contract, by improperly influencing the Department or any of its employees in any professional procurement process; and, the Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working primarily for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement. For the violation of this provision, the Department shall have the right to terminate the Contract without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

23. The Department shall have the unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other materials prepared under this Contract. Contractor shall have no right to copyright any material produced in whole or in part under this Contract. Upon the request of the Department, the Contractor shall execute additional documents as are required to assure the transfer of such copyrights to the Department.

Contractor retains all title and interest to the data it furnished and/or generated pursuant to this Agreement. Retention of such title and interest does not conflict with Delaware's rights to the materials, information, and documents developed in performing the project. Upon final payment, Delaware shall have a perpetual, nontransferable, non-exclusive paid-up right and license to use, copy, modify, and prepare derivative works of all materials in which Contractor retains title, whether individually by Contractor or jointly with Delaware. Any and all source code developed in connection with the services provided will be provided to Delaware, and the aforementioned right and license shall apply to source code. The parties will cooperate with each other and execute such other documents as may be reasonably deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of this Section.

If the use of any services or deliverables is prohibited by court action based on a U.S. patent or copyright infringement claim, Contractor shall, at its own expense, buy for the Department the right to continue using the services or deliverables or modify or replace the product with no material loss in use, at the option of the Department.

24. Contractor agrees that no information obtained pursuant to this Contract may be released in any form except in compliance with applicable laws and policies on the confidentiality of information and except as necessary for the proper discharge of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

25. Waiver of any default shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default. Waiver or breach of any provision of this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of the Contract unless stated to be such in writing, signed by authorized representatives of all parties and attached to the original Contract.

26. If the amount of this contract listed in Paragraph C2 is over \$25,000, the Contractor, by their signature in Section E, is representing that the Firm and/or its Principals, along with its subcontractors and assignees under this Contract, are not currently subject to either suspension or debarment from Procurement and Non-Procurement activities by the Federal Government.

C) Financial Requirements

1. The rights and obligations of each Party to this Contract are not effective and no Party is bound by the terms of this contract unless, and until, a validly executed Purchase Order is approved by the Secretary of Finance and received by Contractor, *if required by the State of Delaware Budget and Accounting Manual*, and all policies and procedures of the Department of Finance have been met. The obligations of the Department under this Contract are expressly limited to the amount of any approved Purchase Order. The State will not be liable for expenditures made or services delivered prior to Contractor's receipt of the Purchase Order.
2. Total payments under this Contract shall not exceed \$ _____ in accordance with the budget presented in Appendix C. Payment will be made upon receipt of an itemized invoice from the Contractor in accordance with the payment schedule, if any. The contractor or vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs, or conditions. Contractor is responsible for costs incurred in excess of the total cost of this Contract and the Department is not responsible for such costs.

Contractor shall submit monthly invoices to Delaware in sufficient detail to support the services provided during the previous month. Delaware agrees to pay those invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt. In the event Delaware disputes a portion of an invoice, Delaware agrees to pay the undisputed portion of the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt and to provide Contractor a detailed statement of Delaware's position on the disputed portion of the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt.

3. Validity and enforcement of this Contract is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly of the specific funds necessary for contract performance. Should such funds not be so appropriated the Department may immediately terminate this Contract, and absent such action this Contract shall be terminated as to any obligation of the State requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available, at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, this Contract shall terminate and the Department's obligations under it shall be extinguished at the end of the fiscal year in which the state of Delaware fails to appropriate monies for the ensuing fiscal year sufficient for the payment of all amounts, which will then become due.

4. Delaware is a sovereign entity, and shall not be liable for the payment of federal, state and local sales, use and excise taxes, including any interest and penalties from any related deficiency, which may become due and payable as a consequence of this Agreement.
5. The Contractor is solely responsible for the payment of all amounts due to all subcontractors and suppliers of goods, materials, or services, which may have been acquired by or provided to the Contractor in the performance of this contract. The Department is not responsible for the payment of such subcontractors or suppliers.

Unless provided otherwise in an Appendix, all expenses incurred in the performance of the services are to be paid by Contractor. If an Appendix specifically provides for expense reimbursement, Contractor shall be reimbursed only for reasonable expenses incurred by

Contractor in the performance of the services, including, but not necessarily limited to, travel and lodging expenses, communications charges, and computer time and supplies.

