

**TASK ORDER SOLICITATION  
AMENDMENT #2**

<p>YH26-0094 YH26-0094 - Pharmacy Consulting and Process Improvement Recommendations</p>	<p>Task Order due date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 3:00 P.M. Arizona Time</p>	<p>Procurement Officer: Tiffanie Blanco Email: <a href="mailto:procurement@azahcccs.gov">procurement@azahcccs.gov</a></p>
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**A signed copy of this amendment must be submitted with your Task Order solicitation response.**

The attached Answers to Questions are incorporated as part of this solicitation amendment.

Paragraph # or Title	Page #	Amendment
Answers	N/A	Answers to questions. The form is attached.
<b>OFFEROR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT.</b>		<b>THIS SOLICITATION AMENDMENT IS HEREBY EXECUTED ON THIS DAY, IN PHOENIX, AZ.</b>
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL:		SIGNATURE: <b>SIGNATURE ON FILE</b>
TYPED NAME:		TYPED NAME: Meggan LaPorte, CPPO, MSW
TITLE:		TITLE: Chief Procurement Officer
DATE:		DATE: 4/21/2026



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FORM

### Pharmacy Consulting and Process Improvement Recommendations

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Question#	VENDOR NAME	Paragraph # or Title	Pg #	Vendor Question	AHCCCS Response
1.	Myers and Stauffer LC	7.4	5-6	What is the State’s anticipated budget for this task order?	Please refer to section <b>7.4</b> . AHCCCS is requesting that interested parties provide a pricing proposal broken down by the deliverables listed in <b>5.0</b> . The overall price should be proposed as a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount.
2.	Myers and Stauffer LC	4.4.3	2	Section 4.3 suggests that the State has already collected public comments (i.e., “analyze existing public comments”). Can the State confirm whether this is true and, if yes, how many comments have been collected to date?	AHCCCS has received public comments related to aspects of the P&T process. The volume and specific content of comments may vary, and additional stakeholder input is anticipated as part of this project. Interested parties should assume that review and analysis of existing comments, along with facilitation of additional stakeholder feedback as appropriate, is within scope
3.	Myers and Stauffer LC	5.1	3	Section 5.1.1 notes that the selected vendor will be required to facilitate 2-4 stakeholder meetings; however, the suggested timeline also indicates a need for leadership and staff interviews. Can the State confirm whether these interviews are included in, or in addition to, the 2-4 stakeholder meetings? Also, would the State be interested in additional stakeholder engagement activities, such as a	Section <b>4</b> presents the required activities at a high level, while Section <b>5</b> further defines those activities through specific deliverables.  Internal leadership and staff interviews are included within the stakeholder engagement activities described in Section <b>5.1</b> , as reflected in the suggested timeline. The Task Order outlines minimum engagement expectations; respondents may propose additional stakeholder



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				stakeholder survey, to ensure more robust data collection?	engagement methods if they believe such approaches would add value, provided they are clearly described and reflected in the proposed methodology and pricing.
4.	Myers and Stauffer LC	5.4	4	Section 5.4.2 notes that the selected vendor will be required to include a comparison of current AHCCCS P&T processes with national P&T best practices in its draft recommendation report. Would the State be interested in the selected vendor conducting key informant interviews with other states to discuss their P&T processes and further assess best practices?	AHCCCS is requesting a comparison of current AHCCCS P&T processes with national P&T best practices, as described in Section 5.4.2. The specific methods for gathering information on best practices are at the discretion of the respondent and should be described in the proposed methodology.
5.	Mercer Health & Benefits LLC	2	2	Is the Arizona Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee serving as the Drug Utilization Board as required by Section (g)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act?	AHCCCS's Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee operates in accordance with applicable federal and state requirements. Respondents should base their proposals on a review of publicly available information and the project scope described in the Task Order
6.	Mercer Health & Benefits LLC	2	2	Is AHCCCS's goal for the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to meet the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Guidelines on the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the Formulary System? ( <i>American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy</i> , Volume 78, Issue 10, 15 May	AHCCCS is seeking an assessment of its current P&T processes in comparison with national P&T best practices. Formal adoption of any specific external standard or guideline is not predetermined and may be considered as part of the consultant's analysis and recommendations.



