

EYEGASSES ITB
Bid No. 11-X-2228742
Questions and Answers
April 21, 2011

1. Do you have a current Frame offering list that we need to provide?

Yes, the current frames listing may be found in the Amended Attachment B. The acknowledgement of receipt of this amendment must be signed and returned with the bid response which must be received no later than May 3, 2011.

2. Can we offer a "like substitute" as an alternative to the current list if there is one?

Yes

3. How many Womens,____ Mens,____ Childrens,____ and Unisex____ styles are required to be offered?

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There is not a set number of frames required to be offered. The frames offered should meet the needs of the Medicaid population.

4. How many frames are required in the sample kits for the providers?

There is not a set number of frames for the sample kits. A representative sample of frames offered should be available for selection. Eye Care Providers can order the frame selection in the sample kit dependent upon their needs.

5. Do we need to send frame samples with bid if the samples are the same as current?

No

6. If we have not received our certificate of authority from Secretary of State yet, will the application count until the certificate is received? (page 10, E – 4).

Please disregard paragraph VIII. E.4. The correct requirement is found in IV.B.(a) which states, "Entities submitting bids must: (a)Have all necessary business licenses at the time of the contracting to be able to do business in Alabama." (Emphasis added.) See also the paragraph on

page 4 of the Purchasing Department ITB, Foreign Corporation – Certificate of Authority, which states,

“ALABAMA LAW PROVIDES THAT A FOREIGN CORPORATION (AN OUT-OF-STATE COMPANY/FIRM) MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA UNTIL IT OBTAINS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE. SECTION 10-2B-15.01, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975. TO OBTAIN FORMS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CORPORATIONS DIVISION, (334) 242-5324. THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY DOES NOT KEEP THE VENDOR FROM SUBMITTING A BID.”

7. Is code V2784 (Polycarbonate Lenses) an add-on to codes V2100 through V2399? We are confused because on page 37 it states “Lens Specifications (Clear Glass or Clear Plastic or Clear Polycarbonate) Per Lens”. This would seem to indicate that codes V2100 through V2399 include polycarbonate. Thank you.

Yes. in this ITB Bid No. 11-X-2228742, code V2784 (polycarbonate Lenses) is an add-on code to lens codes V2100 through V2399.

8. Please confirm that Medicaid will provide Vendor/contractor with the eyeglasses prescription.

Medicaid’s Eye Care Providers will submit frames and lens specifications/prescriptions to the Vendor/contractor.

9. If Contract price includes frame, lens and inserting lens into the frame (fabrication).

Frames and lens may be billed by the Vendor/contractor. The cost of inserting lens, fabrication, eyeglass case, mailing, and customer service must be factored into the firm and fixed bid price.

10. Please inform acceptable frames for this contract. Is there a list and picture of suggested frames ?

The current frames listing may be found in the Amended Attachment B dated April 21, 2011 and on the Agency’s website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov/provider/manuals/providermanuals/chapter15

11. How much was the frame and lens price of the last award.

The prices varied. Some specifications have been changed in this ITB from the last ITB. The requirement this ITB is for a firm and fixed price for all frames. The current frames and lens listing may be found in the Amended Attachment B. The acknowledgement of receipt of this amendment must be signed and returned with the bid response which must be received no later than May 3, 2011.

12. -If contractor must ship the completed job to one specific location, or there are multiple location.

The Eye Care Provider will specify the provider's location where the eyeglasses are to be shipped.

13. Nowhere in the ITB is there a list of the current frame collection yet the ITB references that Contractors supply the current State approved frame collection. For example,

- Page 33, G. Quality Assurance, paragraph 5 – “The contractor shall provide only those frames listed on the bid sheet, Attachment B.”

Yet, there are no frames listed on the bid sheet, Attachment B.

Please confirm that the State expects the Contractor to supply the exact frame collection as the current vendor upon contract start July 1, 2011 or whether the State desires Contractors to offer a new frame collection.

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If the Vendor/contractor chooses to use the current list of approved frames then the submitted bid should specify which frames will be used. If the Vendor/contractor chooses to use alternative or substitute frames the submitted bid should specify which frames will be used and which frames will be substituted. After the evaluation period and award notice but prior to the contract date of July 1, 2011, any new and substitute frames shall be submitted and approved by the Optometric Peer Review Committee.