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Proposal for Services

Submitted by: Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES "BUREAU FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH FACILITIES"

Welch Community Hospital

William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital

Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital

Proposal in Response to RFQ Number BHS 90017 Buyer: RW/File 22

Bid Opening Date: 6/26/08 Bid Opening Time: 1:30

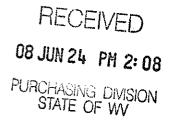


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide specialized and echnologically advanced services to help our clients succeed, while providing our people the environment to fulfill their personal and professional goals."





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June 26, 2008

Ms. Roberta Wagner
Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street, East
P.O. Box 50130
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: RFQ BHS90017

Dear Ms. Wagner:

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal to you to provide professional services to Welch Community Hospital, William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital and Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital.

Our responses to RFQ BHS90017 are presented in the following pages. We would, however, like to summarize several key reasons why Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. should be retained as the Hospitals' accounting and consulting firm.

First, we meet all of the mandatory requirements.

Second, we have experience working with these Hospitals.

Our health care staff has extensive experience in serving the state-operated health care facilities. As a result of the compilation and general accounting services that we have provided to the State Hospitals over the years we have become well acquainted with the accounting systems utilized by each facility. We have completed or reviewed numerous Medicare/Medicaid cost reports for all state-operated facilities. We have also developed financial management and revenue optimization plans for Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, Welch Emergency Hospital and William J. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital. Medicaid disproportionate share funding is significant and critical to the funding of the Hospitals operations. We have extensive experience with DSH programs for state hospitals as well as several years experience with the program in West Virginia.



Third, we have the resources and experience of a national firm with the personal touch of a local firm.

In addition to being the largest firm in West Virginia with a specialized health care auditing and consulting group, we are also affiliated with the 5th largest accounting firm in the country, McGladrey and Pullen. Through our "network" agreement, we work closely with McGladrey's health care staff on special projects and consult with them when needed. Through our network, we have access to the resources of more than 80 offices throughout the United States. McGladrey and Pullen serves over 300 hospitals nationally.

Finally, and most importantly, we offer value.

As a provider of health care services and a State entity, we realize that you must analyze the cost-benefit of all goods and services you purchase. Since we only utilize professionals with extensive health care experience, the disruption to your staff will be minimized. Additionally, we believe our fees are very reasonable for the quality of service you will receive.

We believe the price outlined in our proposal is fair and reasonable considering the financial and management complexities abundant in acute care and psych hospitals. We also believe it is important that approximately 41 percent of all hours provided have been provided by managers and partners, our most experienced professionals, making the proposed fees even more cost effective.

Thanks to WVDHHR and the State of West Virginia for allowing us to submit this proposal. Please call if you have any questions regarding this cost proposal.

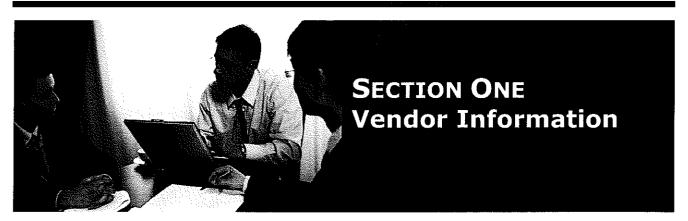
Sincerely,

Greg Gibbs, P.L.L.C. Member

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The Partnership of Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. (A&F) began business in October, 1967 in Charleston, West Virginia and is the successor of the proprietorship organized in 1950 by deceased partner James M. Arnett. The Firm has enjoyed substantial growth since its organization and maintains a position of dignity and responsibility in the business community. As of October 1, 1996, Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. became a Professional Limited Liability Company with all designations of "Partner" changing to "Member". Based on our 40 plus years of conducting business in the State of West Virginia we satisfy the requirement of being an established CPA firm, registered in the State of West Virginia, with at least 10 years of experience. See the "Cost Proposal" section of our proposal for a copy of our WV "business registration certificate".

Size and Organizational Structure of the Firm

Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. has offices in Charleston and Lewisburg. The majority of our staff is located in our Charleston office. An analysis of our complete staff is as follows:

- ☐ 11 Members
- 1 Principal
- ☐ 15 Managers
- 12 Supervisors
- 15 Senior Associates
- 20 Associates
- 21 Support Staff
- 95 total staff including 43 CPA's

The members and principals of Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. are as follows:

- Jack Rossi, Presiding Member
- John W. Kee, General Services Member
- Steven S. Robey, Tax Services Member
- Gary L. Swingle, Tax Services Member

- William H. McKee, Jr., Tax Services Member.
- Greg Gibbs, Health Care Services Member
- Lane Ellis, Jr., Consulting Services Member
- David D. Hill, Executive Director, Member
- Keith Hutcheson, Health Care Services Member
- Chris Joseph, Consulting Services Member
- John M. Guido, General Services Member
- Nancy Morris, Principal

Our practice is divided into the following practice groups:

- Accounting and Auditing Services
- Financial Institutions Services
- Consulting Services
- Health Care Services
- Tax Services





Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. is one of the most highly recognized health care consulting firms in the State of West Virginia. We have achieved this status through a commitment of the firm's resources to health care. We provide our health care clients with a unique mix of services including auditing, reimbursement consulting (Medicare and Medicaid), regulatory assistance, computer consulting, and tax services. Our healthcare consulting services, as they relate to Medicare and Medicaid cost reporting, began in 1985. The healthcare consulting services were then expanded in 1990 to add expertise in the area of West Virginia Healthcare Authority (HCA) rate regulation. This experience satisfies the requirement that the successful vendor has at least: 5 years of healthcare consulting experience, 3 years of CMS 339 reporting experience and 5 years of HCA reporting / rate regulation experience...

Our health care client base continues to grow because of our reputation and the results of the services we provide. Our reputation and quality work have resulted in expansion of our services to Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, and Minnesota. However, our primary market area is West Virginia and our primary client base is hospitals. The experience gained from our wide variety of diversified health care clients will benefit the Hospital. The types of health care clients served include:

- Hospitals
- Hospitals with hospital-based long-term care units
- Psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units
- Clinics and large physician groups
- Emergency care centers
- State Department of Health and Human Resources

- Federal government
- Physicians
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Intermediate care facilities
- Continuing care retirement centers
- Home health agencies

<u>Key Point:</u> Our experience is diverse enough that we can handle any fiscal situation with which the Hospitals may need assistance.

