

Addendum 1

State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

RFP # DMHAS-SWS-GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY-2023

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is issuing **Addendum 1** to the **Gambling Impact Study RFP**.

A. Questions and Answers – The following are DMHAS responses to the questions received during and after the Bidder's Conference.

In the event of an inconsistency between information provided in the RFP and information in these answers, **the information in these answers shall control**.

1. **Question:** November 14, 2022 is Monday. So is the deadline the next Monday or Thursday?

Answer: **Monday, November 14, 2022.**

2. **Question:** I'm an incorporated small business with only a single employee so I am wondering on the Cover Sheet it states that the contact person must be a different individual than the authorized official. How am I supposed to handle that particular situation?

Answer: **If you are a Sole Proprietor, then you must include your name as a contact person.**

3. **Question:** So where it says the contact person is an individual other than the authorized official who can provide additional information about the proposal or who has immediate responsibility for the proposal, I can specify that that's myself and provide a reason?

Answer: **Yes**

4. **Question:** The contract says that the duration of the contract is one year but the report is due in August. So I am wondering are there expectations for different deliverables after that August date or is that just the way the contract is written?

Answer: **Additional time was added to the contract to allow for additional reports or questions the state legislature or DMHAS may have regarding the study.**

5. **Question:** But the regulation is that the full report needs to be submitted by August or is it a presentation by August and the full report can come after that feedback?

Answer: **A report is due to the DMHAS Commissioner by August 1, 2023 so she is able to report to the General Assembly.**

6. **Question:** Can the resume/bios for key staff be submitted as part of the attachment or do they need to belong on Page 20 narrative?

Answer: These items would be part of an attachment and will not count towards the 20-page limit for the main proposal.

7. **Question:** Are there any minority women business enterprise subcontracting requirements?

Answer: No

8. **Question:** Are electronic signatures via DocuSign acceptable?

Answer: Electronic signatures are accepted for all documents. Your proposal must be submitted as a PDF document.

9. **Question:** Secretary of State registration Page 5, the RFP it says or it says something about Secretary State registration. It's just simple registration process with them?

Answer: The registration process is online by searching the Connecticut Secretary of State: <https://business.ct.gov>. Tel- 860-509-6200 Business Services Division.

10. **Question:** When I went on the EEOC website, I wasn't able to download anything. So I did make a request to the contact person about getting the EEO form attachment G.

Answer: You can provide your Agency's EEO Form or please contact the DMHAS Official contact person to request a copy of the Form.

11. **Question:** The RFP had a bit of difference in different sections about how much of the impacts and the outcomes you are interested around socio-economic versus around health comorbidities with problem gambling versus sort of community level economic impacts and I'm wondering if you can talk a bit about that?

Answer: We are seeking as much information in all areas as possible including socio-economic and health.

12. **Question:** More about the goals. Statements seem to be more focused on socio-economic impacts but then the specific service expectations had more about health outcomes, more about service providers.

Answer: We are seeking as much information in all areas as possible including socio-economic and health.

13. **Question:** I'm referring to Page 10. It says the sort of first paragraph and the organizational expectations it talks about analysis of socioeconomic costs of gambling policies and regulations. On Page 11, there's about socio-economic implications of gambling but then later it talks more about service providers and health. I guess how much are you looking for information about mental health, substance use, comorbidities of gambling versus more community level economic and social impacts?

Answer: Answer: We are seeking as much information as possible in all areas indicated.

14. **Question:** Who are currently the players in the problem gambling and responsible gaming world in Connecticut that you're working with? Connecticut Council, what's the relationship with the State? Any other groups we should be aware of?

Answer: The Department (DMHAS) has contracts with several service providers and prevention agencies statewide. The Connecticut Council is another non-profit agency who provide education and outreach services, and currently has several contracts with DMHAS, including the statewide problem gambling helpline.

15. **Question:** I understand that the 2009 study had been commissioned by the Division on Special Revenue and I'm wondering to what extent the Gaming Commission will be involved in the evaluation of this process, both at the proposal level and then also during the project itself?

Answer: Connecticut does not have a Gaming Commission and DMHAS has been identified as the state agency overseeing this study. The Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) is the gaming regulator in the state and a member of DCP will participate in the review of the proposals submitted.

16. **Question:** Question is whether, I guess, the Consumer Protection Agency would be involved in the project at all. It sounds like there's a possibility they might be on the review committee but not necessarily during the project?

Answer: Yes

17. **Question:** My question is around organizations that were listed as eligible to bid but there's no mention of academic institutions, universities for example although state agencies are identified. I'm wondering around the eligibility requirements on Page 6, whether university based organizations might be able to be subcontractors?

Answer: There are no restrictions on subcontractors, including universities. The only requirement is that subcontractors are identified and a description of their role provided.

18. **Question:** There is a clear emphasis in the proposal on the economic impacts as well as the social impacts and I'm wondering whether there is data specifically on gambling industry employment and revenue that available to be provided to the successful proposer?

Answer: The DCP collects data on gaming revenue. Both tribes may collect additional data, but it will be up to the contractor to solicit this information.

19. **Question:** What is the relationship between the State and the casinos and if that would be a possibility for the data collection with casinos?

Answer: The relationship between the State and the tribes is a financial agreement based on specific games (i.e. slot revenue, sports wagering, fantasy sports, and online casino gambling).

20. **Question:** Are there any contract issues associated with the tribal lands as a separate entity? Are there any pre-existing relationships to build on?

Answer: Aside from the financial agreement highlighted in the previous question, each tribe is responsible to contributing \$500,000 toward problem gambling and prevention. The tribes have chosen to work partially with CCPG for these efforts. CCPG may be a resource to assist with working with the tribes.

21. **Question:** Is there an expectation that following the report to the legislature that this be published and if there's any requirements around that or any restrictions to this being published after the fact?

Answer: There is an expectation the report will be published.

22. **Question:** It's mentioned in the Declaration of Confidential information that convincing explanation and rational sufficient is to be given to justify an exception of the information from the release under the FOIA. Do we need to include that alongside each section and subsection in the response, wherever required?

Answer: Please follow the instructions provided in the Procurement Notice: (Page 23)

23. **Question:** Will you be providing a list of attendees to the Bidder's Conference?

Answer: Yes. See the list below:

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS AND ATTENDEES AND DMHAS STAFF	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TITLE
Spectrum Gaming Group	Barreto	Juliann	Chief Operating Officer
Spectrum Gaming Group	Marlin	Wayne	VP Government Affairs
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REMI	Judson	Chris	Manager, Business Development
Mass. Council on Gaming and Health (MACGH)	Warner	Marlene	CEO
Syra Health	Sandifer	Mari	Account Executive
Health Resources in Action (HRIA)	Hyatt	Monika	Associate Director, Development
Health Resources in Action (HRIA)	Carliner	Hannah	Director of Research and Evaluation
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