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**TORFP – CATS + M00B5400373**  
**Long Term Support Services (LTSS) Operations & Maintenance (O&M)**  
**DHMH-OPASS- 15-14386**  
**ADDENDUM #1**

All persons who are known by the Issuing Officer to have received the above-mentioned reference TORFP are hereby advised of the following:

**Please be advised that revisions have been made to the TORFP Submission Date:**

**Original Due Date:**

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. local time

**Revised Bid Due Date:**

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. local time

See attached Amendment 1 for amended Key Information Summary Sheet for changes.

**Revisions to 2.6.7 - SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)**

See attached Amendment 1 for changes made regarding above section - SLA s, pages 35-37 of TORFP.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

This Addendum is issued under the authority of State Procurement Regulations, COMAR 21.05.02.08 and with the approval of the Procurement Officer.

April 21, 2015  
Date

*Queen Davis*  
Queen Davis, CPPB  
Contract Officer  
Office of Procurement and Support Services

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Upon receipt, please return the addendum acknowledgement via fax or hard copy to:

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**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT**

I acknowledge receipt of Addendum #1 to **TORFP # M00B5400373; DHMH/OPASS 15-14386** titled “**Long Term Support Services (LTSS) Operations & Maintenance (O&M)**” dated April 21, 2015.

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Vendor's Name

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Authorized Signatory - (Print)

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Signature

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Date

**Additional Questions and Answers**  
**April 21, 2015**  
**CATS+ TORFP # M00B5400373, DHMH/OPASS 15-14386 – LTSS O&M**

Question #	RFP Section, Pg. #, and Paragraph #	Question
1.	General	<p>Will the DHMH consider a two week extension of the proposal closing date?</p> <p><i>A. Yes. See below due date changes and attached Addendum #1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Closing Date and Time: 5/26/2015 at 2:00 P.M. Local Time</i></li> <li>• <i>Questions Due Date and Time: 5/6/2015 at 2:00 P.M. Local Time</i></li> </ul>
2.	Page 35, Section 2.6.7.8	<p>SLA credits are listed on page 35 of the TORFP, ID# 2.6.7.8. Please clarify the meaning of the + signs in front of the SLA credit percentages.</p> <p><i>A. The SLA Credits for this Measurement are aggregated, i.e. each lower level of failure adds the stated additional percentage (for a maximum 10% credit at the lowest level). For example, failure to meet the 99.75% SLA results in an SLA credit of 2%. Failure to meet the 99.25% SLA results in an additional (+) SLA credit of 2%, for a total of an SLA credit of 4%.</i></p>
3.	General	<p>Is the current IVR owned by DHMH and can it be moved to a new provider's location?</p> <p><i>A. The current IVR is integrated with the incumbent's corporate infrastructure and has proprietary elements. DHMH does not own the COTS hardware and software. Moving the IVR to a new provider's location in its entirety is not feasible.</i></p> <p><i>An objective of this procurement is to obtain an IVR that meets the needs of DHMH and is dedicated to the LTSS System. Should custom coding be required to integrate the proposed IVR solution with the LTSS System, offeror should include in their proposal the aspects of the IVR solution requiring the services of the Software Development Contractor to perform custom software develop to integrate with the LTSS System. DHMH will facilitate these services and the cost of the Software Development Contractor's services is not the responsibility of the offeror. Integration of the IVR within the 90-day startup period is a known risk to DHMH and the offeror shall describe a mitigation strategy in their proposal.</i></p>

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4.	Page 35-36 Section 2.6.7.8	<p>On pages 35-36, the TORFP states that the application functionality and accessibility shall be maintained at 99.75% uptime performance levels. It would be difficult for the hosting vendor to guarantee the performance of the applications since the applications are built and maintained by a different vendor. Please consider revising this SLA or removing it.</p> <p>A. <i>O&amp;M TO Contractor is not held responsible for issues impacting uptime that occur as a result of an issue with the custom developed application functionality of the LTSS System, as determined through root cause analysis.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, DHMH is correcting the following reference in the same section:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Slowness of the LTSS System, as described in 2.6.7.12 2.6.7.9, shall be considered against uptime should the issue persist 24 hours or longer.</i></p>
5.	Page 17, Section 2.3	<p>For the current LTSS System COTS Software listed in the TORFP on page 17, has the DHMH required Microsoft to provide distribution rights and/or an ability to create derivative works based on COTS software, as is required by the Master Contract?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Answer will be forth coming.</i></b></p>
6.	General	<p>With respect to COTS products procured under this TORFP. Is Offeror correct in its assumption that it will not be required to provide the DHMH with the right to sublicense, to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, modify and prepare derivative works under the TORFP Response, regardless of the requirement in the Master Contract, as DHMH has similarly not required of Microsoft's COTS software?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Answer will be forth coming.</i></b></p>
7.	General	<p>What kind of monitoring tools are currently used for the LTSS system?</p> <p>A. Current monitoring tools include Microsoft SCOM and Orion Solarwinds. In addition, a 3rd party provider performs live monitoring.</p>
8.	General	<p>What is the current staffing level for claims processing?</p> <p>A. <i>Claims operations is described in TORFP section 2.6.1.1. File processing related to claims operations is automated and executed through batch processing. Currently, monitoring the claims submission process is conducted as a task by the Help Desk. File processing issues are addressed on an as-needed basis by a resource</i></p>

