

Interoperability and eMPI Software RFP

Questions & Answers Related to Addendum 3

Question	Component Pricing: Does CalMHSA have any better guidelines on the following areas in order to provide a more precise pricing: o Number of Counties o Number of Members in each of the Counties o Volumes of Transactions for IHE and Patient Matching
CalMHSA Answer	The requested numbers and volumes will be variable. Should volume, number of counties, and/or member count be a criterion for architecting and quoting your solution, please provide a range. For example: - Under 1 million transactions/month = XXX - 1 million to 2 million = XXX - 2 million to 3 million = XXX NOTE: Provided range is for example purposes only. Please provide a range applicable to your respective solution.
Question	Contracting: Is CalMHSA considering issuing this contract to a single vendor to cover all elements or are you going to issue a contract for ALL of the components to a single vendor or only contracting for a subset of those components?
CalMHSA Answer	CalMHSA is evaluating both the option of purchasing individual components of an interoperability and eMPI solution, and the option of purchasing the full solution previously proposed by Respondents. No decision has been made to award a single contract or multiple based on component at this time.
Question	Data Format: Can the counties provide the required data sets for the HL7 Implementation guides in flat CSV or JSON File formats?
CalMHSA Answer	We are looking for technical vendors to provide requirements for processing and ingesting of various data formats. The desired interoperability solution should be able to handle all data types and normalize data sets for downstream processing. If a Respondent's proposed solution has any limitations or specific requirements for exchange/processing, please specify in the proposal.
Question	Implementation: Do you anticipate ONE contract to cover all the counties or a separate contract for each county?
CalMHSA Answer	Should a contract be awarded, the awardee will contract with CalMHSA, not the individual counties. Currently, CalMHSA does not anticipate a separate contract for each county.
Question	Component Pricing: Given the knowledge (Respondent) has of the architecture and components within the solution, would CalMHSA consider the proposed itemized pricing? Implementation Hosting License Fee On-Going Support This would be for separated out for eMPI, Patient and Provider Directory APIs and IHE.

CalMHSA Answer	Please reference the “Interoperability eMPI Software RFP Addendum 3” for additional information regarding the requested itemization.
Question	Timeline for Meeting CMS Mandate: What is the timeline by which CalMHSA is looking to start the program and the target date for meeting compliance to the CMS Interoperability 9115-F Mandate?
CalMHSA Answer	Should a contract be awarded, and upon completion of contract execution, we anticipate starting as soon as possible. Our goal is implementing the solution by late Q4 2023/early Q1 2024.
Question	Conflict of interest doc: Just pulled down the Conflict of Interest doc. Once signed how/where do we submit?
CalMHSA Answer	Please submit any/all documents in response to this Addendum 3 to CalMHSA’s e-Procurement Portal at: https://www.bidnetdirect.com .
Question	FHIR DATA SOURCES: How many FHIR resources can we expect data to be coming from? What type of extract is expected?
CalMHSA Answer	Variable. Generally, CalMHSA’s desired FHIR compliance will align with HL7 published guidelines both towards FHIR version Rx as well as implementation guides for CMS interoperability.
Question	General Question: The components that make up our interoperability and eMPI solutions are offered as a bundled, fully integrated, SaaS solution. Stripping out components will change how we implement, require additional scope to integrate with 3rd party offerings, and will impact the resourcing required to maintain these separate solutions. Are you looking to mix and match components from different bidders?
CalMHSA Answer	CalMHSA is evaluating both the option of purchasing individual components of an interoperability and eMPI solution, and the option of purchasing the full solution previously proposed by Respondents. No decision has been made to award a single contract or multiple based on component at this time.
Question	General Question: Under Itemization of Components of interoperability and eMPI solution itemization of pricing, please define hosting.
CalMHSA Answer	If a Respondent’s application requires hosting for the proposed solution, CalMHSA asks that Respondent please provide the itemized cost for the hosting. If hosting costs are variable, please provide a range. For example: - Up to 500 GB of storage/”x” amount of resources = XXX - 501 GB to 1 TB/”x” amount of resources = XXX - Over 1 TB of storage/”x” amount of resources = XXX NOTE: Provided range is for example purposes only. Please provide a range applicable to your respective solution.
Question	Current request availability: Was the current request for additional information made available to all RFP respondents, or a shorter list?
CalMHSA Answer	Addendum 3 was made available to all RFP respondents.

Question	Number of clients served: How many clients are served at each of the 58 county agencies proposed to use solutions requested in the RFP?
CalMHSA Answer	This number is variable. Should volume/member count be a criterion for architecting and quoting your solution, please provide a range. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under 1 million transactions/month = XXX - 1 million to 2 million = XXX - 2 million to 3 million = XXX NOTE: Provided range is for example purposes only. Please provide a range applicable to your respective solution.
Question	Itemized component pricing: Regarding the request for specific itemized component pricing, is CalMHSA looking for the cost saving value for each should they be excluded, or is CalMHSA looking for the cost of each of these components as standalone pieces of software or service?
CalMHSA Answer	CalMHSA is requesting the cost of each component as standalone software or service.
Question	IHE Server/Functionality pricing: Regarding the requested IHE Server/Functionality pricing, is CalMHSA asking for the price of this functionality as a standalone solution or as an excludable feature of the total solution? If as a standalone solution, what is the scope of the functionality and implementation for this component?
CalMHSA Answer	CalMHSA is requesting the cost of the standalone solution. As a standalone the IHE server/functionality should be able to accommodate all IHE profiles and protocols including but not limited to XDS.b, XCPD/XCA, XDR, XCDR, etc.
Question	EMPI pricing: Regarding the requested eMPI pricing, is CalMHSA asking for the price of this functionality as a standalone solution or as an exclude-able feature of the total solution?
CalMHSA Answer	CalMHSA is requesting the cost of the standalone solution.
Question	FHIR Server/Functionality pricing: Regarding the requested FHIR Server/Functionality pricing, is CalMHSA asking for the price of this functionality as a standalone solution or as an excludable feature of the total solution?
CalMHSA Answer	CalMHSA is requesting the cost of the standalone solution.