

MEMO

To: lowAccess Advisory Council
From: Iowa Dental Board, Iowa Board of Medicine, and Iowa Board of Nursing
Date: December 2008
Re: Follow up on pricing information for Healthcare Provider Licensing Database

Message:

In January 2008, the Iowa Dental Board, Iowa Board of Medicine, and Iowa Board of Nursing submitted an ROI to request funds from the lowAccess Council for a Healthcare Provider Licensing Database. As you may recall, the database project will enhance services to Iowa citizens by allowing for, among other things, online license application submission for all three boards, including the ability to track the status of an application online; online renewal of dental related licenses; online verification of healthcare providers; and, a subscription services to track changes in licensure status of providers, including disciplinary actions.

At the January 2008 meeting, the council tabled a decision on the boards' request for funds and asked that the boards return and provide more detailed information about the total project costs and the amount needed to fund the public interface portion of the project. Since the January 2008 meeting, the boards issued RFP #1108588219 to identify a vendor that could provide the requested services. The boards have completed the RFP evaluation process and recently issued a Notice of Intent to Award a contract to CSDC Systems, Inc. The information you requested is now available as follows.

Total project costs for all three agencies:	\$1,736,800
Amount contributed by the boards:	\$1,067,800
Total costs for public interface/enhanced e-services (Amount requested from lowAccess to fund the project):	\$669,000

It was very fortunate that the council gave us the opportunity to research this project further as we discovered during the RFP process that the project costs were much higher than originally anticipated. Many of the lower-cost vendors identified during an initial RFI phase did not submit a proposal during the RFP phase or were unable to meet the terms of the state contract. If funds are available, the anticipated start date for the project will be February 2009, with work concluding in August 2010.

Thank you for your consideration.