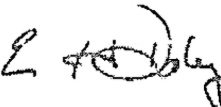




Notice 2022.06 General Services

To: Agency Procurement Staff
Department of Public Health
State Purchasing Officers

From: Ellen H. Daley, CPO-GS 

Date: November 16, 2021

Subject: Alternate method of evaluation and award

CC: Procurement Policy Board
Compliance Monitor

The Illinois Department of Public Health administers the Ryan White Part B Program that houses the Continuation of Health Insurance Coverage (CHIC) Program and the CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act) Program with federal Ryan White CARE Act funds. The Agency plans to conduct a Request for Proposals to award the Ryan White Part B CARE/CHIC contract to a single applicant to act as an Insurance Benefit Manager (IBM) for CHIC and a Medical Benefit Manager (MBM) for CARE, which functions as a payment agent towards approved insurance premiums for plans and medical deductible and copayment costs for those individuals determined by the Agency to be eligible participants of the Ryan White Part B CARE and CHIC Programs and approved for assistance with IBM and MBM service deliverables.

HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau Policy Notice-11-02 clarifies statutory language in Title XXVI of the federal Public Health Service Act regarding Ryan White Part B grantees' ability to contract with for-profit entities to provide these services. Policy Notice 11-02 states Part B funds "may be used to 'provide direct financial assistance' through contracts with 'private for-profit entities if such entities are the only available provider of quality HIV care in the area.'"

In accordance with 44 ILL. ADMIN. CODE 1.525 (c) I issue this Notice to allow the Department to give preference to not-for-profit vendors by considering only those vendors in the initial evaluation to determine if there is a not-for-profit vendor with the capability to provide quality HIV care. In accordance with federal law, if there is at least one not-for-profit that qualifies as a quality provider, any for-profit offeror will be deemed non-responsive. If the evaluation determines there is not a not-for-profit that qualifies, only then may a for-profit offeror be evaluated and considered for award.