

MARTIN O'MALLEY Governor ANTHONY BROWN Lieutenant Governor T. ELOISE FOSTER Secretary DAVID C. ROMANS Deputy Secretary

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES # 4 Project No. F10B8200014 Dental Benefits Program June 13, 2008

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This List of Questions and Responses #4, including question #87, is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. The statements and interpretations of contract requirements, which are stated in the following questions from potential Offerors, are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the RFP. 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.

- 87. Could you please confirm that <u>it is not necessary</u> for a contractor to calculate the reportable amounts of payments to an MBE if the work the MBE is performing <u>IS</u> directly and exclusively attributable to the State Plan?
 - **<u>RESPONSE</u>**: If an MBE subcontractor's work is directly and exclusively serving the State Contract awarded pursuant to this procurement, the payments to the MBE subcontractor will be counted dollar-for-dollar toward the commitment to that MBE reflected in Attachment D. For example, if the MBE subcontractor provides printing services of only the membership cards issued to members under this contract and bills only for those cards, then every dollar paid to the MBE for printing those cards will count against the Attachment D commitment to that MBE subcontractor.

Please remember that offers are due on June 18, 2008, no later than 2:00 p.m. If there are additional questions concerning this solicitation, please contact me via e-mail at ggnall@dbm.state.md.us or by phone at (410) 260-7338 as soon as possible.

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