6. The Contractor shall not assign the Contract or any portion thereof without prior written approval of the Department and subject to such conditions and revisions as the Department may deem necessary. No such approval by the Department of any assignment shall be deemed to provide for the incurrence of any obligations of the Department in addition to the total agreed upon price of the Contract.
7. Contractor shall maintain books, records, documents and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. Contractor shall also maintain the financial information and data used by Contractor in the preparation of support of its bid or proposal. Contractor shall retain this information for a period of five (5) years from the date services were rendered by the Contractor. Records involving matters in litigation shall be retained for one (1) year following the termination of such litigation. The Department shall have access to such books, records, documents, and other evidence for the purpose of inspection, auditing, and copying during normal business hours of the Contractor after giving reasonable notice. Contractor will provide facilities for such access and inspection.
8. The Contractor agrees that any submission by or on behalf of the Contractor of any claim for payment by the Department shall constitute certification by the Contractor that the services or items for which payment is claimed were actually rendered by the Contractor or its agents, and that all information submitted in support of the claims is true, accurate, and complete.

All invoices, reports, documents provided in response to an audit, and any documentation provided to the Department pursuant to any contractual obligation as set forth herein ,including any chart or compilation of data, report, or other document produced by the Contractor for presentment to the Department shall contain, in a prominently displayed location, the following written certification:

“I hereby certify that the information reported herein is true, accurate, and complete. I understand that these reports are made in support of claims for government funds.”

Any certification related to information and documents produced to the Department shall be certified only by the Contractor’s Contract Manager

9. The cost of any Contract audit disallowances resulting from the examination of the Contractor's financial records will be borne by the Contractor. Reimbursement to the Department for disallowances shall be drawn from the Contractor's own resources and not charged to Contract costs or cost pools indirectly charging Contract costs.
10. When the Department desires any addition or deletion to the deliverables or a change in the services to be provided under this Contract, it shall so notify the Contractor. The Department will develop a Contract Amendment authorizing said change. The Amendment shall state whether the change shall cause an alteration in the price or time required by the Contractor for any aspect of its performance under the Contract. Pricing of changes shall be consistent with those prices or costs established within this Contract. Such amendment shall not be effective until executed by all Parties.

D) Miscellaneous Requirements

1. *If applicable*, the Contractor agrees to adhere to the requirements of DHSS Policy Memorandum # 46, (PM #46, effective 3/11/05), and divisional procedures regarding the reporting and investigation of suspected abuse, neglect, mistreatment, misappropriation of property and significant injury of residents/clients receiving services, including providing testimony at any administrative proceedings arising from such investigations. The policy and procedures are included as Appendix _____ to this Contract. It is understood that adherence to this policy includes the development of appropriate procedures to implement the policy and ensuring staff receive appropriate training on the policy requirements. The Contractor's procedures must include the position(s) responsible for the PM46 process in the provider agency. The Contractor must maintain documentation of staff training on PM46.
2. *When required by Law*, Contractor shall conduct child abuse and adult abuse registry checks and obtain service letters in accordance with 19 Del. Code Section 708; and 11 Del. Code, Sections 8563 and 8564. Contractor shall not employ individuals with adverse registry findings in the performance of this contract.
3. *If applicable*, the Contractor agrees to adhere to the requirements of DHSS Policy Memorandum # 40 (PM #40, effective 3/10/2008), and divisional procedures regarding conducting criminal background checks and handling adverse findings of the criminal background checks. This policy and procedure are included as Appendix _____ to this Contract. It is understood that adherence to this policy includes the development of appropriate procedures to implement the policy and ensuring staff receive appropriate training on the policy requirements. The Contractor's procedures must include the title of the position(s) responsible for the PM40 process in the contractor's agency.
4. *If applicable*, the Contractor agrees to adhere to the requirements of DHSS Policy Memorandum # 36 (PM #36, effective 9/24/2008), and divisional procedures regarding minimal requirements of contractors who are engaging in a contractual agreement to develop community based residential arrangements for those individuals served by Divisions within DHSS. This policy and procedure are included as Appendix _____ to this Contract. It is understood that adherence to this policy includes individuals/entities that enter into a contractual arrangement (*contractors*) with the DHSS/Division to develop a community based residential home(s) and apartment(s). Contractors shall be responsible for their subcontractors' adherence with this policy and related protocol(s) established by the applicable Division.
5. All Department campuses are tobacco-free. Contractors, their employees, and sub-contractors are prohibited from using any tobacco products while on Department property. This prohibition extends to personal vehicles parked in Department parking lots.

E) Authorized Signatures:

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be duly executed as of the date and year first above written.

