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Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 2:25 PM
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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Mr. Smith-

We will provide the information you are requesting once it is has been finalized and we have a signed agreement with the selected vendor. Currently we are still in contract negotiations which limits the release of information. According to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, Section 30-4-40, Matters exempt from disclosure, the documents requested are exempt from the FOIA at this time. Subsection (5) of Section 30-4-40 of the Act describes the following as a matter a public body may exempt from disclosure: Documents of and documents incidental to proposed contractual arrangements and documents of and documents incidental to proposed sales or purchases of property.

While contact negotiations are underway, the items that you requested are exempt from disclosure because they are related components of the contractual agreement. Until we finalize the contract, we cannot release that information because it could compromise our ability to negotiate and the numbers could change based on the outcome of the discussions with the selected vendor. Also, in the unlikely event we cannot come to terms with the selected vendor, there is a possibility that the RFP could be cancelled and reissued. To release pricing information would be unfair to all respondents should that happen.

That section of the Act goes on to say that these documents are not exempt from disclosure once a contract is entered into. Our goal is to finalize the agreement shortly after the protest period has expired. Should we receive a protest, the date for finalizing the agreement could be extended since we would attempt to settle the protest before we enter into a contract.

Bottom line, once a contract is executed, the exemption from disclosure will be lifted and the information will be available for release. Because the exact date of the contract execution is unknown, you may wish to resubmit your request in approximately 30 days. We will respond as quickly as possible at that point.

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Enter your email address
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when you submit your data: (Optional)

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Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):

1. All responses to the RFP#18004 (the "RFP") for Medicaid Direct Billing Service (and any further supplementation of such responses) from all bidders other than HM;
2. All documents that evidence or reflect scoring and/or ranking of the bidders to the RFP;
3. All documents that evidence or reflect presentations by bidder(s) to anyone at the District;
4. All documents that evidence or reflect negotiations between the District and the successful bidder; and
5. The final award of the RFP.

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