

1/27/2023

V Group, Inc.

Attention: Vijay Kumar Palandurkar

RE: Recommendation for Award - The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) IT Consulting & Technical Services Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Request for Proposal Solicitation No. BPM031490 (the "RFP")

Dear Vijay Kumar Palandurkar

I am pleased to inform you that MHBE has recommended V Group, Inc. for the award of a Master Contract. The recommendation for an award of a Master Contract qualifies an Offeror as eligible to compete for Task Order awards under the awarded Functional Areas only.

Functional Area 1 - Enterprise Service Provider (ESP)	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 2 - Web and Internet Systems	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 3 - Electronic Document Management	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 4 - Software Engineering	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 5 - System Management and Maintenance	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 6 - Information System Security	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 7 - Application Service Provider	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 8 - IT Auditing, Testing and Quality and Assurance Services	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 9 - IT Management Consulting Services	Recommended for the award
Functional Area 10 - Documentation/Technical Writing	Recommended for the award

The Master Contract resulting from this award shall commence on July 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2026. This award also includes two one-year options. If the option years are exercised, option year one will begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027, and option year two will begin on July 1, 2027, and end on June 30, 2028.

The following documents included with this award package shall be completed, signed electronically if applicable, and submitted by the recommended awardee **no later than five (5) business days** from the date of this letter.

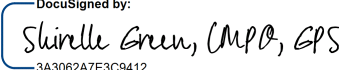
1. Attachment I – Contract
2. Attachment J – Contract Affidavit
3. Attachment F – Non-Disclosure Agreement (if applicable, see Section 4.33 of the RFP)
4. Attachment G – Non-Exchange Entity Agreement (see Section 4.37 of the RFP)

As part of signing the above documents through DocuSign, you will be **required** to upload a copy of a current Certificate of Insurance with the prescribed limits set forth in Section 3.1 Insurance Requirements of the RFP, listing the State as an additional insured.

Please note that the award of the Master Contract is not final until all the required documents are provided, including uploading the prescribed Certificate of Insurance, and the Master Contract is fully executed by both parties. Please further note that the award of a Master Contract does not constitute a representation or promise by MHBE that a Master Contractor will receive any work assignments or Task Order awards.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the undersigned at [hix.procurement@maryland.gov](mailto:hix.procurement@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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Shirelle Green  
Procurement Officer, CMPO, GPS  
Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

cc: Venkat Koshanam, Chief Information Officer  
Tony Armiger, Chief Financial Officer  
Tracey Gamble, Procurement Manager