For the Contractor:

Name

Title

Date

For the Department:

Rita M. Landgraf
Secretary

Date

For the Division:

Jill Rogers
Director

Date

DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Sanctions

The Division reserves the right to reduce the number of people a Contractor currently serves, restrict the number of referrals a Contractor may receive, or rescind authorization to operate one or more service sites (e.g., neighborhood home, apartment) or any combination of such measures as sanctions for documented unsatisfactory contract performance as determined by the Division. The Division may impose such sanctions for a period of between 30 to 365 days, with the right to renew the sanctions at the Division's sole discretion.

1. The contractor agrees to comply with all policies and procedures contained within the *DSAAPD Policy Manual for Contracts*, which is hereby included by reference.
2. The contractor agrees to meet or exceed all minimum service standards as indicated in the service specifications for the contracted service.
3. This agreement is subject to the availability of State and/or Federal funds.
4. The contractor agrees to submit quarterly (or monthly) financial reports, program performance reports and other reports as required by the Division on the due dates as specified in the *DSAAPD Policy Manual for Contracts* policies Q and S. Payments for the following months may be withheld if the contractor fails to comply with these requirements.
5. The contractor agrees that the project will be carried out in accordance with the applicable Federal and State statutes, rules, regulations, and the policies and procedures established by the Department and Division, the terms and conditions of this contract and the RFP application as approved by the Department.
6. If, at any given time the Contractor cannot provide the contracted and authorized services, the Division has the authority to remove funds from the contract.
7. The contractor agrees to acknowledge the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Disabilities as a funding source in all publicity about the project.
8. For Federally funded programs, <http://www.hhs.gov/forms/HHS690.pdf> (Assurance of Compliance) is incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement.
9. No part of any funds under this contract shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any contractor or agent acting for the contractor, to engage in lobbying designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the legislature and/or Congress.
10. The contractor acknowledges that no state or federal funds may be requested unless the contractor has the local resources to meet the required match, if applicable. These resources may not be used as match for any other program. Failure of any contractor to document and

provide the budgeted required match could result in an audit finding and the funds returned to the Division.

11. In cost reimbursement contracts, any funds paid by the Division to the contractor, in excess of actual expenditure, incurred and paid by the contractor, must be returned to the Division.
12. Any changes in the line items of a cost reimbursement budget must be in compliance with the DSAAPD *Policy Manual for Contracts* Policy F. Non-compliance will result in a disallowed cost and audit finding.
13. The period of notice required for the Contractor to terminate or to not renew this agreement without cause is extended to ninety (90) calendar days with written notice to the Division pursuant to B. Administrative Requirements, Item 13 of the Department boilerplate.
14. The Contractor agrees to list the DSAAPD as a Certificate Holder on their current Insurance Certificate, as required by the Department.
15. The Contractor agrees to provide the Division with a current copy of its Emergency Preparedness Plan.
16. The contractor agrees to cooperate and assist in efforts undertaken by the Division, the U.S. Administration on Aging, or any other agency or organization duly authorized by any of the preceding to evaluate the effectiveness, feasibility and cost of the project.
17. The contractor of an Older Americans Act program acknowledges that the total cost of the contract, excluding program income, must include a 10% match of non-DSAAPD resources (e.g. local cash and/or in-kind that is provided by the contractor). During the year-end closeout, the contractor will refund all unmatched DSAAPD funds as required by Federal regulations.

HIPPA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Parties have entered, and may in the future enter, into one or more arrangements or agreements (the “Agreement”) which require the Business Associate to perform functions or activities on behalf of, or services for, Covered Entity or a Covered Entity Affiliate (“CE Affiliate”) that involve the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information (“PHI”) that is subject to the final federal Privacy, Security, Breach Notification and Enforcement Rules (collectively the “HIPAA Rules”) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (the Act including the HIPAA rules shall be referred to as “HIPAA”) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (“HITECH”), as each is amended from time to time. The purpose of this BAA is to set forth the obligations of the Parties with respect to such PHI.

