State of Maine Master Score Sheet

RFP# 202203037						
Authorized Transcription Services						
	Brown & Meyers Reporting	Celerity Solutions Group, LLC	Conduit Transcriptions LLC	Datagain Inc		
Р	roposed Cost:	\$4.00 per Transcribed Page	\$2.95 per Transcribed Page	\$3.28 per Transcribed Page	\$1.75 per Transcribed Page	
Scoring Sections	Points Available					
Section I: Preliminary Information	N/A					
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Section III: Proposed Services	40.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	
Section IV: Cost Proposal	25.00	10.94	14.83	13.34	25.00	
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>75.94</u>	<u>39.83</u>	<u>38.34</u>	<u>45.00</u>	
	Bidder Name:	M2COMSYS	Officemotive, Inc DBA Capital Typing	Transcription Plus, LLC		
Р	roposed Cost:	\$2.50 per Transcribed Page	\$1.95 per Transcribed Page	\$2.90 per Transcribed Page		
Scoring Sections	Points Available	-				
Section I: Preliminary Information	N/A					
Section II: Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00	10.00	5.00		
Section III: Proposed Services	40.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		
Section IV: Cost Proposal	25.00	17.50	22.44	15.09		
TOTAL	<u>100</u>	<u>32.50</u>	<u>37.44</u>	<u>25.09</u>		

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Award Justification Statement RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

I. Summary

Through RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services, the Department sought proposals for services to transcribe recordings of administrative hearings. Seven Bidders responded to the RFP: Brown & Myers Reporting; Celerity Solutions Group, LLC; Conduit Transcriptions LLC; Datagain Inc.; M2COMSYS; Officemotive, Inc. DBA Capital Typing; and Transcription Plus, LLC. Through the evaluation process, Brown & Myers Reporting was the highest scoring Bidder and determined to provide the best value to the State of Maine.

II. Evaluation Process

An Evaluation Team composed of three State employees applied the consensus method in scoring the Bidders' Qualifications & Experience and Proposed Services. Scores for the Cost Proposal were assigned using a mathematical formula.

III. Qualifications & Experience of Brown & Myers Reporting

- 28 years of transcription experience, specializing in legal transcription
- Extensive transcription performance history with the State (DHHS, State Legislature, Bankruptcy Court)
- Certificate of Insurance showed RFP-required coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

IV. Proposed Services by Brown & Myers Reporting

- Provided a comprehensive response outlining a clear understanding of and willingness to meet expectations outlined in the RFP
- Staff certified under American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers
- Transcription staff has a minimum of five years' experience in legal transcription
- Use of HIPAA-compliant Citrix platform, which supports audit trails, periodic file purge, and share-file folder with restricted access
- Provided realistic workflow process to support two-day turnaround requirement

V. Cost Proposal

Proposed a cost of \$4.00 per transcribed page

VI. Conclusion

Out of 100 possible points, the Evaluation Team gave Brown & Myers Reporting a score of 75.94. The strengths of Brown & Myers Reporting's proposal, having the highest evaluation scores in both Organization Qualifications & Experience and Proposed Services, outweigh those of the other six Bidders. The Evaluation Team has determined the proposal submitted by Brown & Myers Reporting represents the best value to the State of Maine.

From: Hall, Brittany

To: <u>kmeyers@brownmeyers.com</u>

Cc: Hall, Brittany

Bcc: DHHS, RFP; Downer, Debra; Henning, Richard; Devine, Krystal; Garneau, Gregory J; Pickering, Joseph

Subject: Proposal Evaluation Notification for OC RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:28:00 AM

Attachments: Award Letter - BM.pdf

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May-20-2022

Via Electronic Mail: kmeyers@brownmeyers.com

Brown & Meyers Reporting Kate Meyers, Founder & CEO 201 U.S. Route 1, #210 Scarborough, ME 04074

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP #202203037, Authorized Transcription Services

Dear Ms. Meyers:

This letter is in regard to the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Administrative Hearings. The Department has evaluated the proposals received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFP, and the Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award to:

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From: Hall, Brittany

To: dara.tribelhorn@celeritysolutionsgroup.com

Bcc: DHHS, RFP; Downer, Debra; Henning, Richard; Devine, Krystal; Garneau, Gregory J; Pickering, Joseph

Subject: Proposal Evaluation Notification for OC RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:28:00 AM
Attachments: Award Letter - Celerity.pdf

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Via Electronic Mail: dara.tribelhorn@celeritysolutionsgroup.com

Celerity Solutions Group, LLC Dara Tribelhorn, CEO 16281 Hawkstone Place Parker, CO 80134

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP #202203037, Authorized Transcription Services

Dear Ms. Tribelhorn:

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From: Hall, Brittany

To: <u>hurelrosie@conduittranscriptions.com</u>

Cc: Hall, Brittany

Bcc: DHHS, RFP; Downer, Debra; Henning, Richard; Devine, Krystal; Garneau, Gregory J; Pickering, Joseph

Subject: Proposal Evaluation Notification for OC RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:28:00 AM
Attachments: Award Letter - Conduit.pdf

Good Afternoon,

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Via Electronic Mail: hurelrosie@conduittranscriptions.com

Conduit Transcriptions LLC Rosie Hurel 5050 Bryan Station Road Lexington, KY 40516

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP #202203037, Authorized Transcription Services

Dear Ms. Hurel:

This letter is in regard to the subject Request for Proposals (RFP), issued by the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Administrative Hearings. The Department has evaluated the proposals received using the evaluation criteria identified in the RFP, and the Department is hereby announcing its conditional contract award to:

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From: Hall, Brittany

To: <u>rishi@datagainservices.com</u>

Bcc: DHHS, RFP; Downer, Debra; Henning, Richard; Devine, Krystal; Garneau, Gregory J; Pickering, Joseph

Subject: Proposal Evaluation Notification for OC RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

Date:Friday, May 20, 2022 11:28:00 AMAttachments:Award Letter - Datagain.pdf

Good Afternoon,

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Via Electronic Mail: rishi@datagainservices.com

Datagain Inc. Rishi Darira, President 1 Creekside Court Secaucus, NJ 07094

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP #202203037, Authorized Transcription Services

Dear Mr. Darira:

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From: Hall, Brittany

To: "lazarus.m@m2comsys.us"

Bcc: DHHS, RFP; Downer, Debra; Henning, Richard; Devine, Krystal; Garneau, Gregory J; Pickering, Joseph

Subject: Proposal Evaluation Notification for OC RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:28:00 AM
Attachments: Award Letter - M2COMSYS.pdf

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Via Electronic Mail: lazarus.m@m2comsys.us

