

NDPERS Insurance Consultant Questions & Answers

1. Section 1 of the RFP states the proposal is due May 2, 2022 at 5 pm CDT, but Section 6 states “Seven (7) copies and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal must be received at the above listed location by 5:00 p.m. CST on June 24, 2022”. Could you please clarify the proposal deadline and the desired form of submission?

The proposal deadline is May 2, 2022 5pm CDT.

2. Will the Ret. System entertain limiting supplier’s indemnity obligation to third party claims directly attributable to supplier’s gross negligence, willful misconduct, and fraudulent activities?

No

3. Will the Ret. System entertain putting a reasonable cap on direct damages in favor of supplier?

No

4. Will the Ret. System entertain a mutual waiver of indirect damages?

Possibly

5. What was your satisfaction with the process and vendors selected during the 2016 vendor selection?

NDPERS was satisfied with the prior process and vendor.

6. Does NDPERS have a relationship with another broker/consultant that has supported these RFPs historically?

NDPERS does not have an ongoing relationship with a vendor for these services.

7. Is there a budget you'd like us to meet or come in under?

NDPERS does not have a pre-existing budget set for this relationship. However, the NDPERS Board has a fiduciary responsibility to prudently manage the monies for which it has administrative oversight. That fiduciary responsibility requires the Board to select what it believes is the best consultant it can retain for a given amount of money. Accordingly, while price is a significant factor, the perceived expertise of the vendor is also very important.

8. Is there any interest in changing plan designs or is the intent to have the bidders mirror the existing programs?

NDPERS typically asks for proposals that mirror the existing plan design with the option for the vendors to suggest enhancements and/or cost savings.

9. Section 1 – Introduction, page 3, the RFP references a May 2, 2022, RFP due date at 5:00 pm CDT. In section 6 – Submission of Proposal, page 13, subsection 3), it references a due date of June 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm CST. *Our understanding is a due date is May 2, 2022

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10. Section 2 – Background, subsection B), the listed premium amount for Group Life, Dental, and Vision; does this include both system contributions as well as member contributions?

The dental and vision plans are funded by member contributions. The life plan has a \$.28 per employee monthly employer contribution with the remainder funded by member paid additional coverages.

11. Section 8 – Offer, Agreement of Services
Section 9 – Business Associate Agreement
Section 10 – Data Agreement

*We would like to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the above agreements. We seek confirmation of intent to have the above-mentioned agreements signed by the elected consulting firm upon selection, and not as part of the bid process?

NDPERS would prefer the signed agreements be returned with the proposals. A redlined/marked up version is acceptable.