WHEREAS, Business Associate provides [professional services] for Covered Entity pursuant to a contract dated _____, 201[_] and such other engagements as shall be entered into between the parties in the future in which Covered Entity discloses certain Protected Health Information (“PHI”) to Business Associate (collectively, the “Master Agreement”);

WHEREAS, Business Associate, in the course of providing services to Covered Entity, may have access to PHI and may be deemed a business associate for certain purposes under HIPAA;

WHEREAS, the Parties contemplate that Business Associate may obtain PHI, with Covered Entity’s knowledge and consent, from certain other business associates of Covered Entity that may possess such PHI; and

WHEREAS, Business Associate and Covered Entity are entering into this BAA to set forth Business Associate’s obligations with respect to its handling of the PHI, whether such PHI was obtained from another business associate of Covered Entity or directly from Covered Entity;

NOW, THEREFORE, for mutual consideration, the sufficiency and delivery of which is acknowledged by the Parties, and upon the premises and covenants set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.** Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in this BAA shall have the meanings ascribed to them in HIPAA or the Master Agreement between Covered Entity and Business Associate, as applicable.
2. **Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.** To the extent that Business Associate is provided with or creates any PHI on behalf of Covered Entity and is acting as a business associate of Covered Entity, Business Associate agrees to comply with the provisions of HIPAA applicable to business associates, and in doing so, represents and warrants as follows:
 - (a) **Use or Disclosure.** Business Associate agrees to not use or disclose PHI other than as set forth in this BAA, the Master Agreement, or as required by law.
 - (b) **Specific Use of Disclosure.** Except as otherwise limited by this BAA, Business Associate may:
 - (i) use or disclose PHI to perform data aggregation and other services required under the Master Agreement to assist Covered Entity in its operations, as

long as such use or disclosure would not violate HIPAA if done by Covered Entity, or HIPAA permits such use or disclosure by a business associate;

(ii) use or disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out Business Associate's legal responsibilities, provided that with respect to disclosure of PHI, such disclosure is required by law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidentially 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 Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached; and

(iii) de-identify PHI and maintain such de-identified PHI indefinitely, notwithstanding Section 4 of this Agreement, provided that all identifiers are destroyed or returned in accordance with the Privacy Rule.

(c) **Minimum Necessary.** Business Associate agrees to take reasonable efforts to limit requests for, or uses and disclosures of, PHI to the extent practical, a limited data set, otherwise to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended request, use, or disclosure.

(d) **Safeguards.** Business Associate shall establish appropriate safeguards, consistent with HIPAA, that are reasonable and necessary to prevent any use or disclosure of PHI not expressly authorized by this BAA.

(i) To the extent that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains, or transmits Electronic PHI, Business Associate agrees to establish administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity, as required by the Privacy Rule and Security Rule.

(ii) The safeguards established by Business Associate shall include securing PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity in accordance with the standards set forth in HITECH Act §13402(h) and any guidance issued thereunder.

(iii) Business Associate agrees to provide Covered Entity with such written documentation concerning safeguards as Covered Entity may reasonably request from time to time.

(e) **Agents and Subcontractors.** Business Associate agrees to obtain written assurances that any agents, including subcontractors, to whom it provides PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI, including the requirement that it agree to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect Electronic PHI that is disclosed to it by Business Associate. To the extent permitted by law, Business Associate shall be fully liable to Covered Entity for any and all acts, failures, or omissions of Business Associate's agents

and subcontractors in any breach of their subcontracts or assurances to Business Associate as though they were Business Associate's own acts, failures, or omissions.

(f) **Reporting.** Within five (5) business days of discovery by Business Associate, Business Associate agrees to notify Covered Entity in writing of any use or disclosure of, or Security Incident involving, PHI, including any Breach of Unsecured PHI, not provided for by this BAA or the Master Agreement, of which Business Associate may become aware.

(i) In the notice provided to Covered Entity by Business Associate regarding unauthorized uses and/or disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall describe the remedial or proposed mitigation efforts required under Section 2(g) of this BAA.

(ii) Specifically with respect to reporting a Breach of Unsecured PHI, Business Associate agrees to must include the identity of the individual(s) whose Unsecured PHI was Breached in the written notice provided to Covered Entity, and any additional information required by HIPAA.

(ii) Business Associate agrees to cooperate with Covered Entity upon report of any such Breach so that Covered Entity may provide the individual(s) affected by such Breach with proper notice as required by HIPAA.

(g) **Mitigation.** Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate resulting from a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this BAA or the Master Agreement.

(h) **Audits and Inspections.** Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI available to the Secretary, in a time and manner mutually agreed to by the Parties or designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining the Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA.

(i) **Accounting.** Business Associate agrees to document and report to Covered Entity, within fourteen (14) days, Business Associate's disclosures of PHI so Covered Entity can comply with its accounting of disclosure obligations in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.528 and any subsequent regulations issued thereunder. Business Associate agrees to maintain electronic records of all such disclosures for a minimum of six (6) calendar years.