M2COMSYS Jacob Manimalethu 2225 Village Walk Drive, Suite 200 Henderson, NV 89052

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP #202203037, Authorized Transcription Services

Dear Mr. Manimalethu:

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From: Hall, Brittany

To: <u>david@capitaltyping.com</u>

Bcc: DHHS, RFP; Downer, Debra; Henning, Richard; Devine, Krystal; Garneau, Gregory J; Pickering, Joseph

Subject: Proposal Evaluation Notification for OC RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 11:28:00 AM
Attachments: Award Letter - Officemotive.pdf

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Via Electronic Mail: david@capitaltyping.com

Officemotive, Inc. DBA Capital Typing David Jonas 1627 Spur Branch Road Williston, SC 29853

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP #202203037, Authorized Transcription Services

Dear Mr. Jonas:

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From: Hall, Brittany

To: <u>mary@transcriptionplus.net</u>

Bcc: DHHS, RFP; Downer, Debra; Henning, Richard; Devine, Krystal; Garneau, Gregory J; Pickering, Joseph

Subject: Proposal Evaluation Notification for OC RFP# 202203037 Authorized Transcription Services

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Attachments: Award Letter - Transcription Plus.pdf

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Via Electronic Mail: mary@transcriptionplus.net

Transcription Plus LLC Mary Goehring, CEO 3716 Messina Road Clover, SC 29710

SUBJECT: Notice of Conditional Contract Award under RFP #202203037, Authorized Transcription Services

Dear Ms. Goehring:

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RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Brown & Meyers Reporting

DATE: 5/9/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Name of RFP Coordinator: Brittany Hall

Names of Evaluators: Krystal Devine, Joseph Pickering, and Gregory Garneau

Scoring Sections	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	35.00
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	30.00
Section IV. Cost Proposal	25.00	10.94
<u>Total Points</u>	100.00	<u>75.94</u>

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Brown & Meyers Reporting

DATE: 5/9/22

OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

N/A

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Brown & Meyers Reporting

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IIOrganization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	35.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV. Section II.	Organizational	Qualification and	Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- History with State, current provider to DHHS and past provider to State Legislature
- No known adverse contract experience with DHHS
- 28 years of transcription experience, specializing in legal transcription
- Provided three projects all directly related to RFP
- All projects for State: DHHS, Bankruptcy Court, Legislature
- 2. Subcontractors
- None
- 3. Litigation
- Indicates none
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided and included coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Brown & Meyers Reporting

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	30.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

 Met minimum requirements and acknowledged conformance to DHHS Division of Administrative Hearings' Transcription Style Guide

B. Quality Control Procedures

- Use of HIPAA-compliant Citrix platform, which supports audit trails, periodic file purge, and share-file folder with restricted access
- Demonstrated understanding of file ownership and process for timely disposal of completed transcription files

C. Staffing Requirements

• Stated transcription staff certified under American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers

2. Staffing

- Stated transcription staff has a minimum of five years' experience in legal transcription
- Acknowledged flexible staffing requirement based on DHHS volume

3. Implementation - Work Plan

• Provided realistic workflow process to support two-day turnaround requirement

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BIDDER: Brown & Meyers Reporting

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EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Cost Proposal

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	Х	Score Weight	=	Score
\$1.75	+	\$4.00	x	25.00 points	11	10.94

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Celerity Solutions group, LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Name of RFP Coordinator: Brittany Hall

Names of Evaluators: Krystal Devine, Joseph Pickering, and Gregory Garneau

Scoring Sections	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	15.00
Section IV. Cost Proposal	25.00	14.83
<u>Total Points</u>	100.00	39.83

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Celerity Solutions group, LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

N/A

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Celerity Solutions group, LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IIOrganization Qualifications and Experience

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV. Section II. C	Organizational	Qualification and	d Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Demonstrated experience in legal transcription
- Experience with Maine Worker's Compensation Board
- Three projects provided are related to legal hearings: Transcripts for worker's compensation boards and civil rights and unemployment hearings
- 2. Subcontractors
- None
- 3. Litigation
- One noted as dismissed. No detail provided
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided but does not specify coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Celerity Solutions group, LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	15.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

• Met minimum requirement

B. Quality Control Procedures

- Proofreading and random audits of transcribed information
- Require transcribers achieve 98 percent accuracy
- Transcribers have limited-time access to original files, which are deleted immediately upon completion of transcription
- Transcription files to be deleted at State's discretion

C. Staffing Requirements

- Did not address American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers or equivalent certification
- Did not demonstrate knowledge of legal procedure or documentation

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
- Did not offer descriptions or minimum qualifications
- Offered detailed description of staff assignments upon receipt of State files

3. Implementation - Work Plan

• Provided a realistic work plan, responsive to each transcription project

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Celerity Solutions group, LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Cost Proposal

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	Х	Score Weight	Ш	Score
\$1.75	÷	\$2.95	x	25.00 points	II	14.83

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Conduit Transcriptions LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Name of RFP Coordinator: Brittany Hall

Names of Evaluators: Krystal Devine, Joseph Pickering, and Gregory Garneau

Scoring Sections	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	15.00
Section IV. Cost Proposal	25.00	13.34
<u>Total Points</u>	100.00	38.34

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Conduit Transcriptions LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

N/A

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Conduit Transcriptions LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IIOrganization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Ten years of experience in transcribing state and federal agencies, including five years supporting the California Office of Administrative Hearings
- Access to 200+ transcribers
- Three projects provided: One detailing California Parole Hearings, a second addressing court proceedings, and the third not related to RFP
- 2. Subcontractors
- None
- 3. Litigation
 - Indicates none
 - 4. Certificate of Insurance
 - Provided but did not state coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Conduit Transcriptions LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	<u>Points</u> <u>Awarded</u>
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	15.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

• Met minimum requirement

B. Quality Control Procedures

• Senior quality control team reviews all transcripts

C. Staffing Requirements

- Described Bidder's internal training process but did not specify certification through American Association of Electronic Reports and Transcribers or an equivalent
- Did not demonstrate knowledge of legal procedure

2. Staffing

• Did not provide job descriptions, qualifications, or staffing plan

3. Implementation - Work Plan

• Met minimum requirement

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BIDDER: Conduit Transcriptions LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Cost Proposal

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	Х	Score Weight	II	Score
\$1.75	÷	\$2.95	x	25.00 points	II	13.34

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Datagain Inc.

DATE: 5/9/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Name of RFP Coordinator: Brittany Hall

Names of Evaluators: Krystal Devine, Joseph Pickering, and Gregory Garneau

Scoring Sections	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	10.00
Section IV. Cost Proposal	25.00	25.00
<u>Total Points</u>	100.00	<u>45.00</u>

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Datagain Inc.

