

Submitted Questions and Answers Regarding the

RFP: VERMONT – PROVISION OF CORRECTIONS HEALTH CARE

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Questions Submitted July 27, 2018

1. *Would Vermont/The JFO be willing to extend the time of performance of the audit/review if the timeframe provided proves overly-ambitious?*

Preliminary draft findings need to be reported within the timeframes as prescribed in Act 11. That said, some reasonable extension of time on the final more completed narrative and data presentation could probably be negotiated. If a bidder chooses to propose such changes in the timeline as part of their proposal, we will review this in light of the overall proposal.

2. *Is a bidder's list available, or will the bidder's list be made available?*

We can make a list of bidders available after August 10th upon request

3. *Would the awardee be allowed access to the current and former DoC vendor's records and personnel?*

Currently, we do not think so. We are awaiting a legal opinion and if the answer changes, we will post an update.

July 31 Update: The former vendor will have no contractual obligation to make any personnel available. Access to current vendor personnel may or may not be available.

4. *It is highly likely that in the performance of the multistate analysis as described in the RFP that there will be data integrity and data accuracy issues (The pew study was based upon self-reported data within a questionnaire and the study itself has data integrity and data accuracy issues which have already been highlighted in the media), would it be sufficient for the contractor to highlight those issues with a disclaimer or would it be preferable for the contractor to propose a sensitivity analysis that creates a range of costs based upon the contractor's research*

Regardless of any data accuracy or integrity issues, the Pew report was a major factor in the Vermont General Assembly's decision to undertake this study. The bidder's final report will provide a more complete understanding of the corrections health care costs in the eight to ten specific states. Proposals will be evaluated on how comprehensive the work plan is for fulfilling the scope of work laid out in the RFP. A bidder is welcome to highlight areas of concern about the PEW report.