



November 5, 2025

Notice to Prospective Proposers

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) invites prospective proposers to review and respond to the attached Invitation for Proposal (IFP) # 25-007, Health Care Options (HCO). When preparing and submitting a proposal, compliance with the instructions found herein is imperative.

Interested parties can obtain the link to view and download the IFP on the [Procurement and Contracting Division \(PCD\) website](#).

If a discrepancy occurs between the information in the advertisement appearing in the California State Contracts Register and the information herein, the information in this notice and in the attached IFP shall take precedence. All agreements entered into with the State of California will include, by reference, General Terms and Conditions (GTC) and Contractor Certification Clauses (CCC) that may be viewed and downloaded at the [Department of General Services' \(DGS\) standard contract language page](#).

1. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

PCD must receive proposal packages no later than **4:00 p.m.** Pacific Time (PT) on January 22, 2026. Refer to the IFP for detailed submission requirements.

2. DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DVBE) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

California Law requires Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) participation in service contracts. DHCS policies require DVBE participation on all contracts exceeding \$10,000. This solicitation is subject to a 1.5% participation requirement. Prospective proposers may need four weeks or more to meet this requirement; therefore it is advisable to begin this process promptly. Out-of-state firms must comply with California's DVBE participation requirements.

3. FUNDING LIMIT

Limitation of State Liability

Payment for performance under the resulting contract may be dependent upon the availability of future

appropriations by the State Legislature or Congress for the purposes of the resulting contract. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise under the resulting contract until funds are made available through an annual appropriation and the Contractor is notified accordingly. If a contract is executed before ascertaining available funding and funding does not become available, DHCS will cancel the contract.

Funding Reductions in Subsequent Budget Years

If a contract is executed and full funding does not become available for the second or a subsequent State fiscal year, DHCS will either cancel the contract or amend it to reflect reduced funding and reduced activities. Continuation of services beyond the first State fiscal year is also subject to the Contractor's successful performance. Without prior DHCS authorization, contractors may not expend funds set aside for one budget period in a subsequent budget period.

4. PROPOSER QUESTIONS

In the opinion of DHCS, this IFP is complete and without need of explanation. However, it is the prospective proposers' responsibility to request clarification, if needed, regarding the services sought; or if questions arise about the IFP and/or its accompanying materials, instructions or requirements, or if conflicting information is presented.

To ensure inquiries are fully considered, adhere to the instructions in the IFP Main, [SECTION 4. PROPOSER QUESTIONS](#) regarding question submissions.

5.

Please note that the exhibits in the IFP are considered "sample" documents and are subject to change. Thank you for your interest in our Department's service needs.

Sincerely,

Signed Electronically

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