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## QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES # 4 SOLICITATION NO. Q0015020 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SEXUAL OFFENDER TREATMENT SERVICES APRIL 11, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This List of Questions and Responses, question #54, is issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named IFB.

In most instances the submitted questions and the Department's responses merely serve to clarify the existing requirements of the IFB. Sometimes, however, in submitting questions potential Offerors may make statements or express interpretations of contract requirements that may be inconsistent with the Department's intent. To the extent that the Department recognizes such an incorrect interpretation, the provided answer will note that the interpretation is erroneous and either state that the question is moot once the correct interpretation is explained or provide the answer based upon the correct interpretation.

No provided answer to a question may in and of itself change any requirement of the IFB. If, based upon a submitted question, it is determined that any portion of the IFB should be changed, the actual change may only be implemented via a formal amendment to the IFB. In this situation, the answer provided will reference the amendment which contains the IFB change.

The statements and interpretations of contract requirements which are stated in the following questions of potential Offerors are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the IFB. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require.

54. In reviewing the COMAR in preparation for the sex offender bid I discovered COMAR 10.21.25.05 D states that up to a maximum of 10 individual may participate in a group. Should the contract be modified to come into compliance with COMAR?

**<u>RESPONSE</u>**: No, the Invitation For Bids will not be modified to comply with COMAR 10.21.25.05D because that regulation is not applicable to this procurement. The Contractor

may not receive reimbursement from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or any source other than DPSCS. See Amendment #4.

**Remember bids are due on April 26, 2016, no later than 11 AM.** If there are any questions concerning this solicitation, please contact me via email at <u>Rachel.Cruse@maryland.gov</u> or call me at (410) 260-7430 as soon as possible.

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