DATE: 5/9/22

OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

N/A

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Datagain Inc.

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IIOrganization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Specialties include legal and administrative hearing transcription, which are supported by experience detailed
- In business since 2014
- Four projects provided, three related to RFP and one related to legislative sessions
- Related projects supported court and appeal hearings
- 2. Subcontractors
- None
- 3. Litigation
- Did not provide a response
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided, noting coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Datagain Inc.

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	10.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

• Did not specifically state materials are sole property of the Department

B. Quality Control Procedures

• Did not address disposal of or guarding against unauthorized access to transcription material

C. Staffing Requirements

 Did not address requirement of American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers

2. Staffing

• Did not offer minimum qualifications for transcribers

3. Implementation - Work Plan

• Met minimum requirement

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BIDDER: Datagain Inc.

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Cost Proposal

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	Х	Score Weight	II	Score
\$1.75	+	\$1.75	x	25.00 points	II	25.00

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: M2COMSYS

DATE: 5/9/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Name of RFP Coordinator: Brittany Hall

Names of Evaluators: Krystal Devine, Joseph Pickering, and Gregory Garneau

Scoring Sections	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	5.00
Section IV. Cost Proposal	25.00	17.50
<u>Total Points</u>	100.00	32.50

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: M2COMSYS

DATE: 5/9/22

OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

N/A

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: M2COMSYS

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IIOrganization Qualifications and Experience

	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- 25 years in business
- Has government experience but unclear if related to administrative hearing transcription
- Three projects provided, none related to RFP, with all addressing interview or medical transcriptions
- 2. Subcontractors
- None
- 3. Litigation
 - Indicates none
 - 4. Certificate of Insurance
 - Provided, but did not provide coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: M2COMSYS

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	5.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

- Did not meet signature requirement, as proprietary software process does not allow transcriber to physically certify/sign
- Noted that DHHS could review/edit transcribed material, which does not meet DHHS standards or expectations of independent transcription
- Referred to use of proprietary software to meet Transcription Style Guide requirement, but did not detail process or outcome
- Did not acknowledge that digital and audio files become and remain property of the Department
- Evaluation Team notes that Bidder's proposal is based on its use of its proprietary software which would need to be installed on State systems. The Team recognizes this as problematic to implementation and execution of project

B. Quality Control Procedures

• Met minimum requirement

C. Staffing Requirements

 Stated having equivalent of the American Association of Electronic Reporter and Transcribers certification but does not offer what the certification is or provide documentation

2. Staffing

• Provided resumes but no job descriptions or qualifications

3. Implementation - Work Plan

 Presents an extended phased implementation approach which is not compatible with DHHS needs relative to contract start date

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BIDDER: M2COMSYS

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EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Cost Proposal

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	Х	Score Weight	II	Score
\$1.75	÷	\$2.50	x	25.00 points	II	17.50

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services **BIDDER:** Officemotive, Inc. DBA Capital Typing

DATE: 5/9/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Name of RFP Coordinator: Brittany Hall

Names of Evaluators: Krystal Devine, Joseph Pickering, and Gregory Garneau

Scoring Sections	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	5.00
Section IV. Cost Proposal	25.00	22.44
<u>Total Points</u>	100.00	37.44

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services **BIDDER:** Officemotive, Inc. DBA Capital Typing

DATE: 5/9/22

OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

N/A

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services **BIDDER:** Officemotive, Inc. DBA Capital Typing

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IIOrganization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	10.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Claim experience with legal and administrative hearing transcription, but no examples given
- Three projects provided, none addressing directly legal focus of RFP
- Project descriptions of committee meetings, interviews, and conference proceedings
- 2. Subcontractors
- None
- 3. Litigation
- Indicates none
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided, though expired in 2020 and did not specify coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services **BIDDER:** Officemotive, Inc. DBA Capital Typing

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	5.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

Did not state ability to receive Digital WAV or MP3 format

B. Quality Control Procedures

- Noted that first draft is reviewed by a supervisor
- Noted use of triple-pass review of inaudible/indiscernible recordings
- Regarding Bidder's quality control procedures, Evaluation Team noted with concern the numerous typographical errors within Bidder's proposal

C. Staffing Requirements

 Did not address certification through American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers or equivalent

2. Staffing

- Did not provide job descriptions or minimum qualifications for transcription personnel
- Acknowledged ramp-up requirement for DHHS volume and provided realistic plan to address

3. Implementation - Work Plan

Did not address steps in executing start up following contract award

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services **BIDDER:** Officemotive, Inc. DBA Capital Typing

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Cost Proposal

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	Х	Score Weight		Score
\$1.75	÷	\$1.95	x	25.00 points	II	22.44

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Transcription Plus LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

SUMMARY PAGE

Department Name: Health and Human Services

Name of RFP Coordinator: Brittany Hall

Names of Evaluators: Krystal Devine, Joseph Pickering, and Gregory Garneau

Scoring Sections	Points Available	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	5.00
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	5.00
Section IV. Cost Proposal	25.00	15.09
<u>Total Points</u>	100.00	<u>25.09</u>

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Transcription Plus LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

OVERVIEW OF SECTION I Preliminary Information

Section I. Preliminary Information

Evaluation Team Comments:

N/A

RFP#: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Transcription Plus LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION IIOrganization Qualifications and Experience

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section II. Organization Qualifications and Experience	35.00	5.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- In business since 1989
- Experience in general transcription services
- Provided three projects, none of which offered details demonstrating expertise, experience, qualifications, or skills in transcription services related to RFP
- 2. Subcontractors
- None
- 3. Litigation
- Did not provide a response
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided a home insurance policy declaration which did not specify/provide coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services

BIDDER: Transcription Plus LLC

DATE: 5/9/22

EVALUATION OF SECTION III Proposed Services

	<u>Points</u> <u>Available</u>	Points Awarded
Section III. Proposed Services	40.00	5.00

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

- Did not address transcriber's true copy certification or compliance with Transcription Style Guide
- Did not address requirement that digital and audio files become and remain property of the Department
- Did not address security of digital/audio files

B. Quality Control Procedures

• Did not specifically address details on disposal of, monitoring the chain of possession of, or quarding against unauthorized access to transcription material

C. Staffing Requirements

- **1.** Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - **a.** Have a high school diploma or equivalent:
 - **b.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **c.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Did not address American Association of Electronic Reports and Transcribers certification requirement
- Did not address Bidder's level of knowledge of legal procedure or documentation

