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Janet Phipps, Director
Iowa Department of Administrative Services
Hoover State Office Building
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Waiver approved based on CMS approval granted
via letter on 12/29/2017
s/Janet E. Phipps/
01/03/2018

Dear Director Phipps:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is seeking a four month waiver to 11 IAC 118.5 requiring competitive procurement. We request this waiver because application of the rule will have adverse consequences to the continuity of IV & V services for Iowa's ELIAS Project.

Today the Department's ELIAS Project has a 6-year contract in place with PCG, Inc. for IV& V Services. The current contract will expire May 31, 2018.

Accenture was granted a base contract (ACFS 11-134) of six years which ends on September 30, 2018 with an additional four 1-year extensions. Design, Development and Implementation (DDI) work on the ELIAS project goes through September 30, 2018 with Accenture, LLC. Under CMS SMDL 16-004 guidance, an IV&V vendor is required.

The Department requested a waiver from CMS to keep and extend the current contract with Iowa's IVV vendor, PCG, Inc. through September 30, 2018 (FFY18) and to institute a change in the scope of work due to MARS-E 2.0 and MEET 1.0 IV&V requirements. CMS approved this waiver on December 29, 2017.

DHS is seeking a waiver from the competitive process for four months in order to comply with the federal guidance. The Department's Adult, Children, and Family Services (ACFS) Division is developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for procurement for IV&V services under a new contract in conjunction with Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME).

I have attached the CMS approval letter for IV&V Fifth Amendment, along with the base contracts for PCG, Inc. and Accenture, LLC.

Thank you for consideration of our waiver request. If you have any questions concerning the request, please feel free to contact Brenda Hall at: bhall3@dhs.state.ia.us or (515) 725-1340.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Foxhoven
Director

cc: Wendy Rickman, Administrator, Adult Children and Family Services (ACFS)
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