Request for Cure

Pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/50-57, the Chief Procurement Officer for General Services may, at the request of the State Purchasing Officer and agency head, permit a cure during an active procurement if a violation or deficiency of the Procurement Code, or of the procurement rules, regulations, policies, or practices promulgated by a chief procurement officer occurs.

Instructions for Submission: Complete sections 1-3. The State Purchasing Officer should provide the "Request for Cure" form to the Chief Procurement Officer with documentation as needed to support the request.

1. Procurement Deficiency

1.1 State Agency Name	DHS - Human Services
1.2 BidBuy Reference Number	25-444DHS-PROCU-B-45146
1.3 Procurement Description	Rebid FY25 DHS DRS EVV System
1.4 Date Agency notified SPO of the violation or deficiency	Nov 21, 2025

1.5 Provide a clear description of the violation or deficiency, including reference to the statute, rule, regulation, CPO Notice, or practice lacking compliance.

Per RFP Section C.3 of the RFP, Bid Firm time was 180 days from the date of opening. This would have been a Bid Firm date of August 4, 2025.

2. Justification to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a detailed explanation why the benefits of permitting a cure outweigh the potential harm to stakeholders.

IDHS has determined the Cure is in the best interest of IDHS and the offerors for the following reasons:

1. Evaluation of this RFP has taken far longer than initially anticipated. Proposals exceeded 1,000 pages each and information presented was highly detailed. Evaluators spent five months reviewing/scoring the proposals. Re-soliciting would only delay award as a new RFP would take equal time to evaluate, bringing about the same result. Furthermore, offerors producing responses to this RFP may lose interest should the process start over, as producing these proposals would have taken a great deal of staff time. Re-solicitation brings with it a risk of reduced competition.

2. This is a highly critical procurement for IDHS. IDHS has been utilizing sole source procurements with the incumbent vendor for this service. Allowing extension of Bid Firm for this solicitation would result in award based upon competition and eliminate the need for the sole source once the awarded vendor's system is fully implemented. The current EVV system was implemented in 2014. This solicitation also considers advances in technology that would have emerged since the implementation of the current system.

3. It is the intent of IDHS to complete the demonstrations and request approval for price opening as soon as possible, following approval of this Cure. It is imperative that IDHS be able to move forward to award for this procurement.

3. Recommended Action Necessary to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a clear description of the action necessary to cure the violation or deficiency, including the party(ies) that will undertake the action and the time frame to complete each action.

IDHS has confirmed with each Offeror acceptance of the extension of the Bid Firm time. Time needed to move to price

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opening and request Best and Final Offer(s) is January 7, 2026. The following steps will be completed during this time: Once there is approval for the Bid Firm, IDHS procurement lead will hold remaining demonstrations. Upon receiving scores from evaluators, Procurement lead will review and provide to SPO for review/approval. As soon as SPO approves final scorings, IDHS procurement lead will request approval to open price. Upon review of price, IDHS procurement lead will provide information to SPO, seeking review prior to request of BAFO. BAFO will be immediately requested with no more than four (4) business day turn around for Offeror. Procurement lead will then prepare BidBuy file for SPO review and approval of award.

4. Agency Head and State Purchasing Officer Attestation

The agency head (designee not permitted) and State Purchasing Officer (SPO) individually attest: "I believe the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of the procurement can be maintained while permitting the cure."

Agency Head Name	Dulce M. Quintero	Date	Dec 10, 2025
Agency Head Signature	Dulce M. Quintero Digitally signed by Dulce M. Quintero Date: 2025.12.10 10:43:43 -06'00'		
SPO Name	Allegra Larson	Date	Dec 10, 2025
SPO Signature	Allegra Larson Digitally signed by Allegra Larson Date: 2025.12.10 12:56:21 -06'00'		

5. Required Action to Cure or Rationale for Denying the Cure Request

Pursuant to the Request for Proposals' (RFP) Section C.3 of the RFP, Bid Firm pricing time was 180 days from the date of opening or August 4, 2025. As noted above, the agency states reasons that the Bid Firm pricing time needs to be extended. The new Bid Firm pricing time is January 7, 2026.

6. Chief Procurement Officer for General Services Determination

6.1 ☒ I authorize curing the violation or deficiency when following the action in section 5.

6.2 ☐ I deny the request to cure the violation or deficiency in subsection 1.4 based on the rationale in section 5.

Ellen H. Daley Signature	Ellen Holzman Daley Digitally signed by Ellen Holzman Daley Date: 2025.12.16 11:44:08 -06'00'	Date	Dec 16, 2025