(j) **Designated Record Set.** While the Parties do not intend for Business Associate to maintain any PHI in a designated record set, to the extent that Business Associate does maintain any PHI in a designated record set, Business Associate agrees to make available to Covered Entity PHI within fourteen (14) days:

(i) for Covered Entity to comply with its access obligations in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.524 and any subsequent regulations issued thereunder; and

(ii) for amendment upon Covered Entity's request and incorporate any amendments to PHI as may be required for Covered Entity comply with its

amendment obligations in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.526 and any subsequent guidance.

(k) **HITECH Compliance Dates.** Business Associate agrees to comply with the HITECH Act provisions expressly addressed, or incorporated by reference, in this BAA as of the effective dates of applicability and enforcement established by the HITECH Act and any subsequent regulations issued thereunder.

3. **Obligations of Covered Entity.**

(a) Covered Entity agrees to notify Business Associate of any limitation(s) in Covered Entity's 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.

(b) Covered Entity agrees to notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose PHI, including disclosure of data to insurers and health plans when the patient pays for medical services in full and requests that such notification not be made, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(c) Covered Entity agrees to notify 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 Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(d) Covered Entity agrees to limit its use, disclosure, and requests of PHI under this BAA to a limited data set or, if needed by Covered Entity, to the minimum necessary PHI to accomplish the intended purpose of such use, disclosure, or request.

4. **Term and Termination.**

(a) **Term.** This BAA shall become effective upon the Effective Date and, unless otherwise terminated as provided herein, shall have a term that shall run concurrently with that of the last expiration date or termination of the Master Agreement.

(b) **Termination Upon Breach.**

(i) Without limiting the termination rights of the Parties pursuant to the Master Agreement, upon either Party's knowledge of a material breach by the other Party to this BAA, the breaching Party shall notify the non-breaching Party of such breach and the breaching party shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of notification to the non-breaching party to cure such breach. In the event that such breach is not cured, or cure is infeasible, the non-breaching party shall have the right to immediately terminate this BAA and those portions of the Master Agreement that involve the disclosure to Business Associate of PHI, or, if non-severable, the Master Agreement.

(c) **Termination by Either Party.** Either Party may terminate this BAA upon provision of thirty (30) days' prior written notice.

(d) **Effect of Termination.**

(i) To the extent feasible, upon termination of this BAA or the Master Agreement for any reason, Business Associate agrees, and shall cause any

subcontractors or agents to return or destroy and retain no copies of all PHI received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity. Business Associate agrees to complete such return or destruction as promptly as possible and verify in writing within thirty (30) days of the termination of this BAA to Covered Entity that such return or destruction has been completed.

(ii) If not feasible, Business Associate agrees to provide Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make return or destruction of PHI not feasible. Upon notice to Covered Entity that return or destruction of PHI is not feasible, Business Associate agrees to extend the protections of this BAA to such PHI for as long as Business Associate maintains such PHI.

(iii) Without limiting the foregoing, Business Associate may retain copies of PHI in its work papers related to the services provided in the Master Agreement to meet its professional obligations.

5. **Miscellaneous.**

(a) **Regulatory References.** A reference in this BAA to a section in the Privacy Rule or Security Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.

(b) **Amendment.** The Parties acknowledge that the provisions of this BAA are designed to comply with HIPAA and agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this BAA from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of HIPAA. Regardless of the execution of a formal amendment of this BAA, the BAA shall be deemed amended to permit the Covered Entity and Business Associate to comply with HIPAA.

(c) **Method of Providing Notice.** Any notice required to be given pursuant to the terms and provisions of this BAA shall be in writing and may be either personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail in the United States Postal Service, Return Receipt Requested, postage prepaid, addressed to each Party at the addresses listed in the Master Agreement currently in effect between Covered Entity and Business Associate. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given if mailed as provided herein, as of the date mailed.

(d) **Parties Bound.** This BAA shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors, and assigns. Business Associate may not assign or subcontract the rights or obligations under this BAA without the express written consent of Covered Entity. Covered Entity may assign its rights and obligations under this BAA to any successor or affiliated entity.

(e) **No Waiver.** No provision of this BAA or any breach thereof shall be deemed waived unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the Party claimed to have waived such provision or breach. No waiver of a breach shall constitute a waiver of or excuse any different or subsequent breach.

