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TO: ITPS 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier Solicitation # 2424-852 Bidders

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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 01 – Bidder's Q & A

DSHS amends the Solicitation # 2424-852 procurement document to include:

> Bidder's Questions and Answers

### Bidder's Questions and Answers Solicitation #2424-852

### Question #1: Are you seeking an individual contractor or a company to fulfill the duties outlined in the solicitation?

**A:** We are seeking a company that dedicates a single resource for the life of the contract. We believe an individual's expertise and dedication will align closely with the specific needs outlined in the solicitation.

### Question #2: Do we need to provide all the certification OMWBE, WDVA or Washington Small Business?

**A:** We ask in attachment D that you identify if you are a Washington Small Business and/or veteran owned, however we do not require you to submit any formal certification with your submittal.

#### Question #3: How many contracts or contractors will be awarded?

**A:** We will be awarding one contract to a single contractor for this project. Our aim is to streamline communication and ensure accountability throughout the duration of the project.

### Question #4: What are the key objectives the contractor is expected to achieve during the project timeline?

**A:** We suggest you review the Attachment A – Sample Contract, Exhibit A – Included Services, pages 14 to 20, to review the details of the key objectives the contractor is expected to achieve.

#### Question #5: Will this be onsite, remote, or hybrid work?

**A:** We will utilize a hybrid approach, balancing remote and on-site work based on task requirements. We highly prioritize on-site availability for crucial activities such as troubleshooting production issues, data modeling, system design, knowledge transfer, and training to facilitate seamless collaboration, timely decision-making, and efficient processes aligned with project goals.

#### Question #6: Is there an incumbent with the agency?

**A:** Yes, there is currently an incumbent under contract with DSHS; however, it's worth noting that the incumbent's work contract is scheduled to end in June of this year.

## Question #7: Are you seeking an individual with expertise as a senior financial architect, financial systems architect, or specialist in system integration?

**A:** We suggest you review page 5-6 of the solicitation document for detailed information about the job qualifications.

All other terms and conditions in this Solicitation remain the same.