

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Can we use electronic signatures?
Original “wet” or digital signature of person duly authorized to legally bind the bidder. Digital signatures must be verifiable and legal sufficient (e.g. DocuSign, Adobe Sign, etc.)
2. Is there a specific layout or order you would like to see the cost and non-cost proposals outside of section 8, proposal content?
No
3. The RFP document states 8.2.1. Bidder must include the properly completed Exhibit C: Cost Worksheet. However online Exhibit C is the PPO EOC and I am not seeing a document called Cost Worksheet. Could you clarify which document needs completed?
This was an error. There is no Exhibit C: Cost Worksheet to be completed.
4. Are the attached claims paid or incurred?
Incurred
5. Is the customer open to the industry standard of digital dental PPO ID cards? (Note: DHMO ID cards are standardly issued)
Yes
6. Please provide TINs for the Top 25 Provider/Facility reports. (Exhibit H and Exhibit I)
Delta Dental does not provide TIN’s
7. Would an emailed electronic submission be accepted in lieu of hard copies?
A hard copy of the proposal is required to be submitted by August 7, 2023 at 1:15pm Pacific Time.
8. Are electronics signature acceptable for the initial submission?
Please refer to question #1
9. It would be beneficial to know if there are specific reasons why the group is out to bid this time (i.e. service issues, rates, etc.)
The California Judicial Branch Contract Law requires that the superior court comply with provisions of the Public Contract Code (PCC) related to the procurement of goods and services.
10. Are there current DVBE vendors involved and if so what services do they provide?
No
11. Is the incumbent carrier currently meeting the 3% DVBE goal?
N/A
12. The below documents are referenced in the RFPs. Could you please provide these documents?
 - Bidder must complete and submit with its bid Attachment 7A - Bidder Declaration). Bidder must submit with the Bidder Declaration all materials required in the Bidder Declaration.
 - Bidder must submit with its bid Attachment 7B - DVBE Declaration, completed and signed by each DVBE that will provide goods and/or services in connection with the contract. If Bidder is itself a DVBE, it must complete and sign the DVBE Declaration. If Bidder will use DVBE subcontractors, each DVBE subcontractor must complete and sign a DVBE Declaration. NOTE: The DVBE Declaration is not required if Bidder will qualify for the DVBE incentive using a BUP on file with DGS.**Attached**
13. Are all additional DVBE documents included in 7A and 7B?
No

ATTACHMENT 7A BIDDER DECLARATION

Complete this form only if Bidder wishes to claim the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) incentive associated with this solicitation. Please review the “Bidder Declaration Instructions” prior to completing this form. If Bidder submits incomplete or inaccurate information, it will not receive the DVBE incentive.

SECTION I. COMPLETE IF BIDDER IS A DVBE

If Bidder is not a DVBE, skip this section.

1. DGS Supplier ID number: _____
2. DVBE Certification active from _____ to _____
3. Will Bidder subcontract any portion of the contract work to subcontractors? _____

If yes:

A. State the percentage of the contract work Bidder will subcontract: _____

B. Describe the goods and/or services to be provided by Bidder itself in connection with the contract: _____

C. Explain how Bidder is performing a “commercially useful function” for purposes of this contract. (Please see the instructions for the definition of “commercially useful function.”) _____

4. The disabled veteran owners and managers of Bidder must complete and sign the **DVBE Declaration** (a separate document). Bidder must submit the completed DVBE Declaration along with this Bidder Declaration.
5. Bidder must submit a copy of its DVBE certification approval letter along with this Bidder Declaration.

SECTION II. COMPLETE IF BIDDER HAS A DVBE BUSINESS UTILIZATION PLAN

Skip this section if (i) Bidder does not have an approved DVBE Business Utilization Plan (BUP) on file with DGS, or (ii) this solicitation is for non-IT services.

1. Date BUP was approved by DGS: _____

2. Date through which BUP is valid: _____
3. Bidder must submit a copy of its “Notice of Approved DVBE Business Utilization Plan” issued by DGS along with this Bidder Declaration.

SECTION III. COMPLETE IF BIDDER WILL USE DVBE SUBCONTRACTORS

Enter the total number of DVBE subcontractors (DVBE Subcontractors) that Bidder will use for this contract: _____

If the total number of DVBE Subcontractors Bidder will use is zero, skip this section.

