

QUEST RFP
FAQs

	Questions	Answers								
Posted the week of May 9, 2011										
1	When does DHS anticipate releasing the Requests for Proposal (RFP)?	<p>DHS is using the following timeline for its QUEST RFP-MQD-2011-003:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Issue RFP</td> <td>May – June 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposal Due Date</td> <td>July – August 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contract Award</td> <td>September – October 2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commencement of Services to Members</td> <td>April – July 2012</td> </tr> </table>	Issue RFP	May – June 2011	Proposal Due Date	July – August 2011	Contract Award	September – October 2011	Commencement of Services to Members	April – July 2012
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2	Will there be a review and comment period allowed for the draft RFP before finalizing?	No. DHS will not issue a draft RFP.								
3	How will the community be able to have input into the RFP?	<p>DHS welcomes any community input. DHS issued a Request for Information (RFI) on January 21, 2011 asking for input into the development of the QUEST RFP. The community can provide input at any time for DHS to consider in the QUEST RFP, especially, if the community has any issues that they are interested in assuring that DHS hears. Please use the e-mail address identified at the beginning of this section on the website to provide input.</p> <p>In addition, DHS will perform a question and answer process after the release of the QUEST RFP. This is an opportunity for the community to share comments or concerns with DHS. DHS may amend the RFP based upon input from the community.</p>								
4	How long will the bidders have to respond to the RFP?	See question #1.								
5	How long will MedQUEST need to review the bids?	See question #1.								
6	Approximately, when would the contracts be awarded?	See question #1.								
7	Will MedQUEST use consultants to develop the RFP?	No.								
8	If consultant are used will there be a competitively bid contract involved to	See question #7.								

	procure their services?	
9	If consultants are to be used and their services will not be competitively bid, do we know who these consultants will be at this time?	See question #7.
10	What is CMS' involvement in the RFP and what reviews and approvals are required, if any?	<p>The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and DHS are in discussion regarding the development of the QUEST RFP. CMS will need to approve the contract (i.e., RFP) prior to commencement of services to members.</p> <p>DHS will submit a checklist to CMS that outlines all of the 42 CFR 438 requirements within the QUEST RFP. DHS will submit the CMS 42 CFR 438 checklist as well as the signed contracts to CMS after contract award.</p>
11	Does this additional anticipated delay in the QUEST RFP and contract implementation date have any impact on the QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) contract and the renewal of that contract and the future bidding of that contract? When do you anticipate rebidding the QExA contract?	The timeline for the QUEST reprourement does not impact the QExA program. The current QUEST and QExA procurements will not overlap.
12	Will DHS change the benefit period from state fiscal year to calendar year in the QUEST RFP-MQD-2011-003 procurement?	Yes.