(f) **Effect on Master Agreement.** This BAA together with the Master Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written, with respect to such matters. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this BAA and the terms of the Master

Agreement, the terms of this BAA shall control unless the terms of such Master Agreement are stricter, as determined by Covered Entity, with respect to PHI and comply with HIPAA, or the Parties specifically otherwise agree in writing. No oral modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this BAA shall be binding on either party. No obligation on either party to enter into any transaction is to be implied from the execution or delivery of this BAA.

(g) **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in this BAA shall be resolved to permit the Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA and any subsequent guidance.

(h) **No Third Party Rights.** Except as stated herein, the terms of this BAA are not intended nor should they be construed to grant any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever to parties other than Business Associate and Covered Entity and their respective successors or assigns.

(i) **Applicable Law.** This BAA shall be governed under the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to choice of law principles, and the Delaware courts shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising under this Agreement.

(j) **Judicial and Administrative Proceedings.** In the event that Business Associate receives a subpoena, court or administrative order, or other discovery request or mandate for release of PHI, Business Associate agrees to collaborate with Covered Entity with respect to Business Associate's response to such request. Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within seven (7) days of receipt of such request or mandate.

(k) **Transmitting Electronic PHI.** Electronic PHI transmitted or otherwise transferred from between Covered Entity and Business Associate must be encrypted by a process that renders the Electronic PHI unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals within the meaning of HITECH Act § 13402 and any implementing guidance including, but not limited to, 42 C.F.R. § 164.402.

6. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have executed this BAA to be effective on the date set forth above.

Covered Entity

Business Associate

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX G: *Monthly Usage Report*

The following definitions are from the State Office of Supplier Diversity

Vendors wishing to apply for certification or gain more information on Supplier Diversity programs may do so at:

<http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/osd/certify.shtml>

<http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/osd/index.shtml>

Definitions

Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE):

At least 51% is owned by women, or in the case of a publicly owned enterprise, a business enterprise in which at least 51% of the voting stock is owned by women; or any business enterprise that is approved or certified as such for purposes of participation in contracts subject to women-owned business enterprise requirements involving federal programs and federal funds.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE):

At least 51% is owned by minority group members; or in the case of a publicly owned enterprise, a business enterprise in which at least 51% of the voting stock is owned by minority group members; or any business enterprise that is approved or certified as such for purposes of participation in contracts subjects to minority business enterprises requirements involving federal programs and federal funds.

Corporation:

An artificial legal entity treated as an individual, having rights and liabilities distinct from those of the persons of its members, and vested with the capacity to transact business, within the limits of the powers granted by law to the entity.

Partnership:

An agreement under which two or more persons carry on a business, sharing in the profit or losses, but each liable for losses to the extent of his or her personal assets.

Individual:

Self-explanatory

For certification in one of above, the bidder must contract:


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Office of Supplier Diversity

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APPENDIX H: *Service Specifications*

	<p>DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities</p>	<p>Caregiver Resource Center Service Specifications</p>
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Revision Table

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1.0 SERVICE DEFINITION

1.1 Caregiver Resource Centers (CRC) are community access points that provide information and assistance/referral, education, and access to services and assistive technologies that support caregivers. These are one of the core services provided by the C.A.R.E Delaware (Caregiver Assistance-Respite-Education) program. (www.dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd)

2.0 SERVICE GOAL

2.1 The goal of the Caregiver Resource Centers is to serve all caregivers in our communities by providing information and assistance/referral, education and access to services and assistive technologies that support individual caregivers at any point along the continuum of caregiving.

3.0 SERVICE AREA

3.1 Providers/contractors are permitted to apply for sub-areas of service within the State.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Caregiver Resource Centers serve caregivers in local communities, as well as out-of-State caregivers who are providing care to Delaware participants.
- 4.2 Caregiver Resource Centers are supported by both state and federal funds as per the Older Americans Act, Title III-Part E and the National Family Caregiver Support Program. As required by these funding sources, services will be directed to caregivers and targeted populations as follows:
- 4.2.1 Family members, friends, or others who help take care of older adults or persons with disabilities. Caregivers are also older relatives such as grandparents who care for children. Refer to: http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dsaapd/care_delaware.html
 - 4.2.2 Targeted caregiver populations include those in the community with the greatest social and economic need. Priority will be given to the following: older adults, persons with disabilities, older individuals at risk for institutional placement, minorities and those with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas.
 - 4.2.3 Underserved caregiver populations including male caregivers, caregivers in the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community,

caregivers for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, caregivers in the Hispanic/Latino communities.