Provide the following information or materials for **each** DVBE Subcontractor that Bidder will use for this contract. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. DVBE Subcontractor name: _____
2. DVBE Subcontractor contact person: _____
3. DVBE Subcontractor address: _____
4. DVBE Subcontractor phone number: _____
5. DVBE Subcontractor email: _____
6. DVBE Subcontractor’s DGS Supplier ID number: _____
7. DVBE Subcontractor DVBE Certification active from _____ to _____.
8. Bidder must submit a copy of the DVBE Subcontractor’s DVBE certification approval letter along with this Bidder Declaration.
9. Describe the goods and/or services to be provided by the DVBE Subcontractor in connection with the contract:

10. Explain how the DVBE Subcontractor is performing a “commercially useful function” for purposes of this contract. (Please see the instructions for the definition of “commercially useful function.”)

11. Enter the percentage of the total bid price for the goods and/or services to be provided by the DVBE Subcontractor: _____%
12. Provide written confirmation from the DVBE Subcontractor that it will provide the goods and/or services identified above if Bidder is awarded the contract.
13. The disabled veteran owners and managers of the DVBE Subcontractor must complete and sign the **DVBE Declaration** (a separate document). Bidder must submit the completed DVBE Declaration along with this Bidder Declaration.

SECTION IV. CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, certify that the information provided in this form is true and correct. I am duly authorized to legally bind Bidder to this certification. This certification is made under the laws of the State of California.

<i>Company Name (Printed)</i>		<i>Tax ID Number</i>
<i>Address</i>		<i>Telephone Number</i>
<i>By (Authorized Signature)</i>		
<i>Printed Name and Title of Person Signing</i>		
<i>Date Executed</i>	<i>Executed in the County of _____ in the State of _____</i>	

BIDDER DECLARATION INSTRUCTIONS

General Instructions

In this form, (i) “DGS” refers to the Department of General Services; (ii) “Bidder” refers to a person or entity that submits a response to a competitive solicitation issued by the Court, including both IFBs and RFPs; and (iii) “bid” refers to a response to a competitive solicitation issued by the Court, including both IFBs and RFPs. Pursuant to Military and Veterans Code section 999, a person or an entity is deemed to perform a “commercially useful function” if a person or entity does all of the following: (a) is responsible for the execution of a distinct element of the work of the contract; (b) carries out the obligation by actually performing, managing, or supervising the work involved; (c) performs work that is normal for its business services and functions; (d) is responsible, with respect to products, inventories, materials, and supplies required for the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering, installing, if applicable, and making payment; and (e) is not further subcontracting a portion of the work that is greater than that expected to be subcontracted by normal industry practices. Note: a person or entity will not be considered to perform a “commercially useful function” if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DVBE participation.

If Bidder wishes to claim the DVBE incentive in a solicitation where a DVBE incentive is offered, it must complete the Bidder Declaration. If no DVBE incentive is offered, or Bidder does not wish to claim the DVBE incentive, Bidder should not complete the Bidder Declaration.

The Court will determine whether Bidder is eligible to receive the DVBE incentive based on information provided in the Bidder Declaration. The Court may, but is not obligated to, verify or seek clarification of any information set forth in the Bidder Declaration. If Bidder submits incomplete or inaccurate information, it will not receive the DVBE incentive.

Instructions for Section I

Skip this section if Bidder is not itself a DVBE.

1. Provide Bidder’s DGS Supplier ID number. This number is in Bidder’s DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at: <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>
2. Provide the applicable dates. These dates are listed in Bidder’s DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at: <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>
3. If Bidder will subcontract any portion of the contract work, answer “yes” and complete subparts A-C. If Bidder will not subcontract any portion of the contract work, answer “no” and skip subparts A-C.
Subpart A: This percentage is equal to the amount to be paid by Bidder to all subcontractors divided by Bidder’s total bid price, multiplied by 100. Enter a percentage; do not enter a dollar amount. For example, if the amount to be paid by Bidder to subcontractors is \$35,000 and Bidder’s total bid price is \$125,000, enter “28%” ($35,000 \div 125,000 = 0.28$; $0.28 \times 100 = 28$).
Subpart B: Provide a detailed description of the goods and/or services the Bidder itself will provide for the contract. In other words, provide a detailed description of the goods and/or services that will not be subcontracted. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
Subpart C: Provide an explanation of how the Bidder’s goods and/or services constitute a “commercially useful function” for purposes of the contract. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
4. The DVBE Declaration is separate from the Bidder Declaration. Bidder must submit along with the Bidder Declaration a DVBE Declaration completed and signed by the disabled veteran owners and managers of Bidder.
5. Each entity certified as a DVBE by DGS will have received a DVBE certification approval letter. Bidder must submit a copy of its DVBE certification approval letter.