The following is a listing of experience qualifications relating to the services specifically requested in your request for proposal:

State Operated Health Care Entities

We have provided services to State operated hospitals and State operated long-term care facilities for over 15 years. These include Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, Welch Emergency Hospital, William J. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital, WV Rehab Hospital, Lakin State Hospital, and others. We have a thorough understanding of the State's accounting systems, budgetary process, and policies and procedures. Our experience will result in maximum efficiency in completing the task we are requested to perform.

Key Point: We have significant experience with the state operated facilities that no other CPA firm can match.

Medicare Cost Reporting

We prepare over 100 Medicare cost reports annually. We have assembled the most experienced staff of reimbursement specialists available. Included in our staff are individuals with past Medicare fiscal intermediary audit experience.



Our current healthcare consulting team has an average of 17 years of Medicare & Medicaid cost report preparation experience.

Key Point: We have prepared cost reports for the state operated facilities for the last sixteen years and have worked closely with Medicare and Medicaid intermediaries to maximize reimbursement while ensuring integrity in the financial and statistical data used.

Health Care Authority (HCA)

We have a thorough understanding of HCA reporting requirements and rate regulatory issues. Annually, we prepare approximately 15 HCA Uniform Reports and prepare or assist in preparing 5 to 10 rate applications. We also prepare, and/or review, the quarterly CBM-9 reports for several hospitals. Additionally, we participate in many rate hearings, working in conjunction with hospital legal counsel.

<u>Key Point</u>: Our experience in this area will ensure the Hospitals stay in compliance with all applicable state regulations.

Appeal of Reimbursement Issues

We have successfully filed appeals with the Provider Reimbursement Review board and currently have appeals of reimbursement related issues pending. Our appeals and reopening of prior year cost reports have resulted in significant improvement to third party revenues.

Key Point: The Hospitals have many unique reimbursement issues, such as Medicare and Medicaid DSH, that are not always properly understood by the intermediaries. Appeals may be necessary in the future and we can ensure they are properly handled.

West Virginia Disproportionate Share Calculation (DSH)

A substantial amount of the Hospital's funding comes from Medicaid disproportionate share payments. Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C.'s reimbursement staff have a detailed understanding of Federal regulations and the State Plan provisions relating to disproportionate share payments. We have performed these calculations for all qualifying state hospitals over the past twelve years and have assembled documentation to

support the amounts claimed for future Federal audit purposes.

We also understand the interrelationship between each hospital's Medicaid utilization and the effect that changes in Medicaid utilization can have on the State's overall Federal Matching pool of DSH funds. We can provide advice on how changes in patient services, changes in the number of beds per facility, etc. can affect the Federal Matching dollars that the State of WV currently receives. We realize that changes in operations at the stateowned hospitals not only effect the DSH payment received by these hospitals but can also have a significant domino effect on the Federal matching funds received by the entire State of WV.

Key Point: We are the only firm that has actually performed those calculations, which are very critical to the Hospitals' revenues. Our calculations have been reviewed by Federal and state auditors.

Medicare Disproportionate Share Calculation (DSH)

Acute care hospitals can benefit from the additional payments that the Medicare program will provide to hospitals that experience a large Medicare Part A inpatient population combined with a relatively large Medicaid inpatient population. The patient volume factors that influence the Medicare DSH payment must be reviewed periodically to ensure that a hospital is receiving its fair share of Medicare DSH payments. Arnett & Foster PLLC has partnered with Passport Health Communications, Inc. to assist several hospitals in increasing their Medicare DSH reimbursement. Passport Health provides Medicaid eligibility information that is readily accepted by the local Medicare intermediary.

Key Point: We are well-versed in the specifics of the Medicare DSH payment regulations. We can provide the means to increase a hospitals Medicare DSH payments and, more importantly, we can provide the documentation to the Medicare intermediary to support an increase in Medicare DSH payments.



Feasibility Studies

Because of our experience and understanding of health care, we regularly perform feasibility studies for health care providers. Examples of feasibility studies completed include bond refinancing, new medical services, new hospitals, union wage negotiations, and rural health clinics.

Key Point: Accurate and reliable financial feasibility studies are necessary to make management decisions about new services or ventures. With our background and knowledge of the Hospitals, experience with financial projections, and understanding of reimbursement issues, we can provide management the information they need.

Hospital Based Physicians

Hospital/physician relationships have changed much over the past five years. Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. has considerable experience reviewing and analyzing physician contracts and employment agreements. The structure of these arrangements has a direct bearing on the amount of thorough understanding of the Medicare Part B program, Medicare reimbursement under the RBRVS methodology, proper coding of procedures and proper billing practices.

<u>Key Point:</u> Our experience will help ensure that physician services are properly structured and revenues maximized.

MAS 90 Experience

We have installed numerous MAS 90 Accounting Software systems in several industries. Our services typically include needs assessment, acquisition, installation, training, implementation and ongoing support assistance. We have clients located throughout the state of West Virginia and have serviced clients in adjacent states. We have effectively provided support services through telephone assistance, on-line access and on-site visits. Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C.'s information technology consultant, Mr. Christopher E. Joseph provides significant MAS 90 Accounting consulting services on a daily basis.

Key Point: Our significant experience in MAS 90 Accounting Software will help ensure that our client's accounting software needs are met.

Revenue Cycle

With changes in recent years to the Medicare cost report reimbursement methodology for psychiatric services, as well as the expansion in the number of Diagnostic Related Groups (DRG's) for payment of acute services, correct coding and billing now occupies a larger role in the overall reimbursement scheme than it did even four to five years ago. We have assembled a revenue cycle team that has experience in all phases of the revenue cycle process. Our revenue cycle experience includes charge master reviews, assistance with coding, regulatory compliance review and "complete on-site revenue cycle reviews" which encompass the admission process thru billing & collection.