2. Staffing

- Job description is that of a medical transcriptionist and did not provide information for a project lead
- Did not address any portion of staffing plan requirement

3. Implementation - Work Plan

• Did not address any portion of requirement

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BIDDER: Transcription Plus LLC

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EVALUATION OF SECTION IV Cost Proposal

Lowest Submitted Cost Proposal	÷	Cost Proposal Being Scored	Х	Score Weight	II	Score
\$1.75	÷	\$2.90	x	25.00 points		15.09

RFP #: 202203037

RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services
BIDDER NAME: Brown & Meyers Reporting (B&M)

DATE: 5/4/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Krystal Devine

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS Administrative Hearings

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Over 28 years' experience; 15 years of Legal transcription experience.
- Current accounts with State and Federal Government agencies that require fast turn around times and have specific formatting.
- 2. Subcontractors
- They do not use subcontractors
- 3. Litigation
- None noted
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided and Current

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services
BIDDER NAME: Brown & Meyers Reporting (B&M)

DATE: 5/4/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Krystal Devine

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS Administrative Hearings

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

- **a.** Discuss the Scope of Services referenced above in Part II of the RFP and what the Bidder will offer.
- **b.** Give particular attention to describing the methods and resources you will use and how you will accomplish the tasks involved.
- **c.** Also, describe how you will ensure expectations and/or desired outcomes as a result of these services will be achieved.
- d. If subcontractors are involved, clearly identify the work each will perform.

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

- 1. Receive recording in Digital WAV or MP3 format from the Department.
- **2.** Transcribe recordings within two (2) business days of receiving the Department's request for Transcription.
- 3. Proofread and correct, as necessary, each Transcript to ensure accuracy.
- **4.** Certify each Transcript as a true copy prepared from the verbatim recording and signed by the Transcriber.
- **5.** Ensure Transcripts conform to the formatting and content standards set forth in the Transcription Style Guide (refer to **Appendix H**), including but not limited to:
 - a. Line and word spacing;
 - **b.** Number of lines per page;
 - c. Margins;
 - **d.** Font:
 - e. Etc.
- **6.** Ensure no digital or audio files or other materials provided by the Department in relation to the requested Transcription are sold, distributed, copied, or retained.
 - **a.** Ensure staff do not retain or copy any part of the digital or audio files and/or other materials provided by the Department.
 - **b.** All digital and audio files, and other materials are the sole property of the Department.
- They use a secure file sharing platform that is HIPAA compliant.
- They will give a 2 business day turnaround time.

B. Quality Control Procedures

- 1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings, including but not limited to.
 - a. Procedures for reviewing and comparing Transcripts with audio recordings.
 - **b.** Reliable media uploads and Transcript delivery processes.
 - c. Written measures to protect the integrity and security of digital files including but

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services
BIDDER NAME: Brown & Meyers Reporting (B&M)

DATE: 5/4/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Krystal Devine

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS Administrative Hearings

not limited to:

i. Monitoring the chain of possession;

- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- Only authorized Department staff will have access to the Sharefile.
- Business Associate Agreements
- Files purged on a regular basis

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Staff is certified through AAERT
- Have knowledge of legal terminology and procedure

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
- **b.** Describe how subcontractors, if any, will interact with the Bidder's organization (i.e. oversight and management of subcontractor).
- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- Proposal notes staff has superb reading and editing skills
- Specific teams for each client

3. Implementation - Work Plan

- **a.** Provide a realistic work plan (**include as Attachment 7**) for the implementation of the program through the first contract period.
 - i. Display the work plan in a timeline chart.
 - **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
 - iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- All work done through a private sharefile
- Automatic notifications when work is uploaded

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DATE: 5/4/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Krystal Devine

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS Administrative Hearings

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section IV. Budget Narrative

- Per page cost has no hidden fees or extra
- 2 business day turnaround time

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services
BIDDER NAME: Brown & Meyers Reporting (B&M)

DATE: May 4, 2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Gregory Garneau **EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DHHS DSER

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P previous and current experience with State (including DHHS DAH)
- Employs experienced legal transcriptionists
- 28 years in business transcribing legal proceedings
- Submitted 3 project examples
- 2. Subcontractors
- N/A
- 3. Litigation
- None.
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
 - Meets requirements (Cyber One coverage for digital files)

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RFP TITLE: Authorized Transcription Services
BIDDER NAME: Brown & Meyers Reporting (B&M)

DATE: May 4, 2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Gregory Garneau **EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT:** DHHS DSER

Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

- **a.** Discuss the Scope of Services referenced above in Part II of the RFP and what the Bidder will offer.
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- **d.** If subcontractors are involved, clearly identify the work each will perform.

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

- 1. Receive recording in Digital WAV or MP3 format from the Department.
- **2.** Transcribe recordings within two (2) business days of receiving the Department's request for Transcription.
- 3. Proofread and correct, as necessary, each Transcript to ensure accuracy.
- **4.** Certify each Transcript as a true copy prepared from the verbatim recording and signed by the Transcriber.
- **5.** Ensure Transcripts conform to the formatting and content standards set forth in the Transcription Style Guide (refer to **Appendix H**), including but not limited to:
 - a. Line and word spacing;
 - **b.** Number of lines per page;
 - c. Margins;
 - **d.** Font:
 - e. Etc.
- **6.** Ensure no digital or audio files or other materials provided by the Department in relation to the requested Transcription are sold, distributed, copied, or retained.
 - **a.** Ensure staff do not retain or copy any part of the digital or audio files and/or other materials provided by the Department.
 - **b.** All digital and audio files, and other materials are the sole property of the Department.
- P addressed all requirements

B. Quality Control Procedures

- 1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings, including but not limited to.
 - a. Procedures for reviewing and comparing Transcripts with audio recordings.
 - **b.** Reliable media uploads and Transcript delivery processes.
 - **c.** Written measures to protect the integrity and security of digital files including but not limited to:

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- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- P addressed all quality control procedures
- Uses Citrix Sharefile for secure file sharing

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- P addressed educational requirement.
- All staff AAERT certified
- All staff have legal procedure, documents, terminology knowledge

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
- **b.** Describe how subcontractors, if any, will interact with the Bidder's organization (i.e. oversight and management of subcontractor).
- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- P job descriptions for Legal Transcriptionist and Project Lead
- P attached staffing plan with titles and responsibilities
- Q stated the amount of staff time will be assigned based on work volume (no specific amount). Because this is an "all-inclusive cost per transcribed page rate" proposal (Appendix F) with a fixed 2-day turnaround time, on an as needed basis, must the staffing plan include a specific time amount?

