

Questions and Answers 01/10/2014
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Question 1) On page Section 1.34.1 Establishment of Goal and Sub goals, indicates: An overall MBE subcontractor participation goal of 28% of the total contract dollar amount with no sub-goals has been established for this procurement. However, Attachment D-1 on pg. 76 has sub-goals provided under number. Can you confirm the procurement has an overall MBE subcontractor participation goal of 28% of the total contract dollar amount with no sub-goals?

Question 3) Does all MBE vendor spending qualify toward meeting the participation goal or are there exclusions?

Answer 1 & 3) In response to two (2) specific questions regarding MBE participation for the organ and tissue donor registry solicitation. For a services contract that has an MBE goal of 25% or more, sub-goals are required. In this case, there is a seven percent (7%) sub-goal for African-American MBEs, a four percent (4%) sub-goal for Asian-American MBEs, and a twelve percent (12%) sub-goal for women-owned businesses. All MBE vendors spending qualifies towards your overall MBE goal and sub-goals as long as the MBEs are listed on your submitted MBE participation schedule.

Question 2) Is there an online list for certified VSBE vendors? If so, please provide so we can ensure we are selecting accredited vendors.

Answer 2) www.vetbiz.gov

Question 4) Scope of work indicates Contractor shall 'establish' Maryland State Donor Registry. Since we have an established Registry, do we need to re-establish?

Answer 4) If the incumbent was to be awarded the contract they would not have to re-establish the registry since it already exists. However, if a different vendor is awarded the contract they would need to establish a registry.

Question 5) In Section 3.2.2, can you provide the number to fulfill the 'xxx' in: Real time is defined as within xxx seconds of individual update.

Answer 5) The Vital Statistics Administration is researching for the answer.

Question 6) In section 3.2.1.3, 'Other entities as designated by DHMH' can you provide more details as to who these entities may be, notice of their accessibility and will they be held to privacy/confidentiality measures for security purposes?

Answer 6) It is up to the discretion of DHMH for assigning access to the registry. However, DHMH would ensure the security of the registry.

Question 7) Is Attachment "A" supposed to have dollar amounts listed in its text?

Answer 7) No dollar amounts are listed in Attachment "A" until after a winning vendor has been selected.