Key Point: Our knowledge of Medicare and WV Medicaid billing processes, coupled with our team of personnel who are well-versed in all aspects of the revenue cycle, makes us uniquely qualified to assist in ensuring that each hospital receives the appropriate payment for patient services rendered.





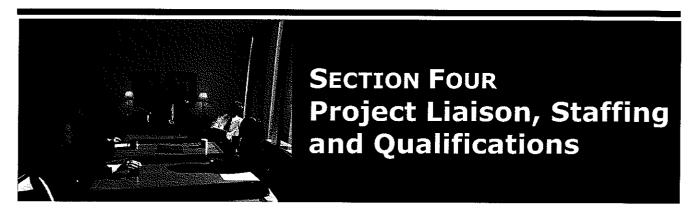
SECTION THREE References

Following is a list of references for which we have asked permission to use their name:

- Todd Campbell, CEO, St. Mary's Hospital Phone: (304) 526-1270 Services performed include audit, cost reports, HCA filings and consulting services.
- David Shaffer, Administrator, Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Phone: (304) 269-8059 Services performed include audit, cost reports, HCA filings and consulting services.
- Beth Boyd, Director of Accounting, Thomas Memorial Hospital Phone: (304) 766-3537 Services performed include cost reports and consulting services.
- Ron Talley, CFO, Winchester Medical Center Phone: (540) 536-2747 Services performed include annual audit and various consulting.
- Dora Douglas, CFO, Summersville Memorial Hospital Phone (304) 872-8571 Services performed include audit, cost reports, HCA filings and consulting services
- Patti Gusler, Bluefield Health Systems, Phone: (304) 327-1710 Services include cost reports, all HCC filings and consulting.

 Doug Bentz, Roane General Hospital Phone: (304) 927-6200
 Services include annual audit, cost reports, HCA filings and consulting services





Arnett & Foster, P.L L.C. utilizes the client-member concept for all engagements. Under this concept, the client-member has the ultimate responsibility for the engagement. **Greg Gibbs, CPA** has been designated as client-member and he will have the following major responsibilities:

- Acting as primary contact at Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. for the Hospital and related entities to assure an open and effective channel of communication at all times.
- Determining the final content of the accountant's reports and ascertaining compliance with Firm and professional standards.
- Director, controlling, and supervising the efforts of all personnel assigned to the engagements.
- Offering assistance in the solution of technical or sensitive problem areas encountered during the performance of the audits.
- Reviewing all working papers, cost reports, financial statements, and other reports to be issued.

Mr. Gibbs will also be assisted by other members of our staff having accounting, reimbursement and health care experience.

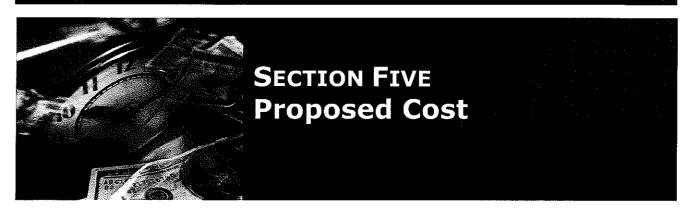
The following is a listing of the other key personnel to be assigned to the engagements.

Individual	Classification	Responsibility
Keith Hutcheson	Member	Responsible for technical reviews in the completion of the Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports.
Chris Joseph	Member	Responsible for providing accounting systems software support and training.
Chad Wright	Senior Associate	Responsible for assistance with completion of Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports
Rod Hardy	Senior Manager	Responsible for technical reviews in the completion of the Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports
Jill Newberry	Manager	Responsible for providing support for all phases of the revenue cycle including assistance with Medicare billing and coding
Travis Delaplain	Supervisor	Responsible for assistance with maintenance of the general ledger and accumulation of information to prepare all reports.



All of the individuals listed as key personnel have experience, with one exception, at Welch Emergency Hospital, Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital and William J. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital. The continuity in staff assignments is of great benefit to the Hospitals since it limits training time, allows for consistent communication and permits all personnel to be knowledgeable with respect to the unique issues facing the Hospitals.





CONSIDERATIONS FOR DETERMINATION OF HOURLY RATE

The hourly rate submitted by Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. for RFQ #BHS90017 is \$119.00. During the course of evaluating the Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. bid, it is important for the State of WV Purchasing Division to be aware of the factors that we considered in arriving at this hourly rate.

UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES

All of the work requires an understanding of the unique accounting systems utilized by the State hospitals. In addition, the third-party payment issues related to WV Medicaid and the Federal Medicare program call for the use of specialized personnel with several years of experience working with Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement. For these reasons noted, Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. has historically utilized personnel who possess a significant level of healthcare experience in order to fulfill the mandatory requirements outlined in the contract.

The following summary is presented to illustrate the experience level of the personnel that have been utilized in recent years.

Employee Title	% of Hours (historically) Dedicated to the State Hospital Contract
Member / Manager	41%
Supervisor / Senior	40%
Associate (staff)	19%

Please note that the experience "mix" noted above has been utilized by Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. in arriving at the \$119.00 hourly rate submitted with this RFQ. We wish to emphasize that the mandatory requirements outlined in the RFQ cannot be performed by entry-level personnel or by personnel who do not possess specialized governmental third-party knowledge.

KEY POINT: Any comparisons made of the hourly rate submitted by the various vendors, to this RFQ, must consider the compliment of personnel that the vendor has "factored" into their submitted rate.



TRAVEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Page #16 RFQ 90017 dated 5/22/08 state that separate reimbursement will not be made for travel and administrative expenses. Each vendor is required to note if their submitted hourly rate includes travel expenses.

Our \$119.00 hourly rate does not include any travel or administrative expenses. Arnett & Foster, P.L.L.C. has historically never billed any out-of-pocket expenses to the State in conjunction with the State Hospital contract nor has our hourly rate included a provision for travel-related expenses.