Instructions for Section II

Skip this section if (i) Bidder does not have an approved Business Utilization Plan (BUP) on file with DGS, or (ii) this solicitation is for non-IT services.

1. Provide the date on which DGS approved Bidder's BUP.
2. Provide the date through which the BUP is valid.
3. Bidder must provide a copy of its "Notice of Approved DVBE Business Utilization Plan" issued by DGS. This copy must be provided along with the Bidder Declaration.

Instructions for Section III

A DVBE Subcontractor is any certified DVBE (whether a person, firm, corporation, or organization) contracting to perform part of Bidder's contract.

Enter the total number of DVBE Subcontractors that Bidder will use for the contract. If the number is zero, skip to Section IV. Otherwise, provide complete information (items 1-13 of Section III) for **each** DVBE Subcontractor.

1. Provide the full legal name of the DVBE Subcontractor.
2. Provide the name of a contact person at the DVBE Subcontractor. The contact person must be able to verify the information provided in the Bidder Declaration regarding that DVBE Subcontractor.
3. Provide the full address of the DVBE Subcontractor.
4. Provide the DVBE Subcontractor's phone number, including area code.
5. Provide the DVBE Subcontractor's email address. If the DVBE Subcontractor does not have an email address, insert "N/A."
6. Provide the DVBE Subcontractor's DGS Supplier ID number. This number is in the DVBE Subcontractor's DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at: <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>
7. Provide the applicable dates. These dates are in the DVBE Subcontractor's DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at: <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>
8. Each entity certified as a DVBE by DGS will have received a DVBE certification approval letter. Bidder must submit a copy of the DVBE Subcontractor's DVBE certification approval letter.
9. Provide a detailed description of the goods and/or services the DVBE Subcontractor will provide for the contract. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
10. Provide an explanation of how the DVBE Subcontractor's goods and/or services constitute a "commercially useful function" for purposes of the contract. Attach additional sheets if necessary.
11. This percentage is equal to the amount to be paid by Bidder to the DVBE Subcontractor divided by Bidder's total bid price, multiplied by 100. Enter a percentage; do not enter a dollar amount. For example, if the amount to be paid by Bidder to the DVBE Subcontractor is \$6,600 and Bidder's total bid price is \$75,000, enter "8.8%" ($6600 \div 75000 = 0.088$; $0.088 \times 100 = 8.8$).
12. Bidder must submit a written confirmation from the DVBE Subcontractor indicating that, if Bidder is awarded the contract, the DVBE Subcontractor will provide the required goods and/or services.
13. The DVBE Declaration is a separate form from the Bidder Declaration. Bidder must submit along with the Bidder Declaration a DVBE Declaration completed and signed by the disabled veteran owners and managers of the DVBE Subcontractor.

Instructions for Section IV

Provide Bidder's full legal name, tax ID number, address, and telephone number in the appropriate boxes. The certification must be signed by an authorized Bidder representative in the box labeled "By (Authorized Signature)." Provide the name and title of the authorized Bidder representative, and the date, county and state where that person signed the certification, in the appropriate boxes.

**ATTACHMENT 7B
DVBE DECLARATION**

SECTION 1. MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL DVBEs

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) name: _____

DGS Supplier ID number: _____

SECTION 2. MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL DVBEs

Check only one box in Section 2 and provide original signatures of all disabled veteran (DV) owners and managers of the DVBE.

- ☐ I (we) declare that the DVBE is not a broker or agent, as defined in Military and Veterans Code (MVC) section 999.2(b), of the goods and/or services provided by the DVBE in connection with the solicitation identified above.
- ☐ Pursuant to MVC 999.2(f), I (we) declare that the DVBE is a broker or agent for the following principal. (*attach additional sheets if more than one principal*)
Principal Name: _____ Principal Phone: _____
Principal Address: _____

Disabled veteran owners and managers of the DVBE: (*attach additional sheets if necessary*)

<i>Printed Name of DV owner/manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner/manager</i>	

<i>Printed Name of DV owner/manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner/manager</i>	

<i>Printed Name of DV owner/manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner/manager</i>	

SECTION 3. MUST BE COMPLETED BY DVBEs THAT PROVIDE RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND ARE NOT BROKERS/AGENTS

Skip this section if (i) the DVBE is not providing rental equipment or (ii) the DVBE indicated in Section 2 that it is a broker or agent.

