Pre-Solicitation Announcement

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
Health Registries Development, Maintenance and Operations Support Services (HeRDMOSS)

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1. OVERVIEW

Introduction

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) issues this Pre-Solicitation Announcement (Announcement) to inform the vendor community that the HHSC intends to release a solicitation to procure the service components for a Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Registries Development, Maintenance and Operations Support Services (HeRDMOSS).

Background

DSHS is responsible for the management and caretaking of the mission to improve the health, safety and well-being of Texans through good stewardship of public resources, and a focus on core public health functions. DSHS accomplishes this mission for maintaining the health and well-being of Texans through the application of multiple health and disease registries. The goals of DSHS are to:

- Improve health through prevention and population health strategies
- Enhance public health response to disasters and disease outbreaks
- Reduce health problems through public health consumer protection
- Expand the effective use of health information

Currently, HHSC, by and through DSHS, utilizes the Maven software product, and associated development and maintenance services, to provide health registries solutions. The Maven software product is proprietary software owned by Conduent Public Health Solutions Inc. The full set of registries provided through the Maven software product are as follows in Table 1.

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<td>Blood Lead Registry (BLR) BLR is a statewide surveillance system of all blood lead results for Texans. The Child and Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance (CABLES) system is the registry’s Maven-based application used to store cases where the blood lead level is considered elevated. Health and Safety Code chapters 84 and 88 require the reporting of all blood lead test results in Texas to DSHS.</td>
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<td>Birth Defect Registry (BDR) BDR is a statewide surveillance system of all cases of birth defects in Texas. Health and Safety Code chapter 87 requires DSHS to maintain a central registry of birth defect cases. The data is used to identify and describe the patterns and outcomes of children with birth defects in Texas and to collaborate with others in research, prevention and family outreach services.</td>
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<td>Emergency Management System and Trauma Registry (EMSTR) EMSTR is a statewide passive surveillance system that collects data on EMS runs, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, submersion, and other acute traumatic brain injuries. Health and Safety Code Section 773.113 mandates DSHS maintain an EMS and Trauma Reporting System.</td>
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<td>TB-HIV-STD Integrated System Registry (THISIS) THISIS is an electronic disease surveillance system that provides interactive, automated information gathering and decision support processes for the reporting and management of tuberculosis, human immunodeficiency virus, and all reportable sexually transmitted diseases (STD).</td>
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<td>Texas Healthcare Safety Network Registry (TxHSN) TxHSN comprises health care safety data including Health Care-Associated Infections (HAI) and Preventable Adverse Events (PAE) for the purpose of public reporting related to preventable infections and adverse events. DSHS created a system to track HAIs and PAEs that occur in healthcare facilities.</td>
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HHSC desires to continue with development, maintenance and operations support for a subset of the health registries provided through Maven. The registries envisioned to be in scope for the upcoming procurement are:

- Blood Lead Registry (BLR)
- Birth Defects Registry (BDR)
- Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Registry (EMSTR)

Through this Contract, the State seeks to maintain and maximize the current Maven technology platform, capabilities, workflows and training to provide the solution which enables the State to perform all functionalities to operate, manage, control, and configure, as needed, a provider and State agency health registries reporting and management application.

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2. Summary of Anticipated Procurements

Anticipated Solicitations

At the time of issuance of this Announcement, HHSC anticipates the DSHS HeRDMOSS Request for Offer (RFO) solicitation will be posted to the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD) accessed at http://www.txsmartbuy.com/sp. The services are expected to be procured using a Software as a Service (SaaS) solution contract.

Anticipated Schedule of Events

The anticipated time frames for the upcoming procurement initiatives are as follows:

   Anticipated RFO Posting: March 2023
   Anticipated Contract Award: October 2023

The schedule of events is tentative. HHSC reserves the right to modify these potential solicitations, identified activities, and target timelines at any time without notice or issuance of addenda to this Announcement.

Framework for Anticipated Scope of Services

The anticipated scope of services for the Maven platform and framework will be included in the RFO solicitation. The following list delineates the currently anticipated services for the DSHS HeRDMOSS.

► External agency Registry Integrations
► Overall Registry Platform Management/Operations (program, project and technical)
► Information Exchange Services
► Web Portal Services
► Reporting Services
► Stakeholder Support Services
► Help Desk Support Services
► Training and Education Services
► Third-Party tool management/integration and Support Services
► Transition/Turnover Services
► Development and Enhancement Support Services
3. Additional Information

Announcement Modification and Withdrawal

HHSC does not anticipate issuing any additional notices prior to the commencement of the procurement initiatives. If HHSC does supplement this Announcement with additional information, such information will be appended to this Announcement via numbered addenda. HHSC reserves the right to withdraw this Announcement at any time and without providing advance notice.

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