3. Implementation - Work Plan

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 - iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- Q does timeline chart with task month as stated in Appx E, Part II, C, 3 apply to this "transcription services on an as-needed basis" solicitation? (Part I, A, ¶3)

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Bidder provided a chart showing work begins on demand, immediately assigned, transcribed, and uploaded within two business days (Part II, A, 2 requirement.)

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P—Lengthy history of legal transcription. Prior experience with State of Maine both Executive and Legislature. Prior experience with courts
- 2. Subcontractors
- P-none
- 3. Litigation
- P-none
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Met requirements

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Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

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- **b.** Give particular attention to describing the methods and resources you will use and how you will accomplish the tasks involved.
- **c.** Also, describe how you will ensure expectations and/or desired outcomes as a result of these services will be achieved.
- d. If subcontractors are involved, clearly identify the work each will perform.

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

- 1. Receive recording in Digital WAV or MP3 format from the Department.
- **2.** Transcribe recordings within two (2) business days of receiving the Department's request for Transcription.
- 3. Proofread and correct, as necessary, each Transcript to ensure accuracy.
- **4.** Certify each Transcript as a true copy prepared from the verbatim recording and signed by the Transcriber.
- **5.** Ensure Transcripts conform to the formatting and content standards set forth in the Transcription Style Guide (refer to **Appendix H**), including but not limited to:
 - a. Line and word spacing;
 - **b.** Number of lines per page;
 - c. Margins;
 - **d.** Font:
 - e. Etc.
- **6.** Ensure no digital or audio files or other materials provided by the Department in relation to the requested Transcription are sold, distributed, copied, or retained.
 - **a.** Ensure staff do not retain or copy any part of the digital or audio files and/or other materials provided by the Department.
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- Meets requirements

B. Quality Control Procedures

- 1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings, including but not limited to.
 - a. Procedures for reviewing and comparing Transcripts with audio recordings.
 - **b.** Reliable media uploads and Transcript delivery processes.
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- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- P—Describes a secure HIPAA compliant computer program/server

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Met requirements

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
- **b.** Describe how subcontractors, if any, will interact with the Bidder's organization (i.e. oversight and management of subcontractor).
- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- P-Lead has extensive experience

3. Implementation - Work Plan

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 - i. Display the work plan in a timeline chart.
 - **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
 - iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- P—Department has constant access to finished files

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EVALUATOR NAME: Krystal Devine

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Currently a vendor for the State of Maine
- HIPPA compliant
- 2. Subcontractors
- Do not use subcontractors
- 3. Litigation
- 1 filed in 2018 and dismissed in 2020.
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided
- Unclear if coverage includes unauthorized disclosure of digital files

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Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

1. Services to be Provided

- **a.** Discuss the Scope of Services referenced above in Part II of the RFP and what the Bidder will offer.
- **b.** Give particular attention to describing the methods and resources you will use and how you will accomplish the tasks involved.
- **c.** Also, describe how you will ensure expectations and/or desired outcomes as a result of these services will be achieved.
- **d.** If subcontractors are involved, clearly identify the work each will perform.

Part II

A. Transcription Requirements

- 1. Receive recording in Digital WAV or MP3 format from the Department.
- **2.** Transcribe recordings within two (2) business days of receiving the Department's request for Transcription.
- 3. Proofread and correct, as necessary, each Transcript to ensure accuracy.
- **4.** Certify each Transcript as a true copy prepared from the verbatim recording and signed by the Transcriber.
- **5.** Ensure Transcripts conform to the formatting and content standards set forth in the Transcription Style Guide (refer to **Appendix H**), including but not limited to:
 - a. Line and word spacing;
 - **b.** Number of lines per page;
 - c. Margins;
 - **d.** Font:
 - e. Etc.
- **6.** Ensure no digital or audio files or other materials provided by the Department in relation to the requested Transcription are sold, distributed, copied, or retained.
 - **a.** Ensure staff do not retain or copy any part of the digital or audio files and/or other materials provided by the Department.
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- Will use ExpressScribe and Microsoft Word to meet requirements
- Can they meet the 2 day turn around with the process they have in place?

B. Quality Control Procedures

- 1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings, including but not limited to.
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 - **b.** Reliable media uploads and Transcript delivery processes.
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not limited to:

- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- Transcribers are required to have 98% accuracy
- Proofreaders are separate from transcribers
- Files purged on a regular timeframe

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Staff is familiar with legal terminology/legal formatting
- Staff is certified in healthcare documentation; no mention of legal certification

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
- **b.** Describe how subcontractors, if any, will interact with the Bidder's organization (i.e. oversight and management of subcontractor).
- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- Staff must take a test to be hired
- QA Supervisors proofread the transcripts
- A Transcription coordinator oversees the work plan

3. Implementation - Work Plan

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 - i. Display the work plan in a timeline chart.
 - **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
 - iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- Upload file, assign to transcriber, transcribe, QA review, transcript delivered

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section IV. Budget Narrative

- Reasonable per page price
- Unclear if per page price is all inclusive or if other fees may be charged

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P previous and current experience in transcription services including legal hearings. Mentions 2021, Maine Worker's Compensation Board contract
- Created by merger, 2008
- Submitted 3 project examples (Dept. Business & Consumer Svcs. OR; DHHS Office of Civil Rights, NY(?); DHHS Inspector General, WV)
- 2. Subcontractors
- N/A
- 3. Litigation
- Q Lawsuit filed in 2018, dismissed 2020. Not described. Unsure if relevant.
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided certificate
- Includes general liability. No mention of coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files as required by RFP IV, II, 4a.
- Note See RFP QA Summary 8 & 9. (Bidders required to submit certificate of insurance which must include coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files.)

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1. Services to be Provided

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Part II

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- Stated generally that can meet transcription requirements but does not mention specified formats or 2-day response time. Agreed to format per style guide. Did not explain in this section how would meet proofreading, certification, and security requirements but included discussion in section II, B, below.
- Q certification is done by proofreader and transcriber (see, Attachment 7, Implementation – Work Plan). Okay?
- Attachment 7, Implementation Work Plan, mentions turnaround times ("Celerity agrees to return completed transcripts within two (2) days of receipt of audio files.")

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 - **c.** Written measures to protect the integrity and security of digital files including but not limited to:
 - i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
 - ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
 - iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- QA Supervisors listen to audio file and review transcript in entirety. Chain of possession monitoring. Uses electronic data storage, security, and transfer controls. Mentions internal Information Security Policy (not attached). Audio files purged once transcripts completed.
- Attachment 7, Implementation Work Plan, mentions delivery ("transcripts returned to DHHS vis online file sharing or Celerity's web portal.")