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7.	Mercer Health & Benefits LLC	2	2	Can the Agency elaborate on the factors that precipitated the need for this temporary assistance with the current P&T processes?	The Task Order is intended to address a temporary need for additional capacity to review existing P&T processes, analyze stakeholder input, and develop recommendations to enhance accessibility and transparency. No further detail beyond what is provided in the Task Order is necessary for proposal development.
8.	Mercer Health & Benefits LLC	4.3	2	Please provide a copy of, or a link, to the “existing public comments” referenced in item 4.3.	Relevant public comments will be made available to the selected contractor during the project, as appropriate. Respondents should not assume access to public comments prior to award.
9.	Milliman	5.1, 5.3 6.1	3 5	Please specify the State’s expectations regarding in-person versus virtual engagement across all project activities, including the project kick-off meeting, stakeholder interviews (internal and external), and recurring status or monthly check-in meetings. Please indicate whether any components are required to be conducted in person and, if so, which ones.	AHCCCS anticipates that most project activities, including meetings and interviews, will be conducted virtually. Respondents may propose in-person engagement if they believe it is necessary or beneficial, but in-person activities are not required unless explicitly agreed upon with AHCCCS.



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10.	Deloitte	Responsibilities/ Tasks	2	<p>Will all data and information be collected during the stakeholder sessions and public forums or will previously gathered data also be utilized?</p> <p>A. How was that data collected?</p> <p>B. Should the contractor assume any data cleansing, coding, or de-identification effort is required?</p> <p>C. Will formulary vs non-formulary utilization be provided within the data?</p>	<p>Both previously gathered information and new stakeholder input may be utilized for this project. AHCCCS will provide relevant existing documentation as described in the Task Order. Respondents should assume minimal data cleansing or preparation unless otherwise identified during the work.</p>
11.	Deloitte	Project Deliverables	3	<p>Does AHCCCS expect the contractor to design, recruit for, host, facilitate, and document the public-facing listening session/virtual forum, or will AHCCCS support participant outreach and logistics?</p>	<p>The contractor is expected to support design, facilitation, and documentation of the public-facing listening session or virtual forum. AHCCCS will assist with stakeholder identification and outreach as appropriate.</p>
12.	Deloitte	Responsibilities/ Tasks	2	<p>How should “national P&amp;T committee best practices” be defined for this project? Should these be Medicaid-specific practices only, or broader public-sector/commercial P&amp;T practices where relevant?</p>	<p>National P&amp;T best practices may include Medicaid-specific and broader public-sector or commercial practices, where relevant. Respondents should describe how best practices will be identified and assessed in their proposed methodology.</p>
13.	Deloitte	Project Deliverables	4	<p>Are there any anticipated legal, policy, or stakeholder sensitivities that AHCCCS wants contractors to account for in how recommendations are framed?</p>	<p>Respondents should assume that legal, policy, and stakeholder considerations may be relevant to the review of AHCCCS’s Pharmacy &amp; Therapeutics (P&amp;T) processes, as is typical for work involving public programs and multi-stakeholder environments. Contractors should frame recommendations in a</p>



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					<p>balanced, objective, and evidence-based manner, and remain mindful of applicable federal and state requirements, existing AHCCCS policies, and the range of stakeholder perspectives involved.</p> <p>Specific legal, policy, or stakeholder sensitivities are not enumerated in advance; however, recommendations should be practical, clearly supported by analysis, and presented in a way that allows for informed agency consideration and decision-making. Final determinations regarding policy direction or implementation will remain solely at the discretion of AHCCCS.</p>