5.0 SERVICE STANDARDS

5.1 Caregiver Resource Centers and the contractors/providers that operate these sites must provide services and adhere to service standards as described herein.

Caregiver Resource Centers will:

- 5.1.1 Serve as visible and trusted community focal points for caregivers seeking information, assistance/referral, and access to needed services and person-centered support.
- 5.1.2 Be open and easily accessible to all caregivers in the community.
- 5.1.3 Provide assistance and access to services for all caregivers, regardless of membership or affiliation with the host location. For example, if a center is co-located in a senior center, caregivers seeking assistance are not required to be a member of the senior center.
- 5.1.4 Have flexible hours of operation (minimum of 20 hours per week). Schedule must be posted and include sufficient evening &/or weekend hours for additional convenience to caregivers.
- 5.1.5 Hire (or assign) a part-time staff member to serve for a minimum of 20 hours per week.

5.2 Caregiver Resource Centers must have the following service area and equipment (at a minimum) to operate:

- 5.2.1 Dedicated area that serves as a comprehensive resource directory/lending library and caregiver consultation site
- 5.2.2 Accessible computer(s) with Internet access for caregivers
- 5.2.3 Telephone(s)
- 5.2.4 Educational materials and resources on caregiving and support services, including books, manuals, pamphlets, brochures, videos, DVD/CDs, etc.

5.3 Caregiver Resource Centers will provide caregivers with direct access to the following core services and resources:

- 5.3.1 C.A.R.E. Delaware core services including: Caregiver Skills Training, Grandparent or Older Relative Caregiver Programs (Joining Generations), Information and Assistance, and Respite Care.
- 5.3.2 Delaware's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) services including: Options Counseling and Hospital Discharge/Care Transition Support. The ADRC is a statewide, one-stop access point for long-term services and supports for older persons and adults with physical disabilities in Delaware.
- 5.3.3 Assistive technologies, adaptive devices, tools and services that support aging-in-place and personal independence.

5.4 Caregiver Resource Centers will provide outreach/marketing services targeting caregivers as follows:

- 5.4.1 Facilitate and participate in outreach activities that promote the C.A.R.E. Delaware program, support services and related resources to local public and private community organizations and stakeholders (e.g., MD offices, pharmacies, clinics, senior centers)

- 5.4.2 Promote available services, resources and programs related to caregiving, with a focus on targeted caregiver populations (as identified in 4.2).
- 5.4.3 Facilitate engagement in support and educational activities (e.g., support groups, evidenced-based self-management programs, caregiver education activities).

6.0 JOB DUTIES

Caregiver Resource Center staff must perform the following duties and functions as per the National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) standards and reporting requirements. Staff will be responsible for maintaining center resources, providing services and reporting as follows:

6.1 Resource/Center Maintenance:

- 6.1.1 Research, maintain, disseminate and track the distribution of resource materials pertaining to caregiver issues, assistive technologies, and support services available for caregivers.
- 6.1.2 Assist in identifying, assessing and updating resources for caregivers in the Delaware ADRC searchable database, Guide to Services for Older Delawareans and Adults with Disabilities, and related directories and online databases.
- 6.1.3 Research, without bias or prejudice, relevant topics/concerns facing caregivers.
Remain informed and provide resources on current and emerging caregiving issues.
- 6.1.4 Be available at the Caregiver Resource Center during designated staffing hours.

6.2 Caregiver Services:

- 6.2.1 Conduct initial counseling sessions/interviews and complete assessments on individual caregivers and clients. Submit the Care Recipient Assessment (Form CF-044) and Caregiver Assessment (Form CF-045) on a monthly basis. (Forms will be provided electronically to vendor by DSAAPD prior to contract start date)
- 6.2.2 Provide caregivers with information, assistance and direct access to support services and resources as needed.
- 6.2.3 Respond promptly to all contacts via phone or email. Answer/return phone calls, make follow-up calls; research and respond to specific caregiver issues and concerns
- 6.2.4 Refer to appropriate agencies or organizations that support caregivers.
- 6.2.5 Refer to intervention/educational activities that support caregivers including:
 - 6.2.5.1 Special support groups that focus on coping skills and reducing the risk of caregiver burnout
 - 6.2.5.2 Evidence-based, self-management programs for caregivers
- 6.2.6 Organize and/or facilitate the development of support group activities for caregivers.

