



**RFP #20110204 Asset Verification System  
Question and Answer Document**

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1	General		Would DOM allow contractors to protect portions of their proposals should the content of their response contain information that should be withheld as confidential/proprietary from parties other than DOM?	Section 5.3 requires the Offeror to designate provisions which they believe may remain confidential. However, Section 4.14.2 explains that all documents submitted are potentially subject to disclosure. The State Public Records Act requires DOM to provide notice to contractors before releasing documents containing proprietary information to requestors, but such documents must be released within a reasonable amount of time unless the contractor obtains a court order protecting such records as confidential.
2	1.4	7	The Contractor shall have an established network of Financial Institutions (FI's) who will participate in the Asset Verification System. The network shall be geographically diverse and shall include matching with FI's located outside of Mississippi." For clarification, is DOM requesting that contractors support financial institution recruitment with state-chartered financially institutions and Federally-chartered financial institutions?	Yes, it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to establish a network of both State and Federally chartered Financial Institutions such as those specified in Section 1.3.

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3	4.9.1	26	The RFP states: "...The Contractor shall be required to conform to all federal and state laws, regulations, and policies as they exist or as amended...." Has DOM considered, or would DOM consider, enacting supporting state legislation that would mandate financial institution participation?	<p>While DOM may consider supporting state legislation requiring financial institution participation, no such legislation has been enacted and there is none pending.</p> <p>At this time the Offeror should assume that financial institution participation is voluntary.</p>
4	1.3	7	The RFP states: "...The Contractor shall provide, at a minimum, an Asset Verification System (AVS) that meets all requirements of the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services and P.L. 1940..." Is the contractor expected to uncover and verify assets only on the Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) population, currently estimated at 88,500, or will the scope be expanded to include all Medicaid recipients and other public assistance programs such as food stamps, etc?	<p>Asset verification for the Aged, Blind and Disabled population is the minimum requirement. The Offeror should submit a cost proposal specific to the ABD population.</p> <p>The Offeror is encouraged to submit innovative solutions that exceed the minimum requirement of the RFP. The Offeror should submit additional Budget Summary forms for proposals beyond the minimum scope of the RFP.</p> <p>The Division of Medicaid does not have the authority to verify assets for other public assistance programs.</p>
5	General		Can you please describe any current processes that MS currently uses to obtain asset information from financial institutions, including any forms or other processes used?	<p>Currently a release signed by the client/applicant or their designated representative is sent by mail or fax to financial institutions as identified by the client/applicant or as deemed necessary by the case worker.</p> <p>Forms are part of the Eligibility Determination Policy Manual Volume III which can be found on our website.</p>
6	General		Can you please tell us your average processing time for a Medicaid application, especially for the aged blind and disabled population	Medicaid applications must be completed in 45 days. Those involving a disability determination must be completed in 90 days.
7	General		What is the average length of time required to perform redetermination?	Redeterminations are generally accomplished in 30 days.

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8	General		Will the state consider any optional services intended to check for other assets or to facilitate the eligibility determination process?	Offerors are encouraged to propose innovative solutions to meet or exceed the requirements of the RFP.
9	General		Please describe any and all Medicaid asset tests performed in Mississippi, (e.g., \$1,200 per individual, \$1,600 per couple) for liquid assets, personal property, and real property.	<p>A chart of need standards and resource limits can be found in the Eligibility Determination Policy Manual Volume III Appendix which is located on our website.</p> <p>The majority of ABD groups have a \$4,000 individual and \$6,000 couple limit except for the Working Disabled program (\$24,000 individual/\$26,000 couple) and the Disabled Child Living At Home (\$2,000 for the child).</p>