SECTION SIX License Requirements

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT

25301

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BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

FOR YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006

ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

WEST VIRGINIA MAILING ADDRESS

ARNETT & FUSTER P. L. C.
OBA ARNETT & FUSTER

PO BOX 2629 CHARLESTON WV

WEST VIRGINIA BUSINESS LOCATION ADDRESS

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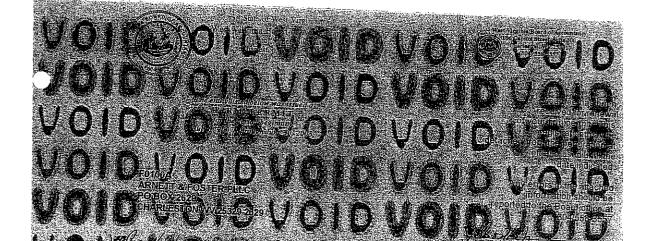
101 WASHINGTON ST E CHARLESTON WV

25329

by Chapter 11 Article 12 of the Code of West Virginia has this day issued a Business Registration Certificate which shall mean you have properly registered with the Department of Yax and Revenue to conduct business within the state of West Virginia for this location.

The State Tax Commissioner pursuant to the authority vested in him

SEE REVERSE SIDE







WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY POLICY

INFORMATION PAGE WC 00 00 01 (A)

RENEWAL OF POLICY NUMBER: WC10034687-04

POLICY NUMBER:

WC10034687-05

INSURER: BRICKSTREET MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

INSURED: 1.

PRODUCER:

ARNETT & FOSTER PLLC

FERRELL & HILL INSURANCE AGENCY LLC

PO BOX 277

P O BOX 2629 **CHARLESTON WV 25329-0000**

MADISON WV 25130

insured is a(n) LLC

Other work places and identification numbers are shown in the schedule(s) attached.

- The policy period is from 06/12/2008 to 06/12/2009 12:01 A.M. at the insured's mailing address. 2.
- WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE: Part One of the policy applies to the Workers 3. Compensation Law of the state(s) listed here:

WEST VIRGINIA

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE: Part Two of the policy applies to work in each state listed in 8. item 3 A. The limits of our liability under Part Two are:

Bodily Injury by Accident:

\$100,000

Each Accident

Bodily Injury by Disease: Bodily Injury by Disease:

\$500,000 \$100,000 Policy Limit Each Employee

OTHER STATES INSURANCE: Part Three of the policy applies to the states, if any, listed here: Ĉ.

See West Virginia Limited Other States Insurance Endorsement WC 99 03 05

This policy includes these endorsements and schedules: D.

SEE LIST OF ENDORSEMENTS - EXTENSION OF INFORMATION PAGE

The premium for this policy will be determined by our Manuals of Rules, Classifications, Rates and Rating 4. Plans. All required information is subject to verification and change by audit to be made in accordance with Part Five of the Policy.

ISSUING OFFICE: Charleston, WV

DATE OF ISSUE: 05/14/2008

PRODUCER:

FERRELL & HILL INSURANCE AGENCY LLC



DECLARATIONS ACCOUNTANTS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY

PRODUCER BRANCH PREFIX

POLICY NUMBER

003613

970 APL. 128570554

1. Named Insured and Mailing Address

Amett & Foster PLLC P.O. Box 2629 Charleston, WV 25329-2629 INSURANCE IS PROVIDED BY CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY CNA PLAZA, CHICAGO, IL 60685 A STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY REFERRED TO AS WE US OR OUR.

* * * NOTICE * * * *

THIS IS A CLAIMS-MADE POLICY AND COVERS ONLY CLAIMS FIRST MADE AGAINST THE INSURED DURING THE POLICY PERIOD. PLEASE READ THIS POLICY CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS THE COVERAGE WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENT

2. POLICY PERIOD:

FROM: 10/01/07 TO: 10/01/08

at 12:01 A.M. Standard time at your address shown above.

3. PRIOR ACTS DATE:

NO PRIOR ACTS DATE LIMITATION APPLIES

\$150,000

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY PER CLAIM/AGGREGATE DEDUCTIBLE

5. LIMITS OF LIABILITY:

(INCLUDES CLAIM EXPENSES UNLESS AMENDED BY ENDORSEMENT)

\$5,000,000 PER CLAIM \$5,000,000 AGGREGATE

6. FOR NON-RENEWAL:

60 days notice will be given you in accordance with policy conditions.

7. PRINTED ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED AT POLICY ISSUANCE INCLUDE:

G-127136-A(1/03) Policy

G-127137-A(5/00) Declarations Page

G-127157-A(6/97) Nuclear Energy & Pollution Excl

G-127164-A47(6/97) Amend. Termination Provisions - WV

G-141584-A(6/03) Policyholder Notice

G300201-A(10/05) WV Civil Justice Reform

G300202A(10/05) WV Surcharge

G-127139-A Excl Named Individuals or Entities

G-127139-A Excl Named Individuals or Entities

G-127151-A Prior Acts Date - Predecessor GSL7660XX Broad Form Bridge Endorsement

G-127137-A (Ed 5/00)



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\$93,580.00 \$514.69 \$94,094.69

ANNUAL PREMIUM STATE SURCHARGE TOTAL PREMIUM

THIS POLICY IS NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY OUR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

Athorized Representative





SECTION SEVEN No Debt Affidavit

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RFQ No BHS90017

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Purchasing Division

PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states: No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate

DEFINITIONS:

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions including any interest or additional penalties accrued the companion of the property of the companion of the penalties accrued the penalties according to the penalties accrued the penalties according to the penalties accrued the penalties according to the penalties accor

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions. "Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentality established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentality established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities. "Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

EXCEPTION: The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement

LICENSING: Vendors must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, West Virginia Insurance Commission, or any other state agencies or political subdivision. Furthermore, the vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the Director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies procedures and rules Vendors should visit www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy for the Notice of Agency Confidentiality Policies

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3) it is hereby certified that the vendor acknowledges the information in this said affidavit and are in compliance with the requirements as stated

Vendor's Name: Arnett & Foster, PLLC	
Authorized Signature:	June 26, 2008
Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 06/15/07)	





SECTION EIGHT HIPAA Compliance

Arnett & Foster PLLC has reviewed the West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BBA). A copy of the BBA is attached. Arnett & Foster P.L.L.C. understands the need to ensure the confidentiality and security of protected health information.