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent: and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Q states "many of our staff and transcribers meet RHDS or CHDS from AHDI (healthcare). Is this equivalent to AAER (not mentioned)
- Q states "familiar with legal/court terminology and legal transcript format." Did not mention legal procedure and documents knowledge

2. Staffing

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- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- Included job descriptions for Transcribers, QA Supervisor, and Transcription Coordinator.
- No subcontractors.

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 Staffing plan to provide two transcribers and two QA supervisors (one primary and a backup) for coverage.

Q – did not clearly delineate staff time. Is this relevant to an as needed, cost per page,
 2-day turnaround proposal?

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- Q does timeline chart with task month as stated in Appx E, Part II, C, 3 apply to this "transcription services on an as-needed basis" solicitation? (Part I, A, ¶3)
- Bidder provided a chart showing work begins upon digital upload, coordinator assigns, transcriber transcribes, supervisor reviews, and transcript is delivered within two days (Part II, A, 2 requirement.)

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P—extensive transcription experience
- 2. Subcontractors
- P-none
- 3. Litigation
- Q—not clear if the matter was dismissed due to settlement payment or dismissed with no payment
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Q/N—does not specify that coverage includes unauthorized disclosure

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Part II

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- Meets requirements

- 1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings, including but not limited to.
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- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- P—audits transcriptionists for 98% accuracy

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Meets requirements

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
- **b.** Describe how subcontractors, if any, will interact with the Bidder's organization (i.e. oversight and management of subcontractor).
- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- P—multiple layers of quality control/responsibility

- **a.** Provide a realistic work plan (**include as Attachment 7**) for the implementation of the program through the first contract period.
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 - **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
 - iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- P-provides timely access

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BIDDER NAME: Conduit Transcriptions

DATE: 5/4/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Krystal Devine

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS Administrative Hearings

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Works with many different Government agencies
- They have over 200 transcribers across the country
- Have the capability to enhance audio
- 2. Subcontractors
- None listed
- 3. Litigation
- None noted
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided, however nothing noted about coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files.

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Part IV, Section III. Proposed Services

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Part II

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 - **a.** Ensure staff do not retain or copy any part of the digital or audio files and/or other materials provided by the Department.
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- Will meet minimum formatting requirements
- No mention of HIPAA compliance

- 1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings, including but not limited to.
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 - **b.** Reliable media uploads and Transcript delivery processes.
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not limited to:

i. Monitoring the chain of possession;

ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and

iii. Disposal of digital audio files.

- Password protection on computers
- No mention of file disposal policy

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- One on one training program

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
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- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- Transcribers self validate work
- Quality control team reviews transcripts

- **a.** Provide a realistic work plan (**include as Attachment 7**) for the implementation of the program through the first contract period.
 - i. Display the work plan in a timeline chart.
 - **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
 - iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- Work plan has many steps from start to finish

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EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS Administrative Hearings

Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section IV. Budget Narrative

• \$3.28 per page

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P 10 years' experience in transcription state and federal agencies
- 5 years' experience with California Office of Administrative Hearings
- Have team of 200 transcribers nationally
- Submitted 3 recent project samples
- 2. Subcontractors
- N/A
- 3. Litigation
- N/A
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Submitted certificate on required form
- Q no specific coverage for digital files, as required by RFP IV, II, 4a.
- Note See RFP QA Summary 8 & 9. (Bidders required to submit certificate of insurance which must include coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files.)

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- d. If subcontractors are involved, clearly identify the work each will perform.

Part II

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- P addressed all requirements
- In Implementation Work Plan, accepts variety digital formats including MP3; turnaround 2 calendar days; validation by transcriber, QA Team, and Project Mgr.
- Certification format in Section 1.3.a.1
- Record maintenance/retention/ownership in Section 1.5f, g & h
- Transcription style guide conformance Section 1.5.c.

B. Quality Control Procedures

1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings,

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including but not limited to.

- **a.** Procedures for reviewing and comparing Transcripts with audio recordings.
- **b.** Reliable media uploads and Transcript delivery processes.
- **c.** Written measures to protect the integrity and security of digital files including but not limited to:
 - i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
 - ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
 - iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- P addressed all requirements
- P very detailed quality control procedures
- Quality control plan in Section 1.6.d and B

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- P address staffing requirements generally
- Q stated qualify through internal evaluation program and arrange certification if needed. Is this equivalent of AAER? Detail of in-house training is in Staffing Plan (Attachment 6)
- P indicated team is experience in legal, administrative, investigative and court proceedings

2. Staffing

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- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- P job descriptions for Program Manager, Alternate Program Manager, and Transcribers
- Q did not clearly delineate staff time. Is this relevant to an as needed, cost per page,
 2-day turnaround proposal?

3. Implementation - Work Plan

a. Provide a realistic work plan (include as Attachment 7) for the implementation of the

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program through the first contract period.

- i. Display the work plan in a timeline chart.
- **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
- iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- Q does timeline chart with task month as stated in Appx E, Part II, C, 3 apply to this "transcription services on an as-needed basis" solicitation? (Part I, A, ¶3)
- Bidder provided a chart showing transcription production workflow initiated by DAH request, assignment, transcription, validation and delivery to DAH.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- N—references Maine as having 40 million residents. Question quality control
- 2. Subcontractors
- P--none
- 3. Litigation
- P--none
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Q—does not specify whether unauthorized disclosures covered

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- Meets requirements
- N—spelling errors in this section

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not limited to:

- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- Meets requirements

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Meets requirements

2. Staffing

- **a.** Provide job descriptions (**include as Attachment 5**) including minimum qualifications for all staff, including the project lead.
- **b.** Describe how subcontractors, if any, will interact with the Bidder's organization (i.e. oversight and management of subcontractor).
- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- P Leads are experienced. Staff training is comprehensive

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 - **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
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 - P—provides good quality control measures
- Q-discusses returning transcript within two calendar days. Question if this timeframe is realistic. RFP calls for two business days

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Specialties include legal and administrative transcripts
- Encountered issues understanding complex guidelines and formatting on a current contract with a vendor.
- 2. Subcontractors
- No subcontractors will be used
- 3. Litigation
- Not included in materials
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided as requested

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- HIPAA compliant secure platform doesn't allow files to be copied or retained
- Have worked with many custom style guides

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not limited to:

i. Monitoring the chain of possession;

ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and

iii. Disposal of digital audio files.