Check applicable boxes below 3 and provide original signatures of all DV owners and managers of the DVBE.

- ☐ Pursuant to MVC 999.2 (c), (d) and (g), I am (we are) the DV(s) with at least 51% ownership of the DVBE, or DV manager(s) of the DVBE. The DVBE maintains certification requirements in accordance with MVC 999 et seq.
- ☐ The undersigned owner(s) own(s) at least 51% of the quantity and value of each piece of equipment that will be rented in connection with this solicitation. I (we), the DV owner(s) of the equipment, have submitted to DGS my (our) personal federal tax return(s) at time of certification and annually thereafter as defined in MVC 999.2 (c) and (g).

Disabled veteran owners of the DVBE: *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

<i>Printed Name of DV owner</i>	<i>Tax ID Number of DV owner</i>
<i>Address of DV owner</i>	<i>DV owner Telephone Number</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner</i>	<i>Date signed</i>

<i>Printed Name of DV owner</i>	<i>Tax ID Number of DV owner</i>
<i>Address of DV owner</i>	<i>Telephone # of DV owner</i>
<i>Signature of DV owner</i>	<i>Date signed</i>

Disabled veteran managers of the DVBE: *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

<i>Printed Name of DV manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV manager</i>	

<i>Printed Name of DV manager</i>	<i>Date signed</i>
<i>Signature of DV manager</i>	

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If no DVBE incentive is offered, or Bidder does not wish to claim the DVBE incentive, Bidder should not submit a DVBE Declaration. In addition, if Bidder wishes to claim the DVBE incentive using a DVBE Business Utilization Plan (BUP) on file with DGS, Bidder should not submit a DVBE Declaration. Note that a BUP cannot be used to qualify for the DVBE incentive in a non-IT services solicitation.

The Court will determine whether Bidder is eligible to receive the DVBE incentive based on information provided in the DVBE Declaration. The Court may, but is not obligated to, verify or seek clarification of any information set forth in the DVBE Declaration. If Bidder submits incomplete or inaccurate information, it will not receive the DVBE incentive.

Instructions for Section 1

Provide the full legal name of the DVBE, and its DGS Supplier ID number. This number is in the DVBE’s DGS Supplier Profile, accessible at: <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>

Instructions for Section 2

Check only one box. If the DVBE is not a broker or agent, check the first box. If the DVBE is a broker or agent, check the second box and provide the name, address, and phone number of the principal for which the DVBE is an agent or broker. Military and Veterans Code section 999.2(b) defines “broker” or “agent” as an individual or entity that does not have title, possession, control, and risk of loss of materials, supplies, services, or equipment provided to the Court, unless one or more of the disabled veteran owners has at least 51-percent ownership of the quantity and value of the materials, supplies, services, and of each piece of equipment provided under the contract.

All disabled veteran owners and managers of the DVBE must sign and date Section 2. If there are insufficient signature blocks for all disabled veteran owners and managers to sign, attach additional sheets.

Instructions for Section 3

The DVBE must complete Section 3 only if both of the following are true (i) the DVBE will provide rental equipment in connection with the contract, and (ii) the DVBE checked the first box in Section 2, indicating that it is not a broker or agent.

If (i) the DVBE will not provide rental equipment in connection with the contract, or (ii) the DVBE checked the second box in Section 2, indicating that it is a broker or agent, the DVBE should not check a box in Section 3 or provide the signatures in Section 3.

Check each box in Section 3 if the corresponding statement is true.

All disabled veteran owners of the DVBE must sign and date Section 3, in the signature blocks designated for disabled veteran owners. Each disabled veteran owner of the DVBE must also provide his or her tax ID number, address, and telephone number in the signature block. If there are insufficient signature blocks for all disabled veteran owners, attach additional sheets.

All disabled veteran managers of the DVBE must sign and date Section 3, in the signature blocks designated for disabled veteran managers. If there are insufficient signature blocks for all disabled veteran managers, attach additional sheets.