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HIPAA Business Associate Addendum

The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, is available below. The BAA is in PDF format. Use your free Adobe Reader (TM) to view and print the document.

• West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum

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http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm

3/26/2008

WV STATE GOVERNMENT

HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM

This Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (hereafter, HIPAA) Business Associate Addendum ("Addendum") is made a part of the Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the State of West Virginia ("Agency"), and Business Associate ("Associate"), and is effective on the date of execution of a binding agreement with the Agency

Whereas it is desirable, in order to further the continued efficient operations of Agency to disclose to its Associate certain information which may contain confidential individually identifiable health information (hereafter, Protected Health Information or PHI); and

Whereas, it is the desire of both parties that the confidentiality of the PHI disclosed hereunder be maintained and treated in accordance with all applicable laws relating to confidentiality, including the Privacy and Security Rules, and the parties do agree to at all times treat the PHI and interpret this Addendum consistent with that desire.

NOW THEREFORE; the parties agree that in consideration of the mutual promises herein, in the Agreement; and of the exchange of PHI hereunder that:

1. Definitions.

- a. Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Addendum shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rules.
- **b.** Privacy Rule. Privacy Rule means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information found at 45 CFR Parts 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E, as amended.
- c. Security Rule. Security Rule means the Standards for the security of electronic protected health information found at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, as amended.
- d. Security Incident. Any known successful or unsuccessful attempt by an authorized or unauthorized individual to inappropriately use, disclose, modify, access, or destroy any information

2. PHI Disclosed; Permitted Uses.

- a. PHI Described. PHI disclosed by the Agency to the Associate, PHI created by the Associate on behalf of the Agency, and PHI received by the Associate from a third party on behalf of the Agency are disclosable under this Addendum. The disclosable PHI is limited to the minimum necessary to complete the tasks, or to provide the services, associated with the terms of the original agreement.
- **b. Purposes.** Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, Associate may use or disclose the PHI on behalf of, or to provide services to, Agency for the purposes necessary to complete the tasks, or provide the services, associated with, and required by the terms of the original agreement, if such use or disclosure of the PHI would not violate the Privacy or Security Rules or applicable state law if done by Agency or violate the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the Agency.



3. Obligations of Associate.

- a. Stated Purposes Only. The PHI may not be used by the Associate for any purpose other than stated in this Addendum or as required or permitted by law
- **b.** Limited Disclosure. The PHI is confidential and will not be disclosed by the associate other than as stated in this Addendum or as required or permitted by law.
- c. Safeguards. The Associate will use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the PHI except as provided for in this Addendum. This shall include, but not be limited to:
- (i) Limitation of the groups of its employees or agents to whom the PHI is disclosed to those reasonably required to accomplish the purposes stated in this Addendum, and the use and disclosure of the minimum PHI necessary;
- (ii) Appropriate notification and training of its employees or agents to whom the PHI will be disclosed in order to protect the PHI from unauthorized disclosure;
- (iii) Maintenance of a comprehensive written PHI privacy and security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size, nature, scope and complexity of the Associate's operations.
- d. Compliance With Law. The Associate will not use or disclose the PHI in a manner in violation of existing law and specifically not in violation of laws relating to confidentiality of PHI, including but not limited to, the Privacy and Security Rules
- e. Mitigation. Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Associate of a use or disclosure of the PHI by Associate in violation of the requirements of this Addendum.
- f. **Documentation**. Associate agrees to document disclosures of the PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Agency to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR §§ 164.528 and 164.316 This should include a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years from the date of disclosure, or longer if required by state law. At a minimum, such documentation shall include:
 - the date of disclosure;
 - (ii) the name of the entity or person who received the PHI, and if known, the address of the entity or person;
 - (iii) a brief description of the PHI disclosed; and
 - (iv) a brief statement of purposes of the disclosure that reasonably informs the Individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the Individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure
- g. Accounting Rights. Within ten (10) days of notice of a request for an accounting of disclosures of the PHI, Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to Agency the documentation required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR §164.528.



- h. Access to PHI. Associate shall make the PHI maintained by Associate or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to Agency for inspection and copying within ten (10) days of a request by Agency to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.524.
- i. Amendment of PHI. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from Agency for an amendment of the PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall make such PHI available to Agency for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164-526
- j. Retention of PHI. Notwithstanding section 4.a. of this Addendum, Associate and its subcontractors or agents shall retain all PHI pursuant to state and federal law and shall continue to maintain the PHI required under Section 3.f. of this Addendum for a period of six (6) years after termination of the Agreement, or longer if required under state law.
- **k.** Agents, Subcontractors Compliance. The Associate will ensure that any of its agents, including any subcontractors, to whom it provides any of the PHI it receives hereunder, or to whom it provides any PHI which the Associate creates or receives on behalf of the Agency, agree to the restrictions and conditions which apply to the Associate hereunder.
- I. Amendments. The Associate shall make available to the specific Individual to whom it applies any PHI; make such PHI available for amendment; and make available the PHI required to provide an accounting of disclosures, all to the extent required by 45 CFR §§ 164.524, 164.526, and 164.528 respectively
- m. Federal Access. The Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Associate on behalf of the Agency available to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services consistent with 45 CFR § 164 504.
- n. Security. The Associate shall take all steps necessary to ensure the continuous security of all PHI and data systems containing PHI, and provide data security procedures for the use of the Agency at the end of the contract period. These steps shall include, at a minimum, the requirements contained in the West Virginia Office of Technology Policy No. WVOT-PO1001 (1-18-07) which may be found at: http://www.state.wv.us/ot/PDF/Document_center/SecurityPol0107.pdf
 - o. Notification of Breach. During the term of this Agreement:
- i. The Associate shall notify the Agency immediately by telephone call plus e-mail or fax upon the discovery of breach of security of PHI, where the use or disclosure is not provided for by this addendum of which it becomes aware, if the PHI was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person; or within 24 hours by e-mail or fax of any suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement and this Addendum, or potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement. Notification shall be provided to the Agency contract manager (see www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/agencyli.htm) and the Office of Technology Help Desk at (304) 558 9966; (877) 558 9966 (Toll Free); or servicedesk@wv.gov.
- ii. The Associate shall immediately investigate such security incident, breach, or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI or confidential data. Within 72 hours of the discovery, the Associate shall notify the Agency contract manager, and the Office of Technology Help Desk of: (a) What data elements were involved and the extent of the data involved in the