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		<i>that is knowledgeable about the file processing and in coordinating with DHMH's MMIS II Operations Help Desk. DHMH staff perform adjustments and disposition excepts. DHMH's expectation is that one FTE is sufficient to support batch processing and claims operations, although the Help Desk could provide some monitoring support in addition to their standard duties.</i>
9.	General	<p>For the processing of claims, will the DHMH and the awarded vendor exchange personal information of participants? If so, how is this personal information currently protected?</p> <p>A. Yes the exchange of personal data is required. The current vendor uses secure SFTP.</p>
10.	Page 36-37 Section, 2.6.7.9	<p>On pages 36-37, the TORFP states that the application must respond in one (1) second or less of the established response time baseline. It would be difficult for the hosting vendor to guarantee the performance of the applications since the applications are built and maintained by a different vendor. Please consider revising this SLA or removing it.</p> <p>A. O&amp;M TO Contractor is not held responsible for issues impacting response time that occur as a result of an issue with the custom developed application functionality of the LTSS System, as determined through root cause analysis.</p>
11.	Page 37 Section, 2.6.7.10	<p>On page 37, the TORFP states that the system be recovered in the event of a disaster within 48 hours. It would be difficult for the hosting vendor to guarantee the RTO of the system since the applications are built and maintained by a different vendor. A hosting provider can guarantee infrastructure to be available within a specific period of time. Please consider revising this SLA or removing it.</p> <p>A. In the event of a disaster recovery scenario, the O&amp;M TO Contractor is responsible meeting the recovery time objective for the hosting infrastructure and for deploying the LTSS System compiled application code. The offeror should specify in their proposal any assumptions and/or constraints to meeting the SLA.</p>
12.	Page 35-36 Section, 2.6.7.8	<p>On pages 35-36, the TORFP states 98.75% without any modifier (less than). What is the State's intent?</p> <p>A. DHMH is correcting the TORFP, as follows:  99.75% to 99.25% = 2% SLA Credit  99.24% to 98.75% hours = +2% SLA Credit  98.74% to 98.25% = +3% SLA Credit  98.24% or less = +3% SLA Credit</p>
13.	Page 36-37 Section, 2.6.7.9	<p>On pages 36-37, the TORFP states that system response time resolution less than 4 hours is penalized 1%. Please clarify, as a perfect resolution appears to be penalized.</p>

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		<p>A. DHMH is correcting the TORFP, as follows:  4 to 12 hours = 1% SLA Credit  &gt;12 to 24 hours = +1% SLA Credit  &gt;24 to 48 hours = +3% SLA Credit  &gt;48 hours = +5% SLA Credit</p>
14.	Page 37 Section, 2.6.7.10	<p>On page 37, the TORFP states that system recovery time less than 48 hours is penalized 10%. Please clarify, as a perfect recovery appears to be penalized.</p> <p>A. DHMH is correcting the TORFP, as follows:  48 to 72 hours = 10% SLA Credit  &gt;72 to 96 hours = +15% SLA Credit  &gt;96 hours = +25% SLA Credit</p>

## KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

This CATS+ TORFP is issued to obtain the services necessary to satisfy the requirements defined in Section 2 - Scope of Work. All CATS+ Master Contractors approved to perform work in the Functional Area under which this TORFP is released shall respond to this TORFP with either a Task Order (TO) Proposal to this TORFP or a Master Contractor Feedback form (See Section 3).

Solicitation Name:	LTSS O&M
Solicitation Number (TORFP#):	M00B5400373 / OPASS15-14386
Functional Area:	Functional Area 8 – Application Service Provider
Issue Date:	3/19/2015
Questions Due Date and Time:	<del>4/16/2015</del> <u>5/6/2015</u> at 2:00 PM Local Time
Closing Date and Time:	<del>5/13/2015</del> <u>5/26/2015</u> at 2:00 PM Local Time
TO Requesting Agency:	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Office of Health Services (OHS)
Send Questions and Proposals to:	Queen Davis Office Phone: 410-767-5335 E-mail : <a href="mailto:queen.davis@maryland.gov">queen.davis@maryland.gov</a>
TO Procurement Officer:	Queen Davis Office Phone: 410-767-5335 Fax: (410) 333-5958 E-mail : <a href="mailto:queen.davis@maryland.gov">queen.davis@maryland.gov</a>
TO Contract Monitor:	Susan Harrison Maryland DHMH Office of Health Services 201 West Preston Street, Room 214 Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Telephone: (410) 767-1434 Fax : (410) 333-5333 E-mail: <a href="mailto:susan.harrison@maryland.gov">susan.harrison@maryland.gov</a>
TO Type:	Fixed-price
Period of Performance:	Base Period: From NTP for three (3) base years. with Two (2) additional one-year option terms
MBE Goal:	25% with no sub-goals
VSBE Goal:	0%
Small Business Reserve (SBR):	No
Primary Place of Performance:	Maryland DHMH 201 West Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TO Pre-proposal Conference:	Maryland DHMH Conference Room L-3, Lobby Level 201 West Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 10:00 AM Local Time See Attachment 6 for directions.