6.3 Community Outreach/Training

- 6.3.1 Promote Caregiver Resource Centers and available services for caregivers.
- 6.3.2 Serve as a liaison for C.A.R.E. Delaware, Delaware Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and DSAAPD services.
- 6.3.3 Participate in community outreach venues including conferences, health fairs/expos (minimum twice per year).
- 6.3.4 Conduct public outreach to target populations (as identified in 4.2) and the broader community about the services provided through the Caregiver Resource Centers. Public outreach and circulation will be done via online and print media including newspapers, newsletters, program notices, flyers, etc.
- 6.3.5 Conduct and facilitate caregiver trainings and support groups.
- 6.3.6 Conduct outreach and site visits to local businesses/employers, health care professionals, civic organizations, senior centers, etc.
- 6.3.7 Periodically host a calendar of workshops and/or seminars including guest speakers at the Caregiver Resource Center site location on relevant topics for caregivers in the community (minimum twice per year).
- 6.3.8 When the Caregiver Resource Center or services are publicized through the news media or other sources, contractor will identify the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities as the support agency, with primary funding provided by the National Family Caregiver Support Program, Title III-E of the Older Americans Act.

6.4 Administrative Requirements

- 6.4.1 Attend mandatory quarterly meetings scheduled by C.A.R.E. Delaware Administrator.
- 6.4.2 Participate in formal training activities that will facilitate ongoing professional development and understanding of caregiver needs and services (minimum twice per year).
- 6.4.3 Record, track and submit all data/reports as required by NAPIS in the DSAAPD Invoicing Workbook (IW-024).
- 6.4.4 Prepare and submit required Quarterly Reports in DSAAPD Invoicing Workbook (IW-024).

7.0 PROGRAM STAFFING - Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

7.1 The Caregiver Resource Center staff must have sufficient knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:

- 7.1.1 Knowledge of resources/services that support diverse caregivers (as identified in 4.2)
 - 7.1.1.1 Older caregivers and/or grandparents raising relatives' children
 - 7.1.1.2 Underserved caregiver populations (e.g., non-English speaking, males, LGBT)
 - 7.1.1.3 Caregivers with &/or caring for adults with special needs
- 7.1.2 Research skills
 - 7.1.2.1 Ability to use computer/selected programs
 - 7.1.2.2 Skill in navigating Internet and conducting online searches
 - 7.1.2.3 Ability to locate relevant resources for caregivers, including assistive technologies and current/emerging issues
- 7.1.3 Counseling
 - 7.1.3.1 Ability to assess and connect caregivers to the services they want or need

- 7.1.3.2 Ability to explore options and possible solutions to caregiver problems
- 7.1.3.3 Ability to facilitate coping and self-management skill development
- 7.1.3.4 Skilled in active listening and ability to empathize with caregivers
- 7.1.4 Administrative skills
 - 7.1.4.1 Excellent written and oral communication skills
 - 7.1.4.2 Knowledge of basic record keeping practices and standard operating procedures

8.0 EVALUATION AND MONITORING

- 8.1 Caregiver Resource Centers will be monitored and evaluated by DSAAPD to ensure fiscal and program integrity and overall quality assurance.

9.0 INVOICING REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 The provider will invoice DSAAPD using the DSAAPD Invoicing Workbook (IW - 024) pursuant to the DSAAPD Policy Manual for Contracts, Policy Number X-Q Invoicing.

APPENDIX I: *PROPOSAL RESPONSE TABLE OF CONTENTS*

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Section 1: Required Documents	Required Formats	Included
Proposal Response Table of Contents (Appendix I)	PDF	
Bidder's Signature Form (Appendix C)	Hard Copy & PDF	
Title Page (Section IV-C)	Original Signed Hard Copy & PDF	
Transmittal/Cover Letter (Section IV-D)	Original Signed Hard Copy & PDF	
Certification Sheet (Appendix D)	Original Signed Hard Copy & PDF	
Statements of Compliance Form (Appendix E)	Original Signed Hard Copy & PDF	

Section 2: Technical Proposal		
Corporate Qualifications (Section IV-F)	Microsoft WORD	
Work Plan (Section IV-G)	Microsoft WORD	
Project Staffing and Organization (Section IV-H)	Microsoft WORD	

Section 3: Budget Proposal		
Budget Workbook (Section IV-I / Appendix B)	Microsoft EXCEL	

ALL ITEMS ABOVE MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL.

APPENDIX J: *Invoicing Workbook*

The Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) Invoicing Workbook (IW-024) will be supplied to all requesting bidders and all the pre-bid meeting attendees.

Contract Franklin.jones@state.de.us for an electronic copy of the CRC Invoicing Workbook.