- breach; (b) A description of the unauthorized persons known or reasonably believed to have improperly used or disclosed PHI or confidential data; (c) A description of where the PHI or confidential data is believed to have been improperly transmitted, sent, or utilized; (d) A description of the probable causes of the improper use or disclosure; and (e) Whether any federal or state laws requiring individual notifications of breaches are triggered.
- iii. All associated costs shall be borne by the Associate. This may include, but not be limited to costs' associated with notifying affected individuals.
- p. Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings. The Associate shall make itself and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Associate in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, available to the Agency at no cost to the Agency to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against the Agency, its officers or employees based upon claimed violations of HIPAA, the HIPAA regulations or other laws relating to security and privacy, which involves inactions or actions by the Associate, except where Associate or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.

4. Termination

- a Duties at Termination. Upon any termination of the underlying agreement, if feasible, the Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from, or created or received by the Associate on behalf of the Agency that the Associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such PHI or, if such return or destruction is not feasible, the Associate shall extend the protections of this Addendum to the PHI and limit further uses and disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction of the PHI infeasible. This shall also apply to all agents and subcontractors of Associate. The duty of the Associate and its agents and subcontractors to assist the Agency with any HIPAA required accounting of disclosures survives the termination of the underlying agreement.
- b. Termination For Cause. Agency may terminate the underlying agreement if at any time it determines that the Associate has violated a material term of the agreement or this Addendum. Agency may, at its sole discretion, allow Associate a reasonable period of time to cure the material breach before termination.
- c. Judicial or Administrative Proceedings. The Agency may terminate this Agreement if the Associate is found guilty of a criminal violation of HIPAA. The Agency may terminate this Agreement if a finding or stipulation that the Associate has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the Associate is a party or has been joined
- **d. Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Associate under Section 3.j. and 3.o. of this Addendum shall survive the termination of the underlying agreement.

5. General Provisions/Ownership of PHI.

- a. Retention of Ownership. Ownership of the PHI resides with the Agency and is to be returned on demand.
- **b.** Secondary PHI. Any data or PHI generated from the PHI disclosed hereunder which would permit identification of an Individual must be held confidential and is also the property of Agency.

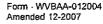


- c. Electronic Transmission. Except as permitted by law or this Addendum, the PHI or any data generated from the PHI which would permit identification of an individual must not be transmitted to another party by electronic or other means for additional uses not authorized by this Addendum or to another contractor, or allied agency, or affiliate without prior written approval of Agency
- d. No Sales. Reports or data containing the PHI may not be sold without Agency's or the affected Individual's written consent.
- e. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing express or implied in this Addendum is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Agency, Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.
- f. Interpretation. The provisions of this Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the Agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provisions in this Addendum. The interpretation of this Addendum shall be made under the laws of the state of West Virginia.
- g. Amendment. The parties agree that to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law they will agree to further amend this Addendum.
- h. Additional Terms and Conditions. Additional discretionary terms may be included in the release order or change order process.

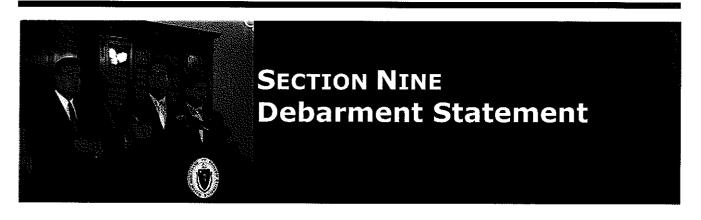
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1.1 PURPOSE:

To obtain the services of an experienced Certified Public Accounting firm to provide professional accounting and financial management services for Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, Welch Community Hospital, and William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital.

1.2 Location of Hospitals and Background Information

Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital

Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital is located at 1530 Norway Avenue, Huntington, WV 25709-0448. Facility is a 90-bed, state-supported acute, psychiatric hospital. The Fiscal Services Department oversees the financial operations.

Welch Community Hospital

Welch Community Hospital is located at 454 McDowell Street, Welch, WV 24801 Welch Community Hospital is a 124 licensed, 108 staffed-bed hospital, 59 of which are long term care beds. The acute care beds include: 7 intensive care beds; 2 pediatric beds; 7 obstetrical beds, and 33 medical/surgical beds. The Hospital serves the counties of McDowell, Wyoming, and Mingo with a total market population of about 80,000. Welch Community Hospital has one (1) off-campus site which is connected to the Hospital's information system. This site houses the Hospital's Family Practice Clinics (Primary Care Clinic). This site is expected to treat over seventy-five (75) patients daily.

William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital

William R Sharpe Jr. Hospital is located at Route 33 West, Weston, West Virginia 26452. Agency is part of a state-owned network of psychiatric and long-term care facilities and is a 150-bed acute, psychiatric hospital, (of which 50 are designated for the forensic population) accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of HealthCare Organizations (JCAHO), and certified by the Health Care Financial Authority (HCFA). The Fiscal Services Department oversees financial operations at Sharpe Hospital.

2.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A certified public accounting firm is to provide professional accounting and financial management services performed by a staff of qualified and experience personnel. Staff assignments must be acceptable to facility CFD/CEO

2.1 Vendor's Experience: Mandatory

Vendor must provide documentation to demonstrate the following requirements are met:

- be an established Certified Public Accounting Firm with ten (10) years experience and registered with the State of West Virginia.
- have at least five (5) years healthcare consulting experience.
- have at least three (3) years experience in 339 reporting.
- have at least five (5) years experience Health Care Authority (HCA) reporting, including quarterly CBM-9 reports.
- have at least five (5) years experience in reimbursement regulation research.
- have at least five (5) years experience related to rate regulation.

