



TASK ORDER SUMMARY OF EVENTS
YH26-0090 – AHCCCS Independent Verification and Validation Services

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Subject: Executive Summary
Task Order #YH26-0090 AHCCCS Independent Verification and Validation Services

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

1. May 10, 2026, Task Order YH26-0090 was competitively released via email to the vendors from the statewide contract IT Advisory Assessment Verification and Validation Consulting Services and published on the AHCCCS website.
2. May 20, 2026, the Evaluator Training and Scoring Methodology meeting was held.
3. May 27, 2026, Solicitation amendment one (1) extended the proposal due date from May 27, 2026 to June 1, 2026. The Questions and Answers responses were included with the amendment.
4. June 1, 2026, deadline for vendors to submit their proposals where two (2) proposals were received.
5. June 17, 2026 through June 19, 2026 Initial Consensus Evaluations meetings occurred.
6. July 8, 2026 and July 10, 2026 vendor presentations took place.
7. July 13, 2026, Best and Final Offer letters were issued to the vendors who submitted a proposal.
8. July 20, 2026, Final evaluation meeting took place.

Scoring Methodology

May 20, 2026 the evaluation committee met to determine the scoring methodology and review the evaluation training guidelines. The evaluation team established the scoring methodology and agreed to use the following point scale.

Experience and Expertise – maximum points allowable 450

Method of Approach – maximum points allowable 300

Proposed Pricing – maximum points allowable 250

Receipt of Proposals

The Task Order closed on June 1, 2026, 3:00 PM (Arizona time). The Task Order was sent via email to five (5) vendors.

1. Info-Tech Research Group
2. Gartner, Inc.
3. Public Consulting Group LLC
4. Berry Dunn
5. Grant Thornton LLP

AHCCCS received two (2) proposals in response to the Task Order.

1. Gartner, Inc.
2. Public Consulting Group LLC

Evaluation Process

The proposals were distributed to all evaluation committee members. The following subject matter experts served as evaluation committee members:

Julie Barabash
Janice French
Kristi Schinkel

June 2, 2026 through June 12, 2026, the evaluators conducted their independent review of the proposals, assigning scores and providing comments for each question.

June 17, 2026 through June 19, 2026, a series of consensus meetings were held with the evaluators. During the consensus meeting, the evaluation team reviewed each proposal's strengths and weaknesses and collaboratively assigned scores for each question across all categories.

July 20, 2026, a Final Consensus Evaluation meeting took place to review the BAFO submissions for each vendor. The revised pricing for each vendor did not change the scores for the pricing category.

Demo Presentations

July 7, 2026 through July 10, 2026, the two (2) vendors were invited to participate in a Demonstration Presentation. Public Consulting Group LLC presentation was held July 7, 2026. Gartner, Inc presentation was held July 10, 2026.

July 10, 2026, a debrief meeting was held where the evaluation committee discussed the information provided from each contractor.

Best and Final Offer (BAFO)

July 13, 2026, a BAFO Letter was issued to Gartner, Inc and Public Consulting Group LLC requesting confirmation of their best pricing. The response to the BAFO was due on July 17 2026. BAFO responses were reviewed, and pricing scores were updated accordingly.

The BAFO results are as follows:

- Gartner updated its price proposal, reducing the cost to \$7,120,000.00 and lowering the total proposed amount by \$880,000.00.
- Public Consulting Group LLC updated its response, reducing the cost to \$4,681,063.25, and lowering the total proposed amount by \$246,371.80.

The Evaluation Committee reconvened on July 20, 2026, evaluated the BAFO response and unanimously agreed to recommend award of the Task Order to Public Consulting Group, Inc in the amount of \$4,681,063.25, a savings to the State of \$246,371.80 from the initial offer proposed.

Conclusion

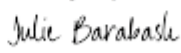
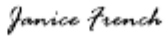
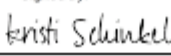
After giving the proposals thoughtful consideration and examining the facts related to the evaluation criteria, the Committee recommended the Task Order be awarded to Public Consulting Group LLC. It is determined that this Offeror submitted a proposal that was responsible and responsive. It was further determined that this award will be the most advantageous to AHCCCS and the State of Arizona based on the evaluation factors set forth in the solicitation. The final scoring outcome is presented on the following page of this Summary of Events. The Procurement Office agrees with the recommendation as it is in the best interest of the State to award the Task Order to Public Consulting Group LLC.

Summary Scoring

Criteria	Points Max	Gartner	PCG
Experience and Expertise	450	303	360
Method and Approach	300	210	240
Project Cost	250	166	250
TOTAL SCORE	1000	679	850

Evaluation Committee (Scoring Team) Members Attestation:

We hereby attest that the points awarded to each offeror listed on this Scoring Sheet were scored in accordance with the established evaluation criteria and represent our best judgment of each offeror's proposal. As indicated by the scores and the justification in the Executive Summary, our recommendation for contract award is:

NAME OF RECOMMENDED AWARDED VENDOR:	Public Consulting Group LLC
Julie Barabash	DocuSigned by:  7/20/2028 85F6B686C7134EDC...
Janice French	Signed by:  7/21/2028 F130630F7C624FA...
Kristi Schinkel	Signed by:  7/20/2028 DAE248F04E6E4B0...