ID #	Service Requirement	Measurement	SLA	SLA Credit
2.6.7.1	Problem Resolution Time - High	Resolution Time for each High Priority Problem  Problem resolution time is defined as the period of time from when the Help Desk ticket is opened to when it is properly resolved. Section 2.6.1.6 defines high, normal and low priority.	98% <4 hours	1%
2.6.7.2	Problem Resolution Time - Normal	Resolution Time for Normal Priority Problems	98% <24 hours	1%
2.6.7.3	Problem Resolution Time - Low	Resolution Time for Low Priority Problems	98% <72 hours	1%
2.6.7.4	Help Desk Operations – Daily Email & Voicemail	Time for Help Desk to Create a Ticket for Email & Voicemail (90% goal)	90% <1 business day	2%
2.6.7.5	Help Desk Operations – Backlog Email & Voicemail	Time for Help Desk to Create a Ticket for Email & Voicemail (98% goal)	98% <3 business days	2%
2.6.7.6	Claims Operations – Claims Payment Cycles	100% of payments cycles shall be submitted for processing on time. Provider and case worker payment cycles are treated as separate occurrences. Payment cycles occur every other week, resulting in 4 or 6 cycles per month.  Currently, DHMH's claims payment cutoff is 3:00 PM EST each Thursday, unless DHMH issues guidance for a deviation to the schedule due to holiday schedule or other need.	Per occurrence (4-6 per month)	2%

### Hosting SLAs:

Hosting SLA credit is applied to the Monthly Managed Hosting line of the Attachment 1 Price Sheet.

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2.6.7.8	LTSS System Availability – LTSS & ISAS modules	The LTSS System shall be available 24X7X365, unless DHMH approves scheduled downtime for maintenance. All	<99.75% <u>to</u> 99.25%	2%
			<99.25% <u>to</u> 98.75%	+2%

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		<p>application functionality and accessibility shall be maintained at 99.75% uptime performance levels. Contractor shall minimize or eliminate unscheduled network downtime to .25% or less.</p> <p>LTSS System Availability is measured from the time of the outage to either module – LTSS and/or ISAS (including IVR). Scheduled maintenance that is pre-approved by DHMH as requiring an outage does not count against uptime. Slowness of the LTSS System, as described in 2.6.7.129, shall be considered against uptime should the issue persist 24 hours or longer.</p> <p>The SLA Credits for this Measurement are aggregated, i.e. each lower level of failure adds the stated additional percentage (for a maximum 10% credit at the lowest level).</p>	<p><del>98.75</del>74% to 98.25%</p>	<p>+3%</p>
			<p>&lt;98.2524% or less</p>	<p>+3%</p>
<p>2.6.7.9</p>	<p>LTSS System’s Response Time Issue Resolution</p>	<p>System response time issues shall be resolved within four (4) hours of confirmation that the issue is related to hosting that is within the TO Contractor’s purview. The LTSS System’s on-line transactions shall be processed within one (1) second of the established response time baseline for transactions that do not change data and transmitted within a three (3) seconds of the established response time baseline for transactions that do change data.</p> <p>The baseline response time shall be established prior to Go-live, refer to Section 2.6.2.26 for how the baseline shall be established. Response time is measured on an ad hoc basis when requested by</p>	<p>&lt;4 to 12 hours <del>&lt;12</del> to 24 hours <del>&lt;24</del> to 48 hours</p>	<p>1% +1% +3%</p>
			<p>&gt;24 48 hours</p>	<p>+5% credit</p>

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		<p>DHMH. The response time test script shall be processed by the Help Desk, monitored by TO Contractor and DHMH.</p> <p>The SLA Credits for this Measurement are aggregated, i.e. each lower level of failure adds the stated additional percentage (for a maximum 10% credit at the lowest level).</p> <p>As determined through Root Cause Analysis (RCA), the following may be excluded from the SLA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On-line reports</li> <li>b. Ad hoc reports/queries</li> <li>c. Defects and/or inefficient custom LTSS System software, as confirmed by DHMH</li> <li>d. Transactional database application design and/or construction</li> <li>e. Database replication-related issues (i.e. from transactional to reporting database)</li> </ul>		
2.6.7.10	LTSS System Recovery	<p>In the event of a declared disaster the recovery time objective of the LTSS system is forty-eight (48) hours. The system should be fully operation and available.</p> <p>The SLA Credits for this Measurement are aggregated, i.e. each lower level of failure adds the stated additional percentage (for a maximum 50% credit at the lowest level).</p>	<48 to 72 hours	10%
			≈72 to 96 hours	+15%
			≈96 hours	+25%

**Start-up Period SLA:**

Start-up SLA credit is applied to the Start-up Period line of the Attachment 1 Price Sheet.

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