Quality review of all transcripts

C. Staffing Requirements

1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:

- i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
- **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
- **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- All staff has at least 5 years' experience with legal transcription
- · No mention of certifications

2. Staffing

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- 1 project manager, 3 senior transcriptionists, 2 quality control specialists
- 3 transcriptionists dedicated to this account

- **a.** Provide a realistic work plan (**include as Attachment 7**) for the implementation of the program through the first contract period.
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- Done through interactive web portal
- All files are encrypted during storge and transfer

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section IV. Budget Narrative

• \$1.75 per page

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P previous experience with government offices with legal and administrative hearings transcription services
- In business since 2014
- Employs 75+ transcribers, editors, proof-readers, experts
- Submitted 4 project examples
- 2. Subcontractors
- N/A
- 3. Litigation
- Q don't see where addressed litigation in File 2?
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Meets requirements (policy includes cyber liability)

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- P meets all requirements generally; HIPAA complaint platform for security; agreed to terms but did not specifically mention records retention and ownership of files.

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not limited to:

- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
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- P states generally that will adhere to requirements. Quality control details are found in the Work Plan (File 7).

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- P refers to Attachments 5, resumes, and 6, staff plan for details.
- Q is training/experience equivalent of AAER? States staff is highly trained, experienced with at least 5 years transcribing legal and administrative recordings; well versed with terminology. File 5, Key Personnel, doesn't mention certifications.

2. Staffing

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- Provided job experience for key personnel. Staff plan includes job titles (project manager, senior transcriptionist, quality control specialist). Did not give job description and minimum qualifications for each position.
- Staff plan identified a team of 6 with more staff added as needed.
- Q did not clearly delineate staff time. Is this relevant to an as needed, cost per page, 2-day turnaround proposal?

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 Provided a work plan timeline with work assigned once file is uploaded, transcribed, reviewed for qualify control and transferred to the Department.

• Q – does timeline chart with task month as stated in Appx E, Part II, C, 3 apply to this "transcription services on an as-needed basis" solicitation? (Part I, A, ¶3)

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P—Provides transcription for similar agencies. Well versed in HIPAA
- 2. Subcontractors
- P-none
- 3. Litigation
- Does not met. Did not respond
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- P/Q—although it does not specify unauthorized disclosures it does cover cyber liability

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- Meets requirements

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- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
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- P—HIPAA concerned.

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- Meets requirements

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- · P-detailed staff plan with redundancies covered

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- P—multiple methods for DHHS to access

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DATE: 5/5/2022

EVALUATOR NAME: Krystal Devine

EVALUATOR DEPARTMENT: DHHS Administrative Hearings

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- 25 years in business
- Medical and general transcription services
- 2. Subcontractors
- None used
- 3. Litigation
- None noted
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided as requested

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 - **a.** Ensure staff do not retain or copy any part of the digital or audio files and/or other materials provided by the Department.
 - **b.** All digital and audio files, and other materials are the sole property of the Department.
- They utilize multiple software systems to transcribe and are HIPAA compliant
- Nothing noted regarding the Transcription style guide

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not limited to:

i. Monitoring the chain of possession;

ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and

iii. Disposal of digital audio files.

- All work is supervised by a transcription manager
- Encrypted and secure transfer of files

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Majority of staff hold a bachelor's degree and certification equivalent to AAER
- Experience with Court hearings

2. Staffing

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- **c.** Provide a staffing plan (**include as Attachment 6**) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- 3 transcriptionists assigned to account
- Senior Project Manager as point of contact

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 - **ii.** Concisely describe each program development and implementation task, the month it will be carried out and the person or position responsible for each task.
 - iii. If applicable, make note of all tasks to be delegated to subcontractors.
- Broken into phases over a month to implement software, training materials, etc.
- Weekly meetings with staff to ensure stabilization of account
- This is an as needed contract how will this implementation work?

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Evaluation Team Comments:

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• \$2.50 per page

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P previous and current experience in transcription services with government entities
- 25 years' experience
- Submitted 3 project examples
- 2. Subcontractors
- N/A
- 3. Litigation
- None
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
 - Provided certificate
 - Includes general liability, umbrella, and professional liability. No mention of coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files as required by RFP IV, II, 4a.
- Note See RFP QA Summary 8 & 9. (Bidders required to submit certificate of insurance which must include coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files.)

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- Meets requirements
- Uses transcription software that can access WAV and MP3 files
- Proofread by Quality Analysts
- States use proprietary transcription management software. Will configure to certify true copy, meet style guide standards, an transmit within 2 business days.
- For storage and archival, doesn't leverage data; destroy transcripts at expiration of client; follows State and federal privacy laws

B. Quality Control Procedures

1. Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and

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 - i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
 - ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
 - iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- Meets requirements.
- Have 3-tier quality assurance process using quality analyst with ongoing feedback to transcriptionists.
- Secured file flow and encryption procedures.

C. Staffing Requirements

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 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent: and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Meet requirements.
- States majority of transcription staff have bachelor's degrees, are certified equivalent to AAER, and have command over legal terminologies, practices, and prior experience with legal transcription.

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- c. Provide a staffing plan (include as Attachment 6) describing how the proposed minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met. The plan shall clearly delineate by position title and the amount of staff time to be assigned.
- Attached resumes of 5 key personnel in Attachment 5.
- Attachment 6 includes a list of all company positions with titles and descriptions. 3 transcribers to be assigned.
- Q did not specify an amount of staff time to be assigned. Is this relevant to an as needed, cost per page, 2-day turnaround proposal?

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- Meets requirements.
- Provided a tentative project schedule with phased project implementation.
- Included a chart showing the implementation phases by month.
- Schedule shows staff person responsible for tasks over time.

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- P—lengthy history of company. Provided services to multiple government agencies
- N—spelling error
- Q—Proprietary software—How will this interact with our system
- 2. Subcontractors
- P--none
- 3. Litigation
- P—none
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
 - Q—does not specify unauthorized disclosures covered

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- Meets requirements
- P HIPAA focused

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not limited to:

- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
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- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- P—provides for audits and high rate of accuracy
- N—this summary contained spelling errors

C. Staffing Requirements

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- Meets requirements

2. Staffing

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- N—No job descriptions provided. Instead, CVs for various staff are included.

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- P—detailed and comprehensive
- Q-Does DHHS have to download the proprietary software? Will IT have concerns/allow?