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2.2 Services to be provided: Mandatory

Vendor will be responsible for providing professional accounting and financial management services to include, but not be limited to the following services:

- A Provide ongoing consulting to the Hospitals related to their accounting functions involving monthly, quarterly, and yearly analysis of financial statements, general ledger, and supporting subsidiary ledgers as requested by the Bureau and/or Facility's Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
 - This shall also include reviews of any required file conversions to ensure detail is correct. The facilities are switching to a GL system utilizing Keane Systems; target start date for conversion is July 1, 2008.
- B. Assist hospital business office and accounting personnel to develop the data necessary for the vendor to complete Federal and State regulatory reports.
- C. Provide technical support in the billing and collection process as requested by the Chief Financial Officer; recommend improvements as applicable.
- D Provide a financial records review to the Chief Financial Officer as requested, which will be at least on a quarterly basis
- Provide reimbursement regulation research and respond to the Chief Financial Officer as requested.
- Prepare all Medicare (HCFA 2552) Cost Reports, Provider Cost Report Reimbursement Questionnaires (HCFA 339) and supporting documentation, which are due during the contract period. These reports are to be submitted prior to the deadline established by HCFA.
- G. Prepare all Health Care Authority (HCA) Reports which are due during the contract period. All reports are to be submitted prior to the deadline established by HCA.
- H. Vendor shall review and update fee schedules throughout the contract period as requested by the Chief Financial Officer, which will be at least quarterly.
- Prepare all disproportionate share calculations as requested by the CFO, which shall be at least once a year.
- J. Recommend improvements in cost reimbursement to gain consistency among the facilities; review revenue opportunities more focus on revenue cycle process and review.

3.0 SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1 Insurance Requirements

The vendor, as an independent contractor, is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents. Proof of insurance shall be provided by the vendor at the time the contract is awarded. The vendor shall maintain and furnish proof of coverage of liability insurance for loss, damage, or injury (including death) of third parties arising from acts and omissions on the part of the vendor, its agents and employees in the following amounts:

- For bodily injury (including death): Minimum of \$500,000.00 per person, and \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- For properly damage and professional liability: Minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

3.2 License Requirements

The successful Vendor must present evidence of certification or licensure With the West Virginia Workers Compensation and Unemployment Funds, a copy of its W Va. Business Certificate and any other licenses it may be required to hold by the nature of its operation.

3.3 Liquidated Damages for Failure to Meet Performance

According to West Virginia State Code §5A-3-4(8), the Vendor agrees that liquidated damages shall be imposed at the rate identified in this section. The additional remedies described in this part shall be cumulative and shall be assessed upon each separate period of accountability. This clause shall in no way be considered exclusive and shall not limit the State or Agency's right to pursue any other additional remedy to which the State or Agency may have legal cause for action including further damages against the Vendor

Oral or written notification to the successful Vendor of the failure to meet performance by its due date as set forth in the then current mutually agreed upon Engagement document may be given by the Bureau/Facility CFO and/or CEO to the Vendor The Vendor shall immediately cure the failure set forth in the notification. If the failure is not resolved, liquidated damages may be imposed at the State's option and shall be imposed retroactively to the date of failure to perform.

Amounts so determined shall constitute deductions from the amount of the Vendor's request for payment. The Vendor is responsible for the preparation and submittal of an accurate payment request. Failure to reflect such deductions from the amount of the Vendor's request for payment shall constitute grounds for the Department to pend or deny that request for payment. Any additional costs incurred by the State solely as a result of the failure by the Vendor to perform or provide services as outlined in the Engagement, including, by not limited to, additional costs for obtaining services to meet established reporting requirements by the Bureau, shall also be the responsibility of the Vendor

Daily penalty for failure to meet deadlines as agreed upon in Engagement: \$500 per calendar day Vendor performance complaints will also be filed indicating non-compliance.

4.0 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 Conflict of Interest

Vendor affirms that it, its officers or members or employees presently have no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect which would conflict or compromise in any manner or degree with the performance or its services hereunder. The Vendor further covenants that in the performance of the contract, the Vendor shall periodically inquire of

its officers, members and employees concerning such interests. Any such interests discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to the Agency.

4.2 Prohibition Against Gratuities

Vendor warrants that it has not employed any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for the vendor or a company regularly employed as its marketing agent to solicit or secure the contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award of the contract.

For breach or violation of this warranty, the State shall have the right to annul this contract without liability at its discretion, and/or to pursue any other remedies available under this contract or by law

4.3 Certifications Related to Lobbying

Vendor certifies that no federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the company or an employee thereof to any person for purposes of influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal entity, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee or any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Vendor shall complete and submit a disclosure form to report the lobbying.

Vendor agrees that this language of certification shall be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this contract was made and entered into

4.4 Vendor Relationship

The relationship of the Vendor to the State shall be that of an independent contractor and no principal-agent relationship or employer-employee relationship is contemplated or created by the parties to this contract. The Vendor as an independent contractor is solely liable for the acts and omissions of its employees and agents.

Vendor shall be responsible for selecting, supervising and compensating any and all individuals employed pursuant to the terms of this RFQ and resulting contract. Neither the Vendor nor any employees or contractors of the vendor shall be deemed to be employees of the State for any purposes whatsoever.

Vendor shall be exclusively responsible for the payment to his/her employees and contractors of all wages and salaries, taxes, withholding payments, penalties, fees, fringe

benefits, professional liability insurance premiums, contributions to insurance and pension or other deferred compensation plans, including but not limited to Workers' Compensation and Social Security obligations, and licensing fees, etc. and the filing of all necessary documents, forms and returns pertinent to all of the foregoing.

Vendor shall hold harmless the State, and shall provide the State and Agency with a defense against any and all claims including but not limited to the foregoing payments, withholdings, contributions, taxes, social security taxes and employer income tax returns.

The Vendor shall not assign, convey, transfer or delegate any of its responsibilities and obligations under this contract to any person, corporation, partnership, association or entity without expressed written consent of the Agency

4.5 Indemnification

The Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and the Agency, their officers, and employees from and against: (1) Any claims or losses for services rendered by any sub-contractor, person or firm performing or supplying services, materials or supplies in connection with the performance of the contract; (2) Any claims or losses resulting to any person or entity injured or damaged by the Vendor, its officers, employees, or subcontractors by the publication. translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data used under the contract in a manner not authorized by the contract, or by Federal or State statutes or regulations; (3) Any failure of the Vendor, its officers, employees or subcontractors to observe State and Federal laws, including but not limited to labor and wage laws.

