



STATE OF TENNESSEE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS # 30901-56924
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR GOODS OR TENNESSEE ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATISTICAL
ANALYSIS AND CONSULTING SERVICES**

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2024

RFP # 30901-56924 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFP Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFP dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE	UPDATED OR CONFIRMED
1. RFP Issued		January 16, 2024	CONFIRMED
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 17, 2024	CONFIRMED
3. Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 18, 2024	CONFIRMED
4. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 25, 2024	CONFIRMED
5. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		February 5, 2024	CONFIRMED
6. Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 16, 2024	CONFIRMED
7. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations		March 7, 2024	CONFIRMED
8. State Opening & Scoring of Cost Proposals		March 8, 2024	CONFIRMED
9. State Notice of Intent to Award Released and RFP Files Opened for Public Inspection		March 15, 2024	CONFIRMED
10. End of Open File Period		March 22, 2024	CONFIRMED
11. State sends contract to Contractor for signature		March 25, 2024	CONFIRMED
12. Contractor Signature Deadline	2:00 p.m.	April 1, 2024	CONFIRMED

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFP.

Any restatement of RFP text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFP document.

QUESTION / COMMENT	STATE RESPONSE
1 I understand it is a 5-year project; however, I cannot identify the magnitude of the budget allocated to such an effort.	The State does not have enough information to address this statement.
2 Is there a maximum budget for this contract?	The maximum liability is expected to exceed \$1.
3 Can you provide more information about how the budget might be broken down across the years of the project?	The State does not control how a potential vendor sets its price for the requested services, or how it apportions out different factors that go into its setting of such price; however, it is not contemplated that there will be significant variation in cost among the five years of the contract term.
4 In budgeting and developing the proposal, can we assume that the TN BWC and other state agencies will provide the contractor with access to claims data necessary to conduct the study if the contractor does not currently possess or have rights to access Tennessee workers' compensation data?	Yes. The primary data source is the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). The BWC operates an integrated Workers' Compensation Computer System (WCS). Information from Statistical Data Forms SD-1 and SD-2 is entered into the WCS database. SD-1 and SD-2 forms are the closing documents for a WC claim. The contractor will be responsible for coordinating with the BWC or other departments to collect the data, with the cooperation of the Advisory Council.
5 The scoring criteria in Section C emphasize analysis to determine the effect of the Workers' Compensation Reform Act of 2013, but evaluation of the Reform Act is not mentioned anywhere else in the RFP, and it is not clear whether all the statistical reports listed as deliverables in Section A.4 of the pro forma contract should be focused on the effects of the Reform Act of 2013, or if other research questions of interest to the Council should be addressed in these yearly reports. Could you provide a more explicit statement of the research questions that should be addressed in the statistical reports, and clarify whether continued evaluation of the Reform Act of 2013 should be the major focus of this work?	<p>Continued evaluation of the Workers' Compensation Reform Act of 2013 is expected. The purpose of the reference(s) to the Reform Act of 2013 is due to the fact that there are still individuals whose workers' compensation awards are governed by the Tennessee workers' compensation law that was in effect prior to the Reform Act of 2013. Accordingly, examples of research questions that should be addressed in the statistical reports include, but are not limited to: whether there has been an increase/decrease in the number of individuals receiving benefits pre- and post-Reform, and the differences among the different types of benefits (TTD, PPD, death, medical, etc.); whether individuals are returning to work for the same employer, and whether there has been an increase/decrease in such data pre- and post-Reform; how are workers' compensation claims progressing through the system and how are they being concluded, and has there been a noticeable change in such conclusion types since the Reform Act.</p> <p>For a copy of the Statistical Report for the latest calendar year, please see the following link: https://treasury.tn.gov/Explore-Your-TN-Treasury/Communications/Meetings-and-</p>

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	Events/advisory-council-on-workers-compensation-meeting-50

- 3. RFP Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFP not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.