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Individual Evaluator Comments:

Part IV. Section II. Organizational Qualification and Experience

- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Experience with administrative hearings
- Have worked with Government agencies
- 2. Subcontractors
- None will be used
- 3. Litigation
- None noted
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided; does not specifically list coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

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- Acknowledged that they will adhere to style guide and provide 2 business day turn around time
- Files shared will be sole property of the Department

- Develop and implement quality control procedures for producing complete and accurate Transcripts with few references to inaudible or indiscernible recordings, including but not limited to.
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c. Written measures to protect the integrity and security of digital files including but not limited to:

i. Monitoring the chain of possession;

- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- Triple check for accuracy
- HIPAA and PHI compliant
- Records destroyed after 8 working days

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
 - i. Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
 - **iii.** Have knowledge of legal procedure, legal documents, and legal terminology.
- Management has no less than 16 years' experience
- Nothing noted regarding transcriptionist experience or credentials

2. Staffing

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- 5 transcriptionists and 2 editors assigned
- Nothing noted regarding qualifications for transcriptionists

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- Evaluate staff every 6 months for performance and department needs
- Nothing noted regarding implementation of software or account setup

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Evaluation Team Comments:

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• \$1.95 per page based on anticipated type and quality of audio

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1. Overview of the Organization

- Stated business experience in broad, general terms. No history of organization or specific work required by the RFP. Omitted licensure/certification.
- Provided three samples. City of Aurora (unknown location or dates); VFHO (Virginia? Dates?); and Peterson Institute (unknown location and dates)

2. Subcontractors

- N/A
- 3. Litigation
- None

4. Certificate of Insurance

- Provided certificate for Officemotive, Inc (expired 6/20/2020); certificate holder is Broward County Sheriff's Office.
- Includes general liability and professional liability. No mention of coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files as required by RFP IV, II, 4a.
- Note See RFP QA Summary 8 & 9. (Bidders required to submit certificate of insurance which must include coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files.)

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- Restated requirements of RFP. Did not provide detail of how will transcribe, proofread, certify, secure and deliver transcript. Agreed to formatting requirements and restrictions on use of files.

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c. Written measures to protect the integrity and security of digital files including but not limited to:

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- Described "triple-pass accuracy assurance model" transcriber, supervisor, final review.
- Uses HIPAA security protocols.
- Will use chain of custody tracking.
- Transcripts delivered over secure network.
- Data disposed no more than 8 days after 10-day retention period.
- Details of system not provided.

C. Staffing Requirements

- 1. Ensure staff providing Transcription services:
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- Will hire higher educational level (Bachelor Degree) staff for contract.
- Did not indicate AAER certification or that staff would have equivalent ("will employ . . . staff members who meet the necessary requirements regarding training, certifications, and licensing, as required by law in the state where they are working."
- Mentioned experienced in transcription for legal and law enforcement purposes. Did not indicate staff have knowledge of legal procedure, documents and terminology.

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- Named 3 key company personnel in Attachment 5 CEO Project Manager, Main Supervisor/Transcriptionist, and Main Transcription Editor with brief experience.
- Did not provide job descriptions for other staff listed in organizational chart Editors, Linguists, and Transcriptionists.
- Will not use subcontractors. Staffing plan states they will hire remote independent

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contractors – 5 transcriptionists and 2 editors on this project.

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- Provided a work plan in a timeline chart for first contract period and renewals.
- Plan did not describe each program development and implementation task.

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- Q—Lists experience with legal hearings but does not provide any project examples of legal type hearings. All examples are for inteviews
- 2. Subcontractors
- Q—claims none but then later states uses independent contractors
- 3. Litigation
- P-none
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Does not meet requirements—policy is expired

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- i. Monitoring the chain of possession;
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- P—supervisor provides full review for quality control

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- N. Punctuation errors
- Q/N—states that they use independent contractors but claimed no subcontractors. Is there a distinction?

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- N. Little detail

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- 1. Overview of the Organization
- Founded in 1989
- Federal/State and Local Government experience
- 2. Subcontractors
- Never used
- 3. Litigation
- Nothing provided
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- Provided but noting specifically states coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files

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- Can provide requested formatting
- Nothing noted regarding requested turnaround time

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not limited to:

i. Monitoring the chain of possession;

- ii. Guarding against unauthorized access; and
- iii. Disposal of digital audio files.
- HIPAA compliant
- No files reside on offsite or long term storage media
- Nothing noted regarding disposal of files

C. Staffing Requirements

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 - Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - **ii.** Are certified through the American Association of Electronic Reporters or equivalent; and
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- Proposal notes that staff has excellent auditory skills
- Staff is certified
- Staff will flag difficult areas and call client for clarification

2. Staffing

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- Must have excellent listening skills and excellent proofreading skills
- Job requirements are centered around medical transcriptionists

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- Work is received, assigned, transcribed, and returned to client

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Evaluation Team Comments:

Part IV, Section IV. Budget Narrative

- \$2.90 per page
- Add \$1.00 per audio minute and/or per page for extremely difficult audio (heavy accents, background noise, poor recording, overlapping speakers)

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- Described as small business founded in 1989.
- Identified three sample projects (1) Murtha Cullina LLP, court transcripts; (2)
 CT Department of Corrections, investigatory interviews; and (3) CT Chief
 State's Attorney's Office, witness testimony transcripts. No other detail of projects demonstrating expertise, experience, qualification and skills.

2. Subcontractors

N/A

3. Litigation

• Could not locate list of all current litigation or indication that none occurred in the attachment.

4. Certificate of Insurance

- Provided a Home Business Insurance Policy Declarations, not a Certificate of Insurance on standard ACORD form covering liability and medical expenses and refers to Section II – Liability in the Businessowners Cover Form (not provided)
- Q is this an equivalent to RFP requirement of general liability, professional liability, and other relevant liability?
- No mention of coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files as required by RFP IV, II, 4a.
- Note See RFP QA Summary 8 & 9. (Bidders required to submit certificate of insurance which must include coverage for unauthorized disclosure of digital files.)

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- Indicated could receive recordings in required formats and turn around in less than 48 hours.
- Transcripts to be proofread.
- Could find no mention of compliance with Transcription Guide (Appendix H) formatting
- Could find no mention of certifying or certification of final transcripts.
- Could find no mention of storage and retention of DAH property. Bidder indicated could store transcription records for up to one year and well beyond.

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- High school diploma or equivalent not addressed in response to section.
- Did not mention AAER. Stated transcriptionists are certified professional medical/EHR transcriptionists.
- Q is this equivalent?
- Indicates are familiar with legal terminology. Did not mention legal procedure or documents.

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- In attachment 5, provided job description and requirement for medical (not legal) transcriptionist.
- No job description for project lead in attachment 5.
- Attachment 6, Staffing Plan, did not describe how minimum staffing requirements/qualification will be met, delineate position titles, or amount of staff time to be assigned.

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- N Little detail provided regarding projects
- 2. Subcontractors
- P. None
- 3. Litigation
- N. Did not specify whether any litigation
- 4. Certificate of Insurance
- N/Q—Insurance does not specify whether unauthorized disclosures are covered. Described as Home Business Insurance

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