4.6 Governing Law

This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia. The Vendor further agrees to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other applicable laws (Federal, State and local Government) regulations.

4.7 Compliance with Laws and Regulations

The contractor shall procure all necessary permits and licenses to comply with all applicable laws, Federal, State or municipal, along with all regulations, and ordinances of any regulating body

The Vendor shall pay any applicable sales, use, or personal property taxes arising out of this contract and the transactions contemplated thereby. Any other taxes levied upon this contract, the transaction, or the equipment, or services delivered pursuant here to shall be borne by the contractor. It is clearly understood that the State of West Virginia is exempt from any taxes regarding performance of the scope of work of this contract,

4.8 Subcontracts/Joint Ventures

The Vendor is solely responsible for all work performed under the contract and shall assume prime contractor responsibility for all services offered and products to be delivered under the terms of this contract. The State will consider the Vendor to be the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters. The Vendor may, with the prior written consent of the State, enter into written subcontracts for performance of work under this contract; however, the vendor is totally responsible for payment of the subcontractors.

4.9 Non-Appropriation of Funds

If the Agency is not allotted funds in any succeeding fiscal year for the continued use of the service covered by this contract by the West Virginia Legislature, the Agency may terminate the contract at the end of the affected current fiscal period without further charge or penalty. The Agency shall give the vendor written notice of such non-allocation of funds as soon as possible after the Agency receives notice. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event this provision is exercised.

4.10 Changes

Any change in Federal or State law, or court actions which constitute binding precedent in West Virginia, and which significantly alters the Vendor's required activities or any change in the availability of funds, shall be viewed as binding and shall warrant good faith renegotiation of the compensation paid to the Vendor by the Agency and of such other provisions of the contract that are affected. If such renegotiation proves unsuccessful, the contract may be terminated by the State upon written notice to the Vendor at least thirty (30) days prior to termination of this contract.

As soon as possible after receipt of a written change request from the Agency, but in no event more than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Vendor shall determine if there is an impact on price with the change requested and provide the Agency a written statement to identity any price impact on the contract or to state that there is no impact. In the event that price will be impacted by the change, the Vendor shall provide a description of the price increase or decrease involved in implementing the requested change.

4.11 Invoices and Progress Payments

The Vendor shall submit invoices, in arrears, to the Facility at the address on the face of the purchase order labeled "Invoice To" pursuant to the terms of the contract. Invoices may not be submitted more than once monthly and State law forbids payment of invoices prior to receipt of services.

4.12 Record Retention (Access and Confidentiality)

Vendor shall comply with all applicable Federal and State of West Virginia rules and regulations, and requirements governing the maintenance of documentation to verify any cost of services or commodities rendered under this contract by Vendor. The Vendor shall maintain such records a minimum of five (5) years and make available all records to Agency personnel at Vendor's location during normal business hours upon written request by Agency within 10 days after receipt of the request

Vendor shall have access to private and confidential data maintained by Agency to the extent required for Vendor to carry out the duties and responsibilities defined in this contract. Vendor agrees to maintain confidentiality and security of the data made available and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and Agency against any and all claims brought by any party attributed to actions of breech of confidentiality by the Vendor, subcontractors, or individuals permitted access by Vendor.

4.13 HIPAA Agreement

The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, and available online at the Purchasing Division's web site (http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm) is hereby made part of this

agreement. Provided that, the Agency meets the definition of a Covered Entity (45 CRP § 160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR § 160.103) to the vendor.

4.14 Debarment and Suspension:

Vendor will not be considered if debarred or suspended. Successful vendor must certify that no entity, agency or person associated with the vendor is debarred or suspended.

4.15 Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988:

Successful vendor will provide a drug free workplace, and an individual shall not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, abuse or use of a controlled substance in the performance of the Contract

4.16 Other Government Bodies

Unless otherwise stated in the response, the vendor agrees to extend the same prices, terms and conditions to other WV DHHR entities. Each entity will be required to verify the experience level of the firm's staff offering and services to be offered with each engagement. If the vendor does not wish to extend the prices, terms and conditions to other WV DHHR entities, the vendor must clearly indicate such refusal in his bid response. Such refusal shall not prejudice the award of this contract in any way.

BID SCHEDULE SHEET

The price(s) quoted in the vendor's Quotation will not be subject to any increase and will be considered firm for the life of the contract.

This will be an open-end contract, meaning quantities are not defined but are estimated. Unit costs shall be firm and include all costs in the bid response. Pricing shall be based on an all inclusive hourly rate for the services provided on this contract. All payments shall be made in arrears.

This contract will be for a one year period with the option of two (2), one (1) year renewals

Basis of Award:

The vendor, who meets all of the mandatory requirements for experience, and submits the lowest hourly rate, will be awarded the contract.

For bid evaluation purposes only, here are the estimated hours per facility to consider, but it is in no way to be construed as the total hours to be performed or committed to by vendor or Bureau. Each facility will determine what their needs are with each engagement.

Bateman, estimated yearly usage: 900 hours Sharpe, estimated yearly usage: 950 hours Welch, estimated yearly usage: 1,500 hours Estimated total: 3,350 hours

All travel and administrative fees/costs are to be included in your hourly rate as no separate reimbursement of expenses will occur.

All inclusive hourly rate: $$119.00 \times 3.350$ estimated number of hours for all facilities requiring services listed herein.

Grand Total (based on estimated hours for evaluation purposes) \$398,650.00

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To respond to vendor questions, as follows:

Question 1: RFQ# BHS 80097 (original bid opening date of 4/8/08) included criteria for submission of "Bid and Performance Bonds" (Section 3.1). It appears that the Bid and Performance Bond criteria are not a requirement of RFQ# BHS 90017 (bid opening date of 6/26/08). Please confirm.

Response: Both the Bid and Performance Bond requirements have